

# CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN (Bitterne) OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION (Hedge End) ST. BRIGID (West End)

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: Year B, Cycle II

26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## *I believe in One God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*

Today we celebrate one of the greatest mysteries of our Christian faith: the Holy Trinity. This doctrine invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. Our faith tells us there is but one God, and in the one God, there are three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three persons are distinct: the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Father, and the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son. Each of these persons is really and truly God, and still there is but one God. We cannot understand it, and we could not believe it if God had not told us. Jesus told us a great deal about God. He told us that God is love, life, and goodness.

This celebration reminds us that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are working together. They are never separated, though, each one of them is a distinct divine person. There is unity of essence and relation within the three divine persons. No amount of philosophical debate or scientific research can fully explain it. It is a mystery and can best be appreciated only with the “eyes of faith.” As a dogma, “it is an article of faith revealed by God, which the Magisterium of the Church presents as necessary to be believed...” Hence, Paul’s prayer becomes important today: “May the Lord enlighten the eyes of your minds...” (Eph 1, 18).

In our first reading, Moses reminds us, of the wonderful and mysterious nature of the works of God. In order words, that it takes a loving and mysterious God to accomplish such a wonderful and mysterious task of salvation. Hence, he encourages us to strengthen our faith in God by simply obeying his commandments.

In the second reading, though without offering any systematic teaching on the Holy Trinity, Paul presents the three divine persons in their concrete forms and actions: “Led by the Spirit, we are sons of God...And we are heirs with Christ.” It is the same spirit that proceeds from both the Father and the Son that helps us to call God Abba Father.

In today’s the gospel, Christ himself revealed the mystery of the three divine persons to us. He revealed this with a mandate: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.” This is the trinitarian formula. So, any sincere prayer offered in the name of the Holy Trinity bears a mark of excellence.

Today, the church reminds us that the three divine persons are not divided in their actions of grace. Instead, they work and walk together. They have the same mission, which is, the salvation of the world. The Father sent the Son to redeem the world (Jn. 1: 1-3). And the Father and the Son sent us the Holy Spirit as our Counsellor and Advocate (Act 1: 8. 2). None of them have absolute dominance over a particular period or time. This is because, despite being three distinct persons, they have one essence. They are eternally one and united.

So, the prayer of Christ to the father: “May they be one, as we are One” (Jn. 17:22), is a prayer that arises from Trinitarian love. Therefore, the whole church, and each family that forms the universal Church is the sacrament of the Trinity, and as such must be characterized by love and unity. Therefore, what we celebrate today is a model for our unity. We have many lessons to learn from the Holy Trinity. The most important is that, like the Holy Trinity, we can live and work together as one family of God. This is because, we bear one and the same image of God, and were baptized by the same Spirit of God whose mark we bear (Eph. 4: 30). So, despite our individual personalities and differences unity is possible as a fundamental option. Thus, today’s celebration has much to teach us about unity in our relationships, friendships, marriages, families, communities. It also reminds us that despite our different talents, gifts, social, and economic levels, we can live and work together for our salvation and our salvation of the world.

**Fr. Elijah**

## Trinity Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

- 9.15am **Our Lady of the Assumption** (Hedge End)  
*For the people*
- 11.00am **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)  
*(Baptism of Xaylyn Tae'Jon Roberts)*  
*Frank & Margery Wearden RIP*
- 5.30pm **St. Brigid** (West End)
- 6.00pm **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)  
*Polish Mass*

