

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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A, Cycle 2)

13th September 2026

Reflection from The Wednesday Word by Fr Henry Wansbrough

This is a favourite theme of Matthew, continuing and concluding Jesus' teaching that forgiveness is the life's-blood of any Christian community. We cannot live together without upsetting one another, unwittingly, or even deliberately. So forgiveness is the vital step. So important is this matter of forgiveness that two consecutive Sunday gospels are devoted to it. It expands and stresses our petition in the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others.' The importance of this petition was already underlined by Matthew; it is the only petition of the Lord's Prayer to which he adds at the end a confirmatory saying of Jesus. Like so many of Matthew's parables, this one about a king and his servants revolves round contrasting characters, the 'goodie' and the 'baddie' (wedding-guests and guest without a wedding-garment; the two who use their talents and the one who hides it; the girls with and without oil for their lamps; the sheep and the goats; and here, the generous king and the ungenerous servant). There is also a contrast between the two sums of money which is deliberately fantastic: the first slave owes the equivalent of millions of dollars, a sum no private person could ever repay, let alone a slave; it is more than a year's tax for a whole province. The second owes the couple of months' wages of a casual labourer.

Is there anyone you cannot forgive? Do you start the forgiveness-process, or wait for the other party? What is the best way to show forgiveness?

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Mass Times and Intentions

Exposition & Rosary at 9.30am before Mass (Tue-Sat). 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 13 th September	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the people For the people Moira & Rob Harfield on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	
Tue 15 th September	9.30am	OLA	Mass	
Wed 16 th September	9.30am	SB	Mass	Offering up the new academic year (Ave Maria)
Thur 17 th September	9.30am	CKSC	Mass	Requiem Mass for Clare O'Brien
	12.30pm	SB	Funeral Mass	
Fri 18 th September	9.30am	OLA	Mass	
Sat 19 th September	9.30am	CKSC	Mass	For Verina Rodrigues
Sun 20 th September	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the repose of the souls of Elsie, Doris and relatives of Mifsud & Camilleri families
	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/20260913/mass.htm>

Second Collection – 20th September – Home Missions



Congratulations to Muziwandile Isaiah MDlongwa, who is being baptised during 11am Mass on Sunday 13th. Please continue to hold him, his parents and family in your prayers.

The funeral Mass of Clare O'Brien will be at 12.30pm on Thursday 17th September at St Brigid. Please join us to thank the Lord for Clare's life.



Within our Parish

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation: For those interested in this year's programme, there is a parent's meeting being held on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm at Christ the King & St Colman's church. Those parents who have already contacted the office, should have received an invitation to this meeting already. This is for children in Year 4 and above. The Catechist team look forward to meeting you.

CTiB: The URC church is hosting a Saxophony Concert on Saturday 26th September, 7:30 PM. Tickets £5, cake, drinks, and ice cream served in the interval. See URC facebook or their posters to book

OLA Church Hall Clean: Join us for an Autumn clean of the Church hall at OLA on Saturday 10th October between 10am – 4pm. A sign up volunteer sheet will be available from 27th September at the church entrance. Thank you.

Within the Diocese and Beyond

Healing of Families - 3 full days Seminar on the 24th - 27th September, 10am to 6pm, on the Isle of Wight (with the possibility of overnight). This seminar, grounded in the teaching of the Catholic Church, wants to help individuals understand the suffering in families and experience the healing power offered by Jesus. For more info, please contact: familyhealing@novumgaudium.org, or www.novumgaudium.org

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 1st Oct, 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

Registering with the parish: Registering your details with the parish strengthens our community as it allows us to easily communicate with one another via the Churchsuite App. If you have not yet registered, please do so by completing a form:

Adult form:

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



Child Form:

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

