

**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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29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## *Mission in the Spirit of Sacrifice and Love*

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today the Church invites us to reflect on our personal response and commitment to Christ's mission. It is a special day to revitalize our faith, and to rededicate ourselves to Christ's mission. It is also, a day to show special solidarity to all true missionaries who have responded to Christ mandate: "Go, make disciples of all nations."

Today, Pope Francis reminds us that: "Every man and woman is a mission. That is the reason for our life on this earth. Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: 'I am a mission on this earth. That is the reason why I am here in this world' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273)." To young people Pope Francis adds: "You too, young friends, by your baptism you have become living members of the Church. Together, we have received the mission to bring the Gospel to everyone... To share in the mission to the ends of the earth demands the gift of oneself... I dare to say that, for a young man or woman who wants to follow Christ, what is most essential is to seek, to discover and to persevere in his or her vocation."

In today's gospel, through his dialogue with his disciples, Jesus opens our eyes to the realities that confront us in mission. By asking them: "Can you drink the cup that I must drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I must be baptized," Jesus reminds us of the challenges ahead of us in His mission.

Mission is service and sacrifice rendered in love for the salvation of all nations. This love comes with patience and docility to the will

of God. It begins by transforming the missionary into a great instrument for the salvation of others. So, today Christ teaches us that to be great is to be ready to serve and to make sacrifice for others.

Hence, Isaiah reminds us that: "By his sufferings, my servant shall justify many, taking their faults on himself." So, through service and sacrifice, we shall find attain our own salvation. By liberating others, we shall liberate ourselves. By giving peace to others, we shall find our own peace. And, by identifying with others, Christ, shall identifies with us.

As we celebrate Mission Sunday today, the readings exhort us to be more faithful to God's mission both in us and in others. It reminds us of the great challenges before us today us in God's mission. This includes our changing cultures, societies and lifestyles that must be urgently evangelized and redeemed. The good news is that we can overcome these challenges through the spirit of sacrifice and love. So, amid all these challenges, we must find consolation in these words from the letter to the Hebrews: "Let us be confident, then in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall find mercy and grace when we are in need of help."

This grace is sufficient for us to accomplish God's mission. Therefore, with the psalmist, let us pray: "Lord, let your love be upon us, as we place our trust in you."

*Fr. Elijah*

## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Mission Sunday

- 9.15am **Our Lady of the Assumption** (Hedge End)  
*On Donald Hedges' 5th anniversary of being sacristan and altar server*
- 11.00am **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)  
*For the people*
- 5.30pm **St. Brigid** (West End)  
*For the wellbeing of Jacqui Dowdell*
- 6.00pm **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)  
*Polish Mass*

### Weekday Mass Times (22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October)

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

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

**SB** – St Brigid (West End)

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am **OLA** *For the people*

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am **SB**

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> 9.45am **CKSC** *Kate Dixon RIP*

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am **OLA** *Sarah Barlex RIP*

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00am **CKSC**

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9.15am **OLA**

11.00am **CKSC** *Birthday blessings for David Reid*

5.30pm **SB**

6.00pm **CKSC** *Polish Mass*

**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)**

### Mary Scammell RIP –

Mary was a parishioner at St Colman's, who sadly died at the end of September. Her funeral is being held at Wessex Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm.

### Appeal from Fr. Elijah

Last September, I made an appeal for anyone of goodwill to help sponsor a child's Tuition in Bamenda (£150 for Primary Schools; £250 for secondary schools).

As schools resume this September, I come again to make this appeal. If you wish to offer some help, please kindly let me or the Parish Administrators know. Donations of children's shoes suitable for casual and school use. Also text books from 'A' levels and GCSE's that are no longer needed.

Thank you so much.

*Fr. Elijah*

**OPEN CHURCH:** Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Hedge End is open for private prayer on Thursdays from 10am until midday. To join the rota, please contact Pauline or Jane.

### First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation

The date for registration of children to prepare to celebrate these Sacraments in 2025 has now closed.

Preparation Sessions will take place, starting on **Monday 21st October**, during School Term Time, on Monday evenings from 6.15pm to 7.30pm. The venue will alternate each week between Christ the King & St Colman, Bitterne and Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End.

We very much look forward to getting know you all and, please do not hesitate to speak with one of us: Sonia at CKSC or Helen at OLA/SB.

Thank you and God bless.

