

# 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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Corpus Christi (Year A, Cycle 2)

7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Reflection from Fr Elijah: The Eucharist as Covenant and Sacrifice

Today we celebrate the mystery of the Eucharist, the gift in which Christ gives us his Body and Blood. At the heart of this feast is the theme of **covenant and sacrifice**: Jesus establishes a new covenant with humanity, sealed not with the blood of animals, but with the offering of his own life.

In the first reading, we hear how Moses takes the blood of the covenant and sprinkles it upon the people, declaring: “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you.” In the ancient world, a covenant was more than an agreement; it was a bond of life and faithfulness. Through this covenant, God draws his people into a relationship with him. Yet this covenant points toward something greater — the perfect and eternal covenant that Christ will establish.

The Letter to the Hebrews reveals the fulfilment of this promise. Christ enters not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood. He is both priest and sacrifice. He does not offer something outside himself; he offers his whole being in love for the salvation of the world. His sacrifice on the Cross becomes the source of our reconciliation with God.

In the Gospel, at the Last Supper, Jesus takes the cup and says: “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be poured out for many.” With these words, Jesus interprets his coming death as an act of love. The Cross is not a defeat but the supreme expression of his self-giving. The Eucharist makes this sacrifice present to us and allows every generation of believers to encounter the saving love of Christ.

When we receive the Eucharist, we are not simply receiving a sacred gift; we are entering into the covenant Christ has made with us. We are invited to live according to that same love — a love that forgives, serves, and sacrifices for others.

## 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 7 <sup>th</sup> June<br><i>Corpus Christi</i> | 9am              | OLA  | Mass             | For First Holy Communion children and their families<br>For First Holy Communion children and their families |
|   | 11am             | CKSC | Mass             |  |
|   | 5.30pm           | SB   | Mass             |  |
| Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> June                          | 10am             | OLA  | Mass             | Callaghan Family Intentions  |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June                         | 10am             | SB   | Mass             | Callaghan Family Intentions  |
| Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> June                        | 10am             | CKSC | Mass             | For the people   |
| Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June                         | 10am             | OLA  | Mass             | For the people   |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June                         | 10am             | CKSC | Mass             | Callaghan Family Intentions  |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> June                         | 9.15am           | OLA  | Mass             |  |
|   | 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/20260607/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/whtuwph5>



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

**Parish Donation Day:** Our Parish Donation Day will be this year on Sunday 13th September 2026. This is our main fund-raising event of the year towards the maintenance and upkeep of our churches in Bitterne, Hedge End and West End. More details will be announced nearer the time. *The Parish Finance Committee*

**HEWEB Holiday Bible Club 2026:** Churches Together in Hedge End, West End & Botley is pleased to announce its Holiday Bible Club from 3rd to 7th August, 9.30am to 12.30pm. The theme this year is "Mega Makers", based on verses from Ephesians 3 "... how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ ..". £8 per child for the week. Venue: The Underhill Centre, St. John's Church, Hedge End. Online bookings now open: [hewebholidaybibleclubbookings@gmail.com](mailto:hewebholidaybibleclubbookings@gmail.com)

### Income from CKSC for January - March 2026:

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| Loose offertory                 | £936.42  |
| Contactless giving              | £1257.02 |
| Standing Orders & Direct debits | £5889.50 |
| Church maintenance              | £835.72  |
| Hall rent                       | £3060.00 |
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| Polish Community   | £1400.00 |
| Candles            | £77.45   |
| Repository         | £10.92   |
| Closer to Christ   | £66.66   |
| Third Party Income | £30.00   |
| Other              | £50.00   |

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| Cathedral              | £81.12  |
| CAFOD                  | £319.01 |
| Clergy Assistance Fund | £154.98 |
| Day for Life           | £35.00  |
| Crib                   | £124.54 |
| LEPRA                  | £113.25 |

## 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

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

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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