

CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN (Bitterne) OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION (Hedge End) ST. BRIGID (West End)

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C, Cycle 1)

19th October 2025

Reflection from Fr Elijah: World Day of Mission

Today, World Mission Sunday, is the Church's call to bring the Good News of Christ worldwide. The Second Vatican Council teaches that mission is rooted in the nature of the Church, because the Church exist for mission. All baptized members of the Church are called and sent to witness to and proclaim the Gospel. In his message for this special day, Pope Leo invites us all to reflect on our common baptismal call to be **'missionaries of hope among the peoples and to commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus to the ends of the earth.'**

To accomplish this, every disciple needs the necessary tools amongst which Prayer and donations are indispensable as highlighted by Pope Leo. He states that when he was a missionary priest and bishop in Peru, he 'saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.' So, he urges every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday, and he tells them that their prayers and support 'will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories.'

Prayer is also the dominant theme of our Scripture readings today. Our first reading from the Book of Exodus illustrates the importance of supporting one another in prayer. In the gospel, Jesus encourages his disciples to persevere in prayer and not lose heart.

In our Church, we come together as the Body of Christ, not just to bring our personal needs and concerns before the Lord, but also to sustain one another in prayer and donations. I exhort every one of you to participate in being part of this World Mission Sunday.

Mass Times and Intentions

29th week in Ordinary Time

Exposition & Rosary at 9.30am before Mass (Tue-Fri). Sacrament of Confession is available on request.
Mass Intentions can be requested through Fr Elijah or the Parish Office.

Date	Times & Location			Mass Intentions & Feasts
Sun 19 th October	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the people Henry Diagboya, Frederick Okonkwo & Dorothy Okonkwo RIP
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	
Tue 21 st October	10am	OLA	Funeral Mass	Funeral of Kathleen King
Wed 22 nd October	10am	SB	Mass	
Thur 23 rd October	10am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
Fri 24 th October	10am	OLA	Mass	For Vocations to Married Life
Sat 25 th October	10am	CKSC	Mass	For Felix Maringe on his 70 th birthday
Sun 26 th October	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the repose of the soul of Sarah Barlex on the anniversary of her birthday
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	For the repose of the soul of Guido Camilleri, Francis, Anthonia, Doris and Elsie
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20251019/mass.htm>

Second Collection – 19th October – Missio, World Mission Sunday

All Saints & All Souls Feasts: All Saints day will be celebrated on Sunday the 2nd November this year. All Soul's will be celebrated on Monday the 3rd November and Father will be saying Mass in all 3 churches: 10am OLA, 12pm St Brigid's, 7pm CKSC. He will take his day off on Tuesday that week.

Within our Parish

Parish Safeguarding Minister: Are you a good listener and a friendly face? We need a safeguarding representative from each church who is happy to be a point of contact to those in our church who need a little help. If you are interested in more information, please contact the parish office, or speak with Fr Elijah directly.

Within the Diocese and beyond

CTiB Churches Together in Bitterne: We are looking for a new representative from our parish to take over from Jackie Lang on the committee for CTiB starting January 2026. If you would be interested and would like any further information please speak to Jackie after church on a Sunday, or contact the Parish Office. Please also feel free to come along to our next committee meeting on Wednesday 15th October at Holy Saviour Church at 7.30pm.

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo: 10th November 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Recurring Events

Our Lady of the Assumption – Hedge End

- Tea, coffee, biscuits & friendly chat in the hall every Sunday after Holy Mass
- Children's liturgy during Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month (not during summer holidays)

- Carers Group on third Wednesday of every month from 7.00pm to 8.30pm
- Growing in Faith every Tuesday evening 7:30-9pm
- Table tennis every Tuesday from 9.30am to 12pm
- Open Church every Thursday from 10am-12pm

Christ the King & St Colman – Bitterne

- Prayer group every Thursday 10.30am-12 noon
- Children's liturgy for 4 to 7-year-olds every Sunday during term time

- Tea, coffee, biscuits & friendly chat in the hall after Holy Mass every 1st Sunday of the month
- Choir practice in hall - 7:30pm on 2nd & 4th Friday each month. All welcome.

St Brigid – West End

- Tea, coffee & cake every 2nd Sunday of the month after Mass

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on the 15th January, please submit any points of discussion to the office.

Continuing to Support the Church

Please consider setting up a **standing order**.

For Christ the King & St Colman:

Account Name: CDP Christ the King & St Colman
Sort code: 30-93-04
Account Number: 00887553

For Our Lady of the Assumption and St Brigid:

Account Name: CDP Hedge End Our Lady
Sort code: 30-93-04
Account Number: 00879747

Please mention which fund you are donating to as a reference.
Make out cheques for Fr Elijah to Rev Fru N Elijah
Thank you for your support