### Confirmation Programme 2025 –

St Patrick's will be running a confirmation programme in the first half of 2025 with the Bishop coming to St Patrick's Church, Woolston, to do confirmations on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

The confirmation programme usually runs for 8 to 10 sessions. If you (the candidate) would like to join our next confirmation programme and are in **Yr 9 or above in September** and live within our three parish boundaries or attend Mass with us regularly, then please write a short letter addressed to Fr Elijah saying why you would like to be confirmed including your full name, address, which academic year you are in from September 2024, which school or college you attend, your parents/guardian email address and if you have your own email include this too. Please email or post your letter to the parish office

### We Dare to Say

Pope Francis has asked us, in preparation for the Holy Year in 2025, to make this year a time for refreshing our prayer, especially our appreciation and use of the Our Father.

We will be running "We Dare to Say", a five-week faith sharing resource on the familiar and powerful words of the Our Father. Each session is complete in itself so please come to the evenings you are able.

It will be held in Christ the King and St Colman church on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm to 9pm from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 1st.

The next session on October 23<sup>rd</sup> is entitled '**Forgive us our Trespasses**'.

For more information look at the link here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-say/>

## CKSCOLASB Calendar of Events

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

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

**SB** – St Brigid (West End)

- Thu 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)  
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> **Children's Liturgy** during Mass (OLA)
- Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)  
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30-9pm **'We Dare to Say'** (CKSC)
- Thu 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)  
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **Choir Practise** in church hall (CKSC)
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** after Holy Mass (CKSC)
- Tue 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)  
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9pm **'We Dare to Say'** (CKSC)
- Thu 31<sup>st</sup> 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)  
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)

### November

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** after Holy Mass (SB)
- Tue 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)  
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)
- Thu 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)  
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **Choir Practise** in church hall (CKSC)
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits & friendly chat**  
after Holy Mass (CKSC Hall)

### 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
- **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits & friendly chat** in the hall every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month
- **Choir practice in hall** - 7:30pm on 2nd & 4th Friday each month. All welcome.

#### 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.

## Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at [cafod.org.uk/harvest](http://cafod.org.uk/harvest) ”

## 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.

## Note for CKSC

Weekday Masses will henceforth be held in the Eucharistic Chapel as from this week until work in the Church is completed. Sunday Masses are unchanged.

## Bamenda Sunday.

The first Sunday of November (3rd) is Bamenda Sunday. The International Choir will lead the liturgy in CKSC at the 11am Mass. Remember we have Bamenda Sunday donation on this day in all the Churches.

## Safeguarding Training Session

Diocesan Safeguarding training will take place at Immaculate Conception Church in Portswood on 26<sup>th</sup> October between 11am and 4pm.

If you are a volunteer and have not received training in the last 3 years, please contact our Parish Office and they will send you an invite to the training.

They are keen to know numbers by the 18th, so please respond as soon as possible if you need training.

## ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat - 26th Oct 10.00-1.00

“Heal the sick – Ministering in the charisms of the Holy Spirit,” with Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and speaker Joe Livingston.

Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024](http://bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024)

More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

### The New Lectionary

The diocese is offering two sessions on the new lectionary, which comes into use in Advent. Each session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy, and will be identical - so you need only attend one.

The sessions are on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** and **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** and last one hour, from 7 to 8 pm.

Please register the for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov session [here](#)

...and for the Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov session [here](#).



The session will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us. It is also an opportunity for **Questions and Answers**.

If you wish to pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to:

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

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### Prayers for life - stop assisted suicide

The Prime Minister is paving the way for a parliamentary vote before Christmas to legalise assisted suicide.

The Government and assisted suicide lobbyists are putting intense pressure on MPs to support a Private Members' Bill to rush legislation into law. A Private Members' Bill was the same mechanism used to legalise abortion in 1967.

This is contrary to Catholic teaching and, as we have seen in other countries like the Netherlands and Canada, it particularly puts vulnerable people at risk.

**Please pray this bill will not succeed.**

**You can also contact you MP at**

<https://righttolife.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2b57a06f3f56132a570ea2282&id=645828112e&e=2e3726ec9f>

### [Ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law](#)

**It only takes 30 seconds to contact your MP using this easy-to-use tool.**

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### Safeguarding E-Learning

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/>

Attendees will receive certificates on completion of their training to support continuing ministry.

### Faith on Fire

Following our session on Wednesday, we will meet again on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November in Christ the King and St Colman Church at 7.30pm until 8.30pm. All young people over secondary school age are welcome. We will be looking at poverty and our response to it as Catholic Christians.

### Sunday's Readings:

#### Daily Readings

<https://universalis.com/europe.english/20241020/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>

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