

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

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

27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

*Go, your faith has saved you (Mk. 10:52)*

On this 30th Sunday of ordinary time, the church invites us to place our faith and hope in Christ, our high priest. As our high priest and mediator, Christ opens our eyes to see the marvels that He has done for us.

Our first reading this Sunday is a radical articulation of hope, as the basis for liberation and survival. Hence, Jeremiah tells us about restoration and renewal. Exiled, the Israelites were weak and helpless. However, redemption and peace came from God.

Our second reading reminds us of the role of the priest. Every true priest share in the priesthood of Christ, the high priest. A priest mediates for the people and helps strengthen their faith. “Every high priest was chosen from among humans...so he can understand and sympathize with those who are ignorant and rejected.”

Today’s gospel has a lot to teach us. We see the blind and poor Bartimaeus yearning for healing and liberation. When he is told that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he shouts out, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!’ (Mk 10:47). We presume that Bartimaeus has heard of Jesus’ reputation as a miracle worker. At first, some of the crowd told him to be quiet. Despite his infirmity they have little sympathy for him. In their eyes, he is just a nuisance, a nobody who should be ignored, and certainly not allowed to interrupt Jesus on his way to Jerusalem to fulfil his messianic mission. But Bartimaeus will not be silenced. Determined to get Jesus’ attention, he continues to call out even more loudly, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’

The blind Bartimaeus represents our collective human situation that is constantly yearning for healing and liberation from weakness, sickness, poverty, and sin. Our blindness might not necessarily be the physical loss of vision. However, it could be whatever limits and prevents us from reaching or maximizing our potential as disciples of Christ. To be free from these limitations, first, we must humbly acknowledge that they exist. Second, it is interesting to note that Bartimaeus did not believe because he was cured. Rather, he was cured because he believed, and humbly cried out for help. So, seeing his faith, Christ said to him: “Your faith has healed you.”

There is a simple saying: “If you are not tired of praying, God is not tired of listening to you.” The good news today is that Christ, our high priest, is always ready to hear, heal, and liberate us from whatever is limiting us in life. He wants us to see again. To see again is to have a living faith in Christ, our high priest who mediates for us before the Father.

However, like the blind Bartimaeus, we must humbly call out to him: “Jesus, Son of David have pity on me...Lord that I may see.” Also, like Bartimaeus, neither the crowd, nor personal weaknesses can stop us from reaching Christ.

As the psalmist tells us: “This poor man called and the Lord heard him” (Ps 34, 6).

*Fr. Elijah*

### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

- 9.15am **Our Lady of the Assumption** (Hedge End)  
11.00am **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)  
*Birthday blessings to David Reid*  
5.30pm **St. Brigid** (West End)  
6.00pm **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)  
*Polish Mass*

### Weekday Mass Times (29<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov)

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

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

**SB** – St Brigid (West End)

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am **OLA** *NO MASS*

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00am **SB** *NO MASS*

Thu 31<sup>st</sup> **VIGIL MASS FOR ALL SAINTS DAY**  
7.00pm **CKSC** *George & Lily Watkins & relations*

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> **ALL SAINTS DAY**  
10.00am **OLA** *For the people*

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am **CKSC** **ALL SOULS DAY**  
12.00pm **SB** **ALL SOULS DAY**

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.15am **OLA** *Mrs Betty Osman RIP*  
11.00am **CKSC** *Joe Foster RIP*  
5.30pm **SB** *For the people*  
6.00pm **CKSC** *Polish Mass*

**We welcome Fr. Kevin to our parish, who will be saying Holy Mass in our parishes this Sunday.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL SAINTS DAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**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)

### CKSC Weekday Masses in Chapel

Weekday Masses will be held in the Eucharistic Chapel until work in the Church is completed. Sunday Masses are unchanged.

### Collection figures for CKSC for September

Here are the figures for CKSC for September 2024

- Loose Offertory £398.38
- Contactless Giving – Parish £260.62
- Standing Orders & Direct Debits £1,952.50
- Church Maintenance (contactless giving) £16.72
- Hall Rent £765.00
- Catholic Education Service (cash & contactless giving) £114.05
- Home Mission (cash/contactless giving) £43.28

### Confirmation Programme 2025

St. Patrick's will be running a confirmation programme in 2025. The Bishop will come to St. Patrick's Church, Woolston, to do confirmations on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

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, please send or email a short letter to the Parish Office addressed to Fr Elijah requesting confirmation.

Please include:

- your full name and address.
- your academic year as at September 2024.
- the name of your school or college.
- your parents/guardian email address.
- your own email address, if you have one.

### Children's Liturgy in CKSC

There will be no liturgy on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November due to half term and the building work.

### We Dare to Say

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

There will be no meeting next week as it is half term. Our final session "For the Glory Is Ours", will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in CKSC sacristy. All welcome.

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

### Our Lady of the Assumption First Friday Soup - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

As the winter days start drawing in, why not join us for a lunch of delicious home-made soup with crusty bread at 12.00 noon on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November in Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall.

There is no actual charge and all donations go to CAFOD. This "All Saints Day" Friday Soup will be the last one for 2024 as our 'soupmakers' will be taking a break in December and January.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 7<sup>th</sup> February for our 'First 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Soup 2025' Please put the date on your New Year Calendar and thank you for all your support during 2024.

### 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.

## CKSCOLASB Calendar of Events

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

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

**SB** – St Brigid (West End))

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 (CKSC)

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** after Holy Mass (SB)

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

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

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)

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

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> **Children's Liturgy** during Mass (OLA)

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)

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

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 7.00-8.30pm **Carer's Group** (OLA Hall)

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)

10am-12 noon **Open Church** (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
- **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.

## 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.

## Christmas Complete '24

**SCRATCH**  
Fighting Local Poverty

We are helping SCRATCH again this year to support local children at Christmas with:

- Books
- Board Games and Puzzles
- Teddies and other soft toys
- Age relevant toys (no guns or war type toys please)
- Chocolate and sweets (in their original packaging with a sale by date clearly shown of at least end Jan 25 and list of ingredients)
- Colouring books, pencils, pens and other stationery items
- Teenage gifts
- Gifts for babies and toddlers
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Wrapping paper and sellotape

These are Christmas gifts so secondhand items will only be accepted if they are "as new". Secondhand items can include **books** (with no names written inside), **soft toys** (that are clean and in exceptional condition) **board games and puzzles** (complete and with boxes as new).

The dates we are collecting at OLA are:

- Saturday & Sunday **Nov 23rd & 24th**
- Saturday & Sunday **Nov 30th & Dec 1st**

The OLA Church Hall will be open for donation drop-off from **10 am - 4pm** each day.

You can also donate online at [www.scratchcharity.co.uk](http://www.scratchcharity.co.uk) or by scanning the QR code.



### 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.

### Bamenda Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> November)

The first Sunday of November (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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.

### The New Lectionary

There will be two opportunities to hear about the New Lectionary:

- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
from 7 to 8 pm, register [here](#)
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
from 7 to 8 pm, register [here](#)



To pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Prayers for life - stop 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.

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

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

**You can also contact your MP at**

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

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



### ADoRE mini-retreat - 26th Oct 10am-1pm

“Heal the sick – Ministering in the charisms of the Holy Spirit,” with Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit & speaker Joe Livingston. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at <http://bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024>

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

### 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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