

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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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – Remembrance Sunday

10th November 2024

Wisdom is readily seen and found by those who look for her

This weekend, in union with millions of others, we celebrate Remembrance Sunday (also called Poppy Day) in the UK. Remembrance Sunday is held in the United Kingdom as a day "to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts. The celebrations today mark the 106th anniversary of the signing of the First World War armistice that brought an end of hostilities in the First World War in 1918 as a new era of peace was made after four long devastating years of war. More than ¾ million British men and women were killed and countless others were maimed, wounded or emotionally destroyed. Today, Remembrance Sunday, it is an opportunity for us to remember and honour those who lost their lives in these Great Wars and in subsequent conflicts since around the world; to hold silence together; and to allow our remembrances to help us, if we can face a little more honestly the truth of what it means to be human, and deepen our commitment to making peace in our own day.

Silence, remembering, and peace-making. In all of this, we seek the thread of God's love. When we look at the dreadful cost of war and the sacrifices made by so many, we wonder if we can truly believe. With the incomprehensible loss of life of War, communities back home were in some ways silenced too. Not just by the silence of peace but by the silence of loss: The silence of the Lost Generation, who never returned home to talk and joke, and live and breathe. They were silenced by the grief of so many lost in communities, often because their loved ones had signed up with their friends together: Kitchener's from the same factory, or sports team, or village. Sadly, history remains a poor teacher in the face of current wars. No one in their right senses will defy the odds to admit that war is a good thing or a solution to a problem.

Such is the case in the Middle East, in Russia's war on Ukraine, in Sudan, Haiti, the Boko Haram in African and the French's war on English Cameroon. **War! War! War! Where have you come from and when are you to leave?**

Some years ago, there was a television advertisement that tried to sell a certain sort of insurance by saying that security was the most basic human instinct. To illustrate this the advert featured the Great Wall of China as a fortress against foreign invasion. A wall or a fence, is of course primarily built for security, but the question is why a wall or fence? Often, such walls or fences are not built to keep out wild animals or evil spirits. They are built as protection from other people, from each other, marking out territory and thus to keep others out. Also consider the great Berlin Wall, The American Wall with Mexico, etc. Although this temporarily solves or averts a problem, the question remains whether it is the most basic? **Isn't it rather a sign of our failure to love each other, and not just our need to be secure.**

As we remember all those who died because of the failures that ended in war and as we consider the growing divisions and binary arguments, fake news and hate speech that separate us from each other in our world today, how can we establish peace? And where should our allegiances lie? To those whose side of the wall we happen to share? To those on the other side of the Wall? Or to those who care for peace so much that they are prepared to tear walls down?

On such a day, we align ourselves with the vision of Christ – working for peace breaking down walls and fences that divide us from one another. Working for this vision and letting our communion with God inspire and equip us, is the best way of honouring those who died to secure our peace and whose sacrifice we remember today, and the best way of building a different sort of world.

Fr. Elijah

32nd Sunday of the Year – 10th November 2024
Remembrance Sunday

- 9.15am **Our Lady of the Assumption** (Hedge End)
Deceased members of the Pearson family
- 11.00am **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
in memory of Margret Dunning RIP
In her birthday (11th Nov)
- 5.30pm **St. Brigid** (West End)
- 6.00pm **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
Polish Mass

Mass Times 12th – 17th November)

OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

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

SB – St Brigid (West End)

Tue 12th 10.00am **OLA** *Elliott Ingram*

Wed 13^h 10.00am **SB** *For the people*

Thu 14th 10.00am **CKSC** *For the people*

Fri 15th 10.00am **OLA** *For the people*

Sat 16th 10.00am **CKSC** *For the people*

Sun 17th 9.15am **OLA**

11.00am **CKSC** *In memory of*
Raymond Nadeau RIP

5.30pm **SB** *For Clare O'Brien*

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)

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.

CKSC Giving tree for Advent

Stella Maris Christmas Chocolate appeal 2024

Can you help us give chocolates to Seafarers arriving in our ports this Christmas? Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world.

We want to show them our support and that they are not forgotten this Christmas. Can you help us by donating chocolate gifts this Advent?

If so, please put your gifts under our giving tree at Christ the King & St Colman's church by Sunday 15th December. THANK YOU!

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.

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 14th 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.

Hedge End & West End Fundraising

The annual **Christmas Mini Mart** will take place this year on **Sunday 1st December 2023** after mass at the Church Hall in Hedge End.

Donation boxes have been placed at the back of the church in Hedge End and West End and tickets will be on sale from November 10th.

Donations for the stalls, the tombola and raffle, such as good quality unwanted presents, gift sets, toiletries, chocolates, any alcoholic beverages, cards, wrapping paper etc. will be greatly appreciated. Please make sure everything is either new or in very good condition and has not passed its sell-by-date. **Please no bric-a-brac, old books or clothes or earrings.**

Mince pies and Christmas biscuits can also be brought on the day.

We also need urgently help with setting up on Saturday 30th November at 10am and help on Sunday with the various stalls and serving tea and coffee.

Ticket sellers for Hedge End and West End are also needed.

If you can help with any of the required tasks, please email beagillmartin@googlemail.com

Tickets for the Mini Mart are

- 50p for an adult
- children are free

Ticket price will include Tea/Coffee and a mince pie or a piece of Stollen.

Please help us make the Mini Mart a success, by donating goods, buying tickets, and attending the event and please bring some cash.

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 8th 7.30pm **Choir Practise** in church hall (CKSC)
- Sun 10th **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** after Holy Mass (SB)
- Tue 12th 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)
- Thu 14th 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)
- Sun 17th **Children's Liturgy** during Mass (OLA)
- Tue 19th 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)
- Wed 20th 7.00-8.30pm **Carer's Group** (OLA Hall)
- Thu 21st 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)
- Fri 22nd 7.30pm **Choir Practise** in church hall (CKSC)
- Tue 26th 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)
- Thu 28th 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 3rd 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 1st 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 2nd 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.

Rite of Admission - 1st Reconciliation

At Masses this coming Sunday 10th November, children from across our churches will have their Rite of Admission to join the preparation programme leading to the celebration of their 1st Reconciliation in February.

These children are:

Ugonna Anyiam
Uzoma Anyiam
Alexander Bernard
Gabriel Caiasu
Maya Carnelio
Sophie Caruana
James Daniels
William Daniels
Niamh Forrestall
Leonie Forrestall
Alicia Gaczol
Giovanni Gramuglia
Ivo Karwacki
Finn Martin
Clara Moynihan
Jayden Nyuyfoni
Jonny Porritt
Maria Tyra
Hermione Williams

Please hold these children and their families in your prayers over the coming months of their journey in faith. Thank you and God Bless.

The New Lectionary

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

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



To pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 or by scanning the QR code.



Vacancy: Are you interested in supporting your local community? Caritas is recruiting a Community Development Officer based in Southampton and/or Havant parishes to help support people in need. This can be a part or full-time role, including flexible working.

Please visit <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/> for more details and how to apply

CHRISTMAS FAIR

AN EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO ENJOY

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING,
REFRESHMENTS,
BRIC-A-BRAC, GAMES AND MUCH MORE

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2024
2PM – 4PM

50P ENTRANCE (UNDER 12 FREE)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC
CHURCH
PORTSWOOD ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON SO17
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The Jubilee Prayer

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen

Faith on Fire

Following our session on Wednesday, we will meet again on Wednesday, 27th 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.England/20241110/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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