

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

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3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A, Cycle 2)

19th April 2026

Reflection from Fr Elijah: Risen Jesus is with us

Dear friends in Christ, today's readings are all about one beautiful truth: **the Risen Jesus is with us, even when we do not immediately recognize Him.**

In the first reading, we hear Peter speaking with great courage. This is the same Peter who once denied Jesus out of fear. But now he stands boldly before the people and proclaims that Jesus, who was crucified, has been raised by God. What changed Peter? He encountered the Risen Lord. That encounter transformed his fear into faith and his silence into witness.

The Psalm reminds us: **"Lord, you will show us the path of life."** How true that is. So often in life we walk through moments of confusion, pain, or disappointment. At times we may even wonder where God is. Yet today the Church reminds us that the Lord never leaves us. He continues to lead us on the path of life.

In the second reading, Saint Peter tells us that we have been redeemed not with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. This reminds us how deeply we are loved. The Resurrection is the proof that love is stronger than sin, stronger than suffering, and even stronger than death.

In the Gospel, the beautiful story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They are walking away in sadness, their hopes shattered. And yet Jesus is right there beside them. He listens to them, explains the Scriptures, and stays with them. Finally, they recognize Him in the breaking of the bread.

Is that not our own experience at Mass? We first listen to Christ in the Scriptures, and then we meet Him in the Eucharist, in the breaking of the bread. My brothers and sisters, perhaps the Lord is already walking beside us in our struggles, our grief, and our questions. Let us ask for grace to recognize Him.

Mass Times and Intentions

Weekday Masses are subject to Fr Elijah being required for jury duty.

If Masses are cancelled, it will be communicated within the community.

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 April	9.15am	OLA	Mass	Intentions of Donald Hedges For the people For the repose of the souls of Elsie, Doris and relatives of Mifsud and Camilleri families
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	
Tue 21 st April	10am	OLA	Mass	For the people
Wed 22 nd April	10am	SB	Mass	
Thur 23 rd April	10am	CKSC	Mass	Josephine Eyston Elwes
Fri 24 th April	10am	OLA	Mass	
Sat 25 th April	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Sun 26 th April	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For Brother S For the McEvoy family
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20260419/mass.htm>

Second Collection – 26th April – Diocesan Clergy Training Fund

Within our Parish

Any CKSC parishioner who would like to be involved in discussions on church life, activities and the running of the liturgy are invited to a meeting this Tuesday 21st April 7:30-9pm in the meeting room (access through the church side door). Come and see.

RECYCLE for CAFOD: At the back of the church in Christ the King and St Colman church there is a large box for any unwanted jewellery, electrical equipment, foreign coins, stamps etc. When it is full, it will be collected and the money raised sent to CAFOD. So if you're doing any Spring cleaning don't just throw stuff away but bring it to church to do some good for our brothers and sisters overseas. Thank you.

Quiz Night is back!! Please come along and join us in Our Lady of the Assumption Hall on Friday 24th April from 7pm (to form teams) ready for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5.00 per adult - children free. Price includes tea/coffee/squash and a Ploughman's Supper. Feel free to bring your own alcoholic drinks and please bring some cash for a fun raffle! Tickets on sale in all churches. Please put your name and ticket number on the sign-up sheet. Looking forward to welcoming you

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

- Cake & coffee after Mass on 2nd Sunday of the month; folk Mass on 4th Sunday
- Rosary & Exposition at 9.30am each Wednesday, before Mass

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on the 23rd April, 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



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