

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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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A, Cycle 2)

4th October 2026

Reflection from The Wednesday Word by Fr Henry Wansbrough

Jesus' understanding of the sovereignty of God brought him violent opposition from some of the Jewish leaders. Were they corrupt, or just closed to any new way of thinking, so closed that they could not see that Jesus was the promised Messiah? Anyway, Jesus used this story about the tenants of a vineyard to show that the religious authorities were not leading the people as they should. Everyone would immediately understand the image of the vineyard. The prophet Isaiah had used this image in a well-known poem eight centuries earlier to show that the vineyard of Israel refused to yield a good harvest to God, whatever care God lavished on it. God expected fairness of judgment from the people and all he found was a shriek of agony (the same word is used in Hebrew for 'fair judgment' and for 'shriek' apart from one letter). What does this mean for us? Not that we have to follow every new idea. But it does mean that we must be open to the idea that we may be wrong, that our service of the Lord may be faulty, that people we find tiresome or unacceptable may have more good in them than we credited. God's ways are not our ways. Life may not be mapped out how we think, so we need to watch out for the bend in the road. What is God asking of you?

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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 4 th October	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	For the people Henry Diagboya & Bialosa & Dorothy Okonkwo RIP
Tue 6 th October	11am	OLA	Requiem Mass	Funeral of Peter Klapprott
Wed 7 th October	9:30am	SB	Mass	Deceased relatives of the Callaghan family
Thur 8 th October	9.30am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
Fri 9 th October	9.30am	OLA	Mass	
Sat 10 th October	9.30am	CKSC	Mass	
Sun 11 th October	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	Michael Peacock RIP Thanksgiving for the family Izediuno For the people

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20261004/mass.htm>

Second Collection – 4th October – CAFOD family fast day (2nd Oct)



Congratulations to Ivy Paxton, who is being baptised during 11am Mass on 4th October. Please continue to hold her, her parents and family in your prayers.

The funeral Mass of Peter Klapprott will be at 11am on Tuesday 6th October at Our Lady of the Assumption. Please join us as we thank the Lord for Peter's life.



It is with great sadness that we share the news that Mary 'Lou' O'Shea has passed away on We thank the Lord for Lou's life, and for her witness. Please pray for the repost of her soul and her family at this difficult time.

Within our Parish

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.

Harvest Festival Collection: 09:15 Mass, Sunday 11th October. Please bring non-perishable food and toiletries to 09:15 mass on 11/10/26 to support the Hedge End Food Bank. High-priority items currently needed include tinned meats, fruit, vegetables, jars of sauces, rice, noodles, UHT milk, tea, coffee, and basic toiletries. Please drop off your harvest offerings at the front of the church before the service begins or leave them in the Food Bank box in OLA Porch. Thank you for helping us support our neighbours in Hedge End.

Harvest Festival Collection: St. Brigid's is celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 11th October by donating food items to Southampton City Mission. The following are urgently needed: tinned meat, coffee (small jars), cook-in sauces (jars & packets), jams & spreads, tinned peas, carrots, potatoes, macaroni cheese, spaghetti in tomato sauce & tomatoes, noodles (packets), UHT milk, sugar (small bags). Thanks in advance for your donation.

Friday Soup for CAFOD: Following the 'hot summer break' please join us for a lunch of delicious home-made soup with crusty bread which will be served at about 12.00 noon on Friday 9th October in Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall. There is no charge and all donations go to CAFOD. We look forward to welcoming you.

Within the Diocese and Beyond

Formation Day for Readers: 17th October 2026: It is not too late to sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Team on 17th October 2026 at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester. If you would like further details, please email the parish office for the PDF of the itinerary. Anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to email liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.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)

- 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 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>

