

# 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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11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A, Cycle 2)

14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Reflection from Fr Elijah: The Compassion of Jesus

Today's Mass readings dwell on God's deep love, compassion, and care for his people. In the first reading from Exodus, God describes his relationship with Israel through the image of carrying them "on eagle's wings" and bringing them close to himself. This expresses God's protection and faithfulness. The reflection compares this image to a mother swan carrying her young on her back, a touching example of care and tenderness. Although eagles do not carry their young in this way, a mother eagle protects her eaglets by flying beneath them and catching them if they fall. This reminds us that God always supports and protects his people.

After their escape from Egypt, the Israelites became discouraged as they travelled through the wilderness. God reassured them that he would never abandon them but would always remain with them. This message continues to offer hope to people today when they face struggles, fears, and uncertainty.

In the second reading, St Paul emphasises the unconditional nature of God's love. Unlike human love, which can sometimes depend on whether someone is considered worthy, God's love is unbiased. It reaches out even to saints and sinners alike. Paul explains that Christ died for humanity while people were still separated from God, proving the greatness of divine love. Believers are encouraged to trust in God, knowing that their failures and weaknesses can never be stronger than his mercy.

The Gospel of Matthew reveals Jesus' compassion for those suffering. When he saw the people as "harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd," he was deeply moved. Jesus did not ignore their struggles but responded with healing and hope. He recognised that many leaders neglected the poor and vulnerable while protecting their own interests. In contrast, Jesus served those in need and called his twelve disciples to continue his mission.

Jesus sent his disciples to proclaim God's Kingdom, heal the sick, restore life, and overcome evil. Their mission was not to seek power or personal gain but to bring freedom and healing. Jesus' final instruction, "You received without charge, give without charge," reminds his followers that they are called to serve generously and selflessly.

## 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 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the people
	11am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	Julia Baldwin RIP
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	OLA	Mass	Callaghan Family Intentions
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	SB	Mass	Sean McEvoy RIP
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	OLA	Mass	
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the people
	11am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	Sean McEvoy RIP
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20260614/mass.htm>

**Second Collection** – 21<sup>st</sup> June – Day for Life

## 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.

**Healing Prayer Evening:** We are delighted to invite members Of Christ The King St Colman to participate in the Southampton Churches Together (Bitterne), 'Healing Prayer Evening' on Sunday 14th June @ 7:30pm at Holy Saviour Bitterne, Southampton, SO19 7LW. Welcome refreshments served from 7:15pm.

**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 April 2026:

Loose offertory	£370.37
Contactless giving	£606.31
Standing Orders & Direct debits	£1894.50
Church maintenance	£269.00

Hall rent	£1440.00
Polish Community	£300.00
Candles	£33.87
Repository	£12.07

Other	£19.85
CAFOD	£50.00
Holy Places	£243.47
Clergy Training Fund	£155.19

### Income from OLA and SB for April 2026:

Loose offertory	£669.55
Standing Orders & Direct debits	£1450.00
Hall rent	£428.00

## 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