

# 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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Solemnity of All Saints & 31<sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary Time (Year C, Cycle 1)

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

## Reflection from Fr Elijah

At the beginning of November yearly, we have the liturgical opportunity to commemorate the great eschatological realities of our faith – I believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and life everlasting. Amen! In professing this article of our faith, we (the Pilgrim Church on earth) join our hope with the Triumphant Church (those in heaven) and the suffering Church (those in purgatory), in professing our faith in the One Triumph God.

**All Saints' Day** (November 1<sup>st</sup>) honours all who are in heaven, whether formally canonized or not, while **All Souls' Day** (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) commemorates the faithful departed, especially those in Purgatory, with prayers and remembrance. These two days, often part of the broader observance, mark a Catholic understanding and faith in the communion between the living and the dead, with traditions including: cemetery visits, lighting candles, and offering prayers and Masses for loved ones. Heaven is our destiny and all who led a worthy life, now share in this beatific vision with Christ. On the other hand, those whose lives may have been tainted because of some weakness or sin, will have to undergo some form of purification, and this is purgatory.

On another note, we commemorate Bamenda Sunday on this day, a diocesan observance to mark the twinning between the Diocese of Portsmouth and the Archdiocese of Bamenda since 1974. We share the fruits of this friendship. May God bless you all for your great support to the Church in Bamenda.

## Mass Times and Intentions

### Solemnity of All Saints & All Souls & 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> November<br><i>All Saints Day</i>     | 9.15am<br>11am<br>5.30pm<br>6pm     | OLA<br>CKSC<br>SB<br>CKSC     | Mass<br>Mass<br>Mass<br>Mass (in Polish)     | For the people<br>For all the Peoples of Bamenda<br>For Gilbert Oliver (RIP) 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> November<br><i>All Souls Day</i>      | 10am<br>12pm<br>7pm                 | OLA<br>SB<br>CKSC             | Mass<br>Mass<br>Mass                         | <i>Visit to Cemetery after Mass</i><br><i>Visit to Cemetery after Mass</i>                                |
| Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> November                              |                                     |                               | NO MASS                                      |                                                                                                           |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> November                              | 10am<br><br>11.30am                 | SB<br><br>CKSC                | Mass<br><br>Funeral                          | For the repose of the souls of Peter, Julia and Isobel Baldwin<br>Funeral of Joan Symmonds                |
| Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> November                             | 10am                                | CKSC                          | Mass                                         | For the people                                                                                            |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> November                              | 10am                                | OLA                           | Mass                                         | For the people                                                                                            |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> November                              | 10am                                | CKSC                          | Mass                                         |                                                                                                           |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> November<br><i>Remembrance Sunday</i> | 9.15am<br>11am<br><br>5.30pm<br>6pm | OLA<br>CKSC<br><br>SB<br>CKSC | Mass<br>Mass<br><br>Mass<br>Mass (in Polish) | For the people<br>In thanksgiving for God's blessings Elizabeth Diagboya                                  |

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20251102/mass.htm>

Second Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Bamenda Sunday

## Within our Parish

**All Souls Day:** is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. I encourage every parishioner to remember and pray for the dead. Traditionally, we are encouraged to write the names of our deceased loved ones and offer them as Mass intentions with a donation. The names are left at the foot of the Altar throughout November and be prayed for daily. For those who have recently died, you can also include their names in the Remembrance Book.

**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.

**FREE:** The desk at the back of the church (next to the organ) is available for anyone who can use it and is able to take it away.

**First Friday Soup:** Join us for a lunch of delicious home-made soup with crusty bread at 12 noon on Friday 7th November at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall. Donations go to CaFOD.

**Christmas Mini Mart:** on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 after mass at the Church Hall in Hedge End. Donation boxes will be placed at the back of the church in Hedge End and West End, tickets on sale from November 9th. Donations for the gift stalls, the tombola and raffle will be greatly appreciated. Please make sure everything is in particularly good condition and has not passed its sell-by-date. Please no bric-a-brac, old books or clothes or earrings.

Mince pies and Christmas biscuits can also be donated on the day.

Setting up on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** (time tbc) and help with the various stalls, please do come along and help. We are looking for someone to organise and run the tombola and someone to sell tickets at Hedge End and West End. If interested, please contact [beagillmartin@googlemail.com](mailto:beagillmartin@googlemail.com)

**SCRATCH Christmas Complete Appeal 2025:** This year will be a little different. We have been asked to collect donations of excellent quality second-hand books, games, puzzles and soft toys only. No other second hand toys are being collected this year, instead please visit the SCRATCH website [www.scratchcharity.co.uk/projects/christmas-complete.htm](http://www.scratchcharity.co.uk/projects/christmas-complete.htm) and click on the link to their Amazon wish list to buy a toy/game, which will be directly delivered to SCRATCH. You can also donate directly at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/18451#!/DonationDetails> Donations can be dropped off at the OLA hall on Saturday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 4pm. Thank you for your help and support.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after Mass

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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