

'Courage' they said
'Get up, He is calling you'
(Mark 10:49)



30th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
Year B

Parish Priest: Fr. Elijah Fru

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

24th October 2021

Christ Our High Priest and Mediator

Jer. 31: 7-9; Ps. 125; Heb. 5: 1-6; Mk. 10: 46-52

Today, the church invites us to place our faith and hope in Christ, our high priest and mediator, who always listens to us and opens our eyes to see the marvels that He has done for us.

Our first reading is a radical articulation of hope as the basis for liberation and survival. Hence, we find images of restoration, and renewal. Exiled, the Israelites were weak and helpless. However, redemption and peace came from God as they remained hopeful.

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

In today's gospel, we see the blind Bartimaeus yearning for healing and liberation: "Jesus, Son of David have pity on me!" 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 that limits and prevents us from reaching, or maximizing our potentials in life. 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 cured you."

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 pride can stop us from reaching Christ. As the psalmist tells us: "The poor man called and the Lord heard him" (Ps 34, 6).

Sunday Mass Times

Sunday 9.15am Our Lady of the Assumption
Hedge End *Rest of the Soul of Sarah Barlex RIP*

Sunday 11.00am Christ the King & St Colman
Bitterne *Margaret Mary Miller*

Sunday 5.30pm St. Brigid
West End *For the people of the parish*

NOTE: The 11am Mass is live streamed on [Facebook](#).
A recording is also available on [YouTube](#).

Christ the King and St. Colman Prayer Group

There is a prayer group who meet in Christ the King & St Colman church after Mass on Thursday mornings from 10.30am-12 noon.

All welcome.



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Weekday Mass Times

Please note the bishop's call for all parishes to hold a **Holy Hour of Prayer** the weekend 30/31 Oct, 'vigil' of COP26.



26 Oct (Tue) 10.00am Our Lady of the Assumption
For the people of the parish

26 Oct (Tue) 7.00pm Christ the King & St Colman

27 Oct (Wed) 10.00am St. Brigid
followed by Holy Hour

28 Oct (Thu) 10.00am Christ the King & St Colman

29 Oct (Fri) 10.00am Our Lady of the Assumption
followed by Holy Hour
Wedding Anniversary blessings for Harold & Patricia Luff

30 Oct (Sat) Christ the King & St Colman
10.00am **Holy Hour**
11am-Noon Confessions
12:15pm Mass

Fr. Elijah will be available for the Sacrament of Confession before and after Mass during the week.

With the increase in Mass times, we are all encouraged to offer Mass Intentions. Please, offer Masses for your intentions, those of your loved ones and friends.

ADoRE - Alton Day of Renewal

ADoRE is inviting you to their monthly online mini-retreat mornings. These are attended by people from all around the country.



The next date is 23rd October from 10.00 - 13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. The theme is "Guidance of the Holy Spirit".

Please register as: bit.ly/ADOREOCT2021

ADoRE also offers confidential prayer for healing by telephone – please phone (NOT text) 07579 824523 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and leave ONLY name and number. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems.

CAFOD Parish Volunteer



The last year shown us how much we value and need each-other and your support has been hugely appreciated.

Would you like to make the world a better place? Could you volunteer with CAFOD? Not only will you gain new friends and skills, but you'll be a part of our life-saving work.

We particularly need a volunteer at Our Lady of the Assumption to help raise awareness and support. This involves helping fellow parishioners to know about and support CAFOD Lent and Harvest fast days, campaigns and praying for the work of CAFOD.

For more information, please contact Jo Lewry:

- By email: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk
- By phone: 07710 094447.

Thank You for your Support of CAFOD

Thank you for supporting our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow and pray also that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world at the heart of these talks.

For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

Continuing Support of the Church

Please consider setting up a **standing order** especially if you are not able to attend church at the moment.

The parish account details are:

For Christ the King & St Colman Parish:

Account Name: **PRCDTR Christ the King & St Colman**

Sort code: **30-93-04** Account Number: **00887553**

For Our Lady of the Assumption and St Brigid Parish:

Account name: **PRCDTR Hedge End Our Lady**

Sort Code: **30-93-04** Account Number: **00879747**

Please use your surname as a reference so that the money can be identified.

We shall also use the Offering Bags in all the Churches.

Thank you for your support

Collection for the Missions

If you missed last Sunday's collections for [Missio](#), you are not too late. Donations will still be collected this weekend.

Alternatively, you can donate via Missio's website:

<https://missio.org.uk/donate/>



Southampton Celebrate – 27th November

Come and join us for LIGHT OF LIFE - an afternoon of family worship and fellowship. This event is suitable for all ages so please do invite your children, parents, grandparents and friends.

DATE: Saturday 27th November 2021

**VENUE: St Philip Howard Church,
Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, PO14 1QS**

TIME: 2pm - 5pm

During our time together we enjoy praise, prayer, input and reflection and we will finish with a time of fellowship.

Children will remain with their families and the afternoon is designed with this in mind. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

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Daily Readings – click [here](#)

Reflections – click [here](#)

Gospel for this Sunday

30th Sunday in Ordinary
time is [Mark 10:46-52](#)



Diocesan e-news: [here](#)