

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

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Pentecost Sunday (Year A, Cycle 2)

24th May 2026

Reflection from Fr Henry Wansbrough in The Wednesday Word

At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples. There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace. The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the removal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.

'Forgiveness is the only sure path to peace.' Does this cause any difficulties? Which is more important to you, peace or forgiveness? Or are they the same?

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Mass Times and Intentions

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 24 th May <i>Pentecost</i>	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the people For Margaret Mary Miller RIP dearly missed by her family Seamus McEvoy RIP
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	
Tue 26 th May	10am	OLA	Mass	For the deceased members of the Ingram & Bannister families Funeral of Agnes Flynn
	11am	CKSC	Funeral	
Wed 27 th May	10am	SB	Mass	Funeral of Joan Travis
	11am	OLA	Funeral	
Thur 28 th May	10am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
Fri 29 th May	10am	OLA	Mass	For the people
Sat 30 th May	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Sun 31 st May	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the people For the people
	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/20260524/mass.htm>

Within our Parish

New Parish Database: Thank you to those who have already registered with the parish, however we are still very low on numbers. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive all communications from the parish including the newsletter, please make sure you have filled out the new Registration Forms.

Adult form:

<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ngdyici2>



Child Form:

<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/whtuwhp5>



If you have any questions, please contact Josie Keogh in person or via the parish office.

Gardening at CKSC: Volunteers wanted to join the team of gardeners. We meet on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 2.00pm. It's good for your well being, we do have a laugh and show passers by that we care for our church. Please speak to Don, Gerty or Angela if you are interested or just turn up on a Wednesday.

Sunday Mass time change 7th June: On the Feast of Corpus Christi, young people from across our parish will be celebrating their 1st Holy Communion during Masses at Our Lady of the Assumption and Christ the King & St Colman. On 7th June, Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption will start at 9.00am. This earlier start time will enable Father Elijah more time to spend with the children and their families following their FHC Mass. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this change of time. God Bless.

Income from Hedge End & West End for January to March

Loose offertory	£2317.59
Standing Orders & Direct debits	£4774.00
Table Tennis	£339.20
Candles	£46.41

Closer to Christ	£82.50
Hall income	£1108
Church rent	£100
Crib Offerings	£132.45

Cathedral	£11.40
Clergy Training Fund	£23.63
CAFOD	£1381.06

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)

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

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 3rd July, 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