## Weekday Mass Times (28<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June)

**OLA** – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

**CKSC** – Christ the King & St. Colman (Bitterne)

**SB** – St Brigid (West End)

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| Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | <b>OLA</b>  | <i>For the people</i>                                       |
| Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | <b>SB</b>   | <i>For the people</i>                                       |
| Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> |         | <b>CKSC</b> | <b>NO MASS TODAY</b>  |
| Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> | 10.00am | <b>OLA</b>  | <i>Connie Key RIP</i>                                       |
| Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 10.00am | <b>CKSC</b> | <i>For the people</i>                                       |
|                      | 5.30pm  | <b>SB</b>   | <i>For the people</i>                                       |
| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 9.15am  | <b>OLA</b>  | <i>For First Holy Communion children and their families</i> |
|                      | 11.00am | <b>CKSC</b> | <i>For First Holy Communion children and their families</i> |
|                      | 6.00pm  | <b>CKSC</b> | <i>Polish Mass</i>  |

**PLEASE NOTE: SUNDAY MASS AT ST. BRIGID'S HAS BEEN MOVED TO SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE AT 5:30pm**

**Exposition & Rosary at 9.30am before Mass (Tues – Fri)**  
**Sacrament of Confession is available on request**  
Please consider offering Mass Intentions for families and friends (contact Fr. Elijah or Parish Office)

## Easter Collections:

Your Easter Donations via the Give as you Live websites, would be sincerely appreciated:

**CKSC:** <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/southampton-christ-the-king-and-st-colman-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2024>

**OLA & SB:**

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hedge-end-our-lady-of-the-assumption-and-st-brigid-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2024>

## Keep in touch with Portsmouth Diocese

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<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

If you have news to share, contact:

[communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## Baptism of Xaylyn Tae'Jon Roberts

We welcome Xaylyn Tae'Jon Roberts who will be baptised at Christ the King & St Colman, Bitterne during the 11am Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep Xaylyn and Xaylyn's family in your prayers.

## Confirmation

Our next Confirmation meetings will be 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> June. **The confirmation date is 30<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm at Portsmouth cathedral.**

Please pray for those going forward to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

## St Colman's celebration BBQ – 9<sup>th</sup> June

St Colman's celebration BBQ will include a second-hand sale on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June to raise much needed funds for our parish. **ITEMS WANTED!** Must be in a re-sellable condition: Books, games, toys, toiletries, bags, DVDs, CDs, household items, accessories, unused gifts, stationery etc.

Please place your donated items in the boxes in the church porch by Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. If you want to help then please speak to Sonia or Richard Davis, or send an email into the parish office. Thank you.

## CKSC Repository

New boxed rosaries are now in stock at the back of church. Cost is £6 each, and payment may be by cash in the long red box or via the contactless machine – category 'Repository'. A new selection of cards including 'Thank-You' and blank cards is also available, all at £1 each.

## OPEN CHURCH: Our Lady of the Assumption

Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Hedge End is open for private prayer every Thursday from 10am until midday. To join the rota, please

## Hedge End & West End Parish Donation Day

Our Parish Donation Day will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024. This is our main fund-raising event of the year towards the maintenance and upkeep of our churches in Hedge End and West End.

Please be as generous as you possibly can, to support the present and future of our parish community and its continuing part in the work of the Lord. There will be an appeal in both churches on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June and envelopes for donations will be given out from these dates to be returned on Parish Donation Day.

## CKSCOLASB Calendar of Events

**OLA** – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

**CKSC** – Christ the King & St. Colman (Bitterne)

**SB** – St Brigid (West End)

### MAY

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 12.30-2pm **Youth Meeting** (CKSC)

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)

7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)

10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)

### JUNE

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** after Holy Mass (CKSC)

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)

7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)

Thu 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)

10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 12.30-2pm **Youth Meeting** (CKSC)

**Tea, Coffee, Cake** after Holy Mass (SB Hall)

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)

7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)

10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> **Children's Liturgy** during Mass (OLA)

## Recurring Events

### Our Lady of The Assumption (Hedge End)

- **Tea Coffee, Biscuits, Friendly Chat** (and often cake) in the hall every Sunday after Holy Mass
- **Children's Liturgy** during Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month (except in July/August)
- **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
- **Faith on Fire** 8-9pm last Wednesday of every month except **March, April, May, June, December**
- **Youth Meetings** 12:30 -14:00 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month
- **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits & friendly chat** in the hall every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

### St Brigids (West End)

- **Tea, coffee & cake** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after Mass

If you would like a future event to be included in the Calendar of Events, kindly advise the Parish office.

