

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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C, Cycle 1)

10th August 2025

Reflection from Fr Elijah: We are the People of God

Jews have a strong belief in being "God's elect" or "God's people." From a biblical perspective, this is correct. But the coming of Christ expanded this idea to include those who were baptized in Christ. This is thus because, according to CCC 1265, "Baptism makes one a new creature, an adopted child of God, and a partaker in the divine nature." "God does not belong to any particular people because His mercy wills everyone to be saved," said Pope Francis.

Therefore, on this 19th Sunday, the Church reminds us of our heritage as the people of God. As God's people, we worship an awesome and caring God.

Today's first reading points out the nature of the covenant that establishes our citizenship as God's people. This covenant enables us to share in the blessings and heritage of God our father.

Today, the psalmist exalts us: "Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own." In other words, our God has extended his hands to all of us through Christ.

The second reading presents Abraham to us as a model of faith. We became God's adopted children through faith. Faith is like DNA that identifies people of the same ancestry. Hence it is through our faith in Christ, God's perfect revelation, that we became God's people.

In the gospel, Jesus assures us that as God's people, we have a share in his heritage. This heritage is God's kingdom. However, as the people of God, Christ warns us to be watchful. This is a necessary condition for us to obtain this kingdom which is our heritage. Therefore, as God's people, we must live lives that bear good testimony to our Father.

Mass Times and Intentions

19th 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 |
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| Sun 10 th August | 9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm | OLA CKSC SB CKSC | Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish) | Sandra Webb RIP David Dean Akbar RIP Waldice Gomes RIP & for the wellbeing of Enio Gomes |
| Tue 12 th August | 10am | OLA | Mass | For the people |
| Wed 13 th August | 10am | SB | Mass | |
| Thur 14 th August <i>Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption</i> | 11am 7pm | CKSC CKSC | Mass Vigil Mass | Funeral Mass for Nancy Harper |
| Fri 15 th August <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 7pm | OLA | Mass | For Joseph Waas RIP |
| Sat 16 th August | | | NO MASS | |
| Sun 17 th August | 9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm | OLA CKSC SB CKSC | Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish) | For the people Christine Morgan RIP For the people |

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20250810/mass.htm>

Events

Within our Parish

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation: All parents who would like their child, in Year 4 or above, to make their First Holy Communion in our parish this year are asked to register their interest NOW by sending an email to the parish office ckscolasb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please could you include your name, your child's name, which school they attend and in which year group they will be in September. You will then be sent an introductory letter. Thank you.

Confirmation: Sign up for Confirmation for 2026! For those yr 9 and above who are keen to sign up for the Confirmation Preparation, please write a handwritten letter explaining why you would like join the classes by Sunday 31st August. Please post letter through the Presbytery door at 2 Dean Road, Bitterne, in an envelope with your name and contact numbers (of parents/guardians) on it, or hand it directly to Deidre Fairman at 11am mass at Christ the King and St Colman on a Sunday. Thank you.

Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption: At Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End at 7pm Mass on Friday 15th August. After Mass the celebration continues in the hall with a "Finger-Food Buffet" together with a glass of celebration fizz. Please bring along a plate of 'finger food or nibbles' to share and help celebrate this very special Feast Day of our Patron in this 50th Anniversary Year of the building of our church.

An Evening of Entertainment: Saturday, 13th September at 6.30pm - 8pm. Everyone is invited to this free social event of homegrown talent across our parish and promises to be an evening of fun, laughter, song and dance. If you play an instrument, want to sing, dance, tell jokes, or have another talent, and would like to join in the fun, let us know. Please contact Jane 07761039330 for further information.

Parish Summer Picnic cancelled: due to happen on 16th August has been cancelled due to high parking costs.

Income figures for CKSC in May, June and July:

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| Loose offertory | 1536.15 | Polish Community | 1800 | CAFOD | 43.14 |
| Contactless giving | 1335.36 | Candles & flowers | 53.39 | Clergy Training Fund | 114.17 |
| Standing Orders & Direct debits | 5862.50 | Repository | 63.97 | Life | 93.79 |
| Church maintenance | 983.79 | Closer to Christ | 95.00 | Peters Pence | 92.88 |
| Hall rent | 4020 | Income Tax Reclaimed | 819.17 | Mountbatten Hospice | 26.50 |

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

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