

# 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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Solemnity of St Edmund of Abingdon (Year C, Cycle 1)

16<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## Reflection from Diocesan E-News

Today, replacing the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – **we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Edmund of Abingdon** (1175 - 1240), the secondary patron of our Diocese of Portsmouth. Born in Berkshire on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1175, Edmund, renowned for his piety, was the eldest son of the wealthy merchant Reginald Rich.

Educated at the universities of Oxford and Paris, he returned after graduation to teach art and mathematics at Oxford. Ordained after receiving his doctorate in theology, he went on to teach and soon became known for his preaching and personal holiness. He became the Chancellor of the University. In 1222 he was appointed Canon and treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, then in process of construction. Five years later, Pope Gregory XI commissioned him to preach throughout England in favour of the Sixth Crusade against the Saracens and shortly afterwards appointed him the Archbishop of Canterbury.

As Archbishop, Edmund became an adviser to King Henry III and successfully performed several diplomatic missions including arbitration between the king and his nobles, averting a civil war. He gathered some capable helpers such as Richard of Chichester and resisted the intrusion of court politics into the running of the Church. He protested loudly against Henry's appointment of a papal legate for England, and this brought him into conflict with the monastic chapter of Canterbury, who, supported by King Henry, resisted his authority. Further disputes arose between Edmund and the king. In 1240 he left England for Rome but died at Soissy near the Cistercian Abbey of Pontigny, where he was buried. Despite his troubled rule, Edmund's personal goodness and holiness was never doubted, nor his good intentions. He left behind a simple but comprehensive programme for spiritual growth called the *Speculum Ecclesiae*. He was canonized in 1246.

Please pray for our beloved Diocese of Portsmouth and the graces needed for our ten-year mission plan

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 33<sup>rd</sup> week in Ordinary Time

Exposition & Rosary at 9.30am before Mass (Tue-Fri). 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 16 <sup>th</sup> November <i>Solemnity of St Edmund of Abingdon</i>	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the people
	11am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	For the repose of the soul of Brian T Smith
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	OLA	Mass	For the people
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	SB	Mass	For the repose of the soul of Brian T Smith
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> November	10am	OLA	Mass	For Liam West and Family
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	10am	CKSC	Mass	For Hanora, Bernard and Denis Reading RIP
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> November <i>Christ the King</i>	9.15am	OLA	Mass	Mary Holden Roddick RIP
	11am	CKSC	Mass	Praise and Thanksgiving to God for Joan St Omer on her 77 <sup>th</sup> birthday
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20251116/mass.htm>

## Within our Parish

**Feast of Christ the King:** To celebrate our feast day Christ the King at 11am Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup> November we would like to offer cakes to parishioners as they leave Mass. So this can happen, we would be grateful for donations of individual cakes that can easily be handed out. Please leave them at the back of the church on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

**Christmas Mini Mart:** on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 after mass at the Church Hall in Hedge End. Donation boxes are at the back of the church in Hedge End and West End, tickets on sale NOW! Good condition items only 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 donated on the day. Set up on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November (time tbc) please do come along and help. We need someone to organise and run the tombola and someone to sell tickets at Hedge End and West End. If interested, please contact [beagillmartin@googlemail.com](mailto:beagillmartin@googlemail.com)

**SCRATCH Christmas Complete Appeal 2025:** We have been asked to collect donations of excellent quality second-hand books, games, puzzles and soft toys only. No other second hand toys are being collected this year. You can visit their website [www.scratchcharity.co.uk](http://www.scratchcharity.co.uk) to buy a gift from Amazon to be directly delivered to SCRATCH. Donations can be dropped off at the OLA hall on Saturday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 4pm.

**Stella Maris Christmas Chocolate Appeal:** Can you help us give a Christmas chocolates to Seafarers this December? Did you know there will be about 400,000 Seafarers working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends? We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we're planning to collect hundreds of chocolate Christmas presents for seafarers visiting the Southampton ports in the days before Christmas. Can you help us by donating chocolate gifts?

**Advent Carol Service:** come and bring friends/family to our short, child-friendly carol service: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm at St Brigid's. It'll include refreshments and a charity collection. If you could help play, sing, read or generally help, please call/Whatsapp Clare D. on 07910 781801.

**Parish Safeguarding Minister:** Are you a good listener and a friendly face? We need a safeguarding representative from Christ the King & St Colman's who is happy to be a point of contact to those in our church who need a little help. If you are interested in more information, please contact the parish office, or speak with Fr Elijah directly.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (not during summer holidays)
- 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 during term time
- Tea, coffee, biscuits & friendly chat in the hall after Holy Mass every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month
- Choir practice in hall - 7:30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month. All welcome.

### *St Brigid – West End*

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

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 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  
Thank you for your support