## Faith on Fire group not meeting until July

There will be no Faith on Fire for March, April, May and June, until after the confirmation on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## Life in the Spirit Course (Invitation)

Judith Aylmer (supported by Russ Fairman) from the Portsmouth Diocese Life in the Spirit team invites you to sign up for the next online course beginning on Thursday evenings

- from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- 7.30pm until 9pm

There is an excellent line-up of speakers including Fr Paul Leonard, Alastair Emblem (ADORE), Geoff Poulter (Called and Gifted), Gary Stephens (New Dawn), Allegra Mutanda (Director of Evangelisation at St. Peters and The Winchester Martyrs) and Charles Whitehead.

There is also an in-person **Holy Spirit Day** on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. This powerful experience has been life changing for so many.

## Special Ministers of the Eucharist

Please can anyone who has been, is currently, or wishes to be a Eucharistic Minister contact the church office so we can update our information. We are especially in need of ministers who would be willing to visit parishioner at home or their place of care.

Father Elijah is talking to the deanery about Eucharistic minister training. The idea is that those who have previously done a course should carry out refresher training.

As yet no date has been set for training.

## Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee

On Ascension Day the Holy Father presented and read the Bull of Indiction that announced and 'launched' the Jubilee Year 2025.



The Diocesan webpage for the Jubilee Year is:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/>.

## Parish Web Pages on Diocesan Website

Parish web pages are on the diocesan website at:

- [Christ the King & St Colman](#)
- [Our Lady of the Assumption](#)
- [St Brigid](#)

They can also be selected from

[www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parishes/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parishes/)

## Continuing Support of 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 use your surname as a reference.

Make out cheques for Fr Elijah to Rev Fru N Elijah

Thank you for your support.

## ★ Safeguarding E-Learning has changed ★

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has developed the Learning Management System (LMS) as an online learning platform specifically for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Training is now aligned with the nature of the role the volunteer is undertaking and 3 modules are available:

Level 1 – Casual volunteers (roles with no DBS eligibility).

Level 2 – Volunteers who hold a role with DBS eligibility but do not require a check of the barred list.

Level 3 – Volunteers who hold a role with DBS eligibility, including a check of the barred list.

Level 3 is mandatory for anyone who holds a role within the parish working with either

- children
- adults at risk or those who might otherwise be vulnerable.

**Training must be refreshed every 2 years.**

If your training is not up-to-date, please register for either face-to-face or on-line training at:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/safeguarding/training/>

or scan the QR-code.



## DIOCESAN VACANCIES

View vacancies at:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers>

## Thank you from Stella Maris

To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.



STELLA MARIS

You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year.

To register for this virtual event, please visit <http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024>

## Invitation to leave a legacy for CAFOD

Join CAFOD's Director Christine Allen to explore the power of leaving a gift in your Will to make a lasting impact in the world, at Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Philip Benizi in Fordingbridge SP6 1EG on Tuesday 18 June, 10.45am to 12:25pm.



To find out more and to book your place please go to [leave-a-gift-in-your-will](#)

## Collection Figures for Hedge End & West End

Collection Figures for Hedge End and West End for April 2024:

• Looseplate	687.72
• Standing orders and other direct payments	1675.50
• Hall income	462.50
• Donations	27.40
• CAFOD	90.00
• Clergy Training Fund	259.01

## Sunday's Readings:

### Daily Readings

<https://universalis.com/europe.english/20240519/mass.htm>

### Reflections

<http://www.mycatholic.com/>

### Diocesan eNews

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

### UK Catholic Newspapers

<https://www.churchpaper.co.uk>