

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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A, Cycle 2)

18th October 2026

Reflection from Fr Elijah: One in Christ, United in Mission (Pope Leo XIV)

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday under the theme, **“One in Christ, United in Mission.”** This theme reminds us that, although we come from different nations, cultures, languages and backgrounds, we are one family in Jesus Christ, called to share His love with the whole world.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls His disciples to go out and proclaim the Good News to all nations. This mission is not reserved for priests, religious men and women, or missionaries who travel to distant lands. Through our baptism, each one of us is called to be a missionary wherever we find ourselves: in our homes, workplaces, schools and communities.

Dear friends, our world today is wounded by war, poverty, hatred, division and indifference. Many people suffer from loneliness, hunger and hopelessness. In such a world, we are called to become instruments of Christ's peace, compassion and love. A kind word, a helping hand, a forgiving heart and a generous spirit can become powerful expressions of the Gospel.

The theme also reminds us that our mission is strongest when we work together. We may have different gifts and responsibilities, but we share one faith, one Lord and one mission. When we pray for missionaries, support their work and reach out to those in need, we participate in the Church's universal mission.

On this World Mission Sunday, let us ask ourselves: How am I helping to spread the love of Christ? Am I building unity? Am I bringing hope to those around me?

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to live as authentic witnesses of Christ, united in faith and generous in service. May Mary, Star of Evangelisation, guide us as we proclaim the Gospel through our words and deeds.

Mass Times and Intentions

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 18 th October	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	For the repose of the soul of Sarah Barlex For the people For the people
Tue 20 th October	9.30am	OLA	Mass	Sylvia Daphne Langlois
Wed 21 st October	9:30am	SB	Mass	For the people
Thur 22 nd October	9.30am	CKSC	Mass	Special Intention
Fri 23 rd October	9.30am 11am	OLA CKSC	Mass Funeral Mass	Requiem Mass of Lou O'Shea
Sat 24 th October	9.30am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
Sun 25 th October	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	Deceased priests of the parish Fr Paul Spellman & Fr James Carling For the people For the repose of the souls of Elsie, Doris & relatives of Mifsud & Camilleri families

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20261018/mass.htm>

Second Collection – 18th October – World Mission Sunday



The funeral Mass of Lou O'Shea will be at 11am on 23rd October at Christ the King & St Colman. Please join us as we thank the Lord for Lou's life, and for her witness. Please continue to pray for the repose of her soul and her family at this difficult time.

Within our Parish

Cricket Car Parking: We need your help please! This year we raised an incredible £4290 from cricket car-parking at St. Bridgid's. Next year, 'The Ashes' is coming to the Utilita Bowl cricket ground. We have a golden opportunity to bring in even more much-needed income for our Parish by offering car-parking for what will be a very popular event. In order to do this, we will need extra help with car-parking to support our very small team of volunteers. If you are able to help and would like to find out what is involved, please contact Eamonn Flynn on 07730 490443 in the first instance. Thank you.

OLA Hall Clean: Thanks to everyone who helped to clean the parish hall at OLA especially the children who I think really enjoyed the day & the refreshments.

Within the Diocese and Beyond

Knights of St. Columba: are promoting Youth and Young people Christmas Photography Competition, i.e (Crib or Nativity Scene) for Children; 8 - 11, 11 - 14 and 14 -18 years of age and Senior Nativity Painting Competition for ages; 11 - 14 and 14 - 18 years of age. Please speak to Pat O'Donovan - (Sacristan) at Christ the King & St. Colman Bitterne or text to 07505006 444.

Visit of the relics of St Gerard Majella: On Friday 30th October, the relics of St Gerard Majella will be at St Edmund's, Southampton (SO17 1XJ) for a 7pm Mass followed by individual or family blessings. St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. See poster for details - all welcome, and bring your petitions to this little saint!

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

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on 14 Jan, 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>

