

# ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

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## Sunday 26 October 2025 : Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

This week's Gospel parable follows on directly in Jesus discourse in Luke 18 from last week's parable of the Widow and the Judge. We saw there the value of tenacity, persistence, perseverance, regularity and faithfulness in our life with God. This Sunday, the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector acts as a foil to last week's parable, reminding us that God is the one acting in our lives, and not the other way round. Count how many times the Pharisee uses the word "I" in his "prayer with himself": "I am" ... "I fast" ... "I give" ... "I get". His relationship with God is all about what he does for God, not what God is doing for him. This tendency to centralise our own activity and to marginalise God can be a problem both in spirituality and in everyday life. The person whose idea of spiritual progress revolves around an ever-greater expenditure of effort and self-imposed penance will descend into religious mania. The person whose idea of self-realisation is an ever-increasing workload and earning potential will descend into workaholism and burn out. It is no accident that God calls us to rest and family life as well as to work, and no coincidence that God deliberately associates that rest with worship on the Lord's Day. He knows how He made us.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 25 October	6pm	St Colman	30th Sunday	Valerie Bishop RIP
Sunday 26 October	9:30am	St Colman	30th Sunday	Priests, nuns and religious
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	30th Sunday	Pro Populo
	Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman		4pm Hospital Chapel	30th Sunday
Monday 27 October <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Feria	Emmanuel Tsidivakis (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 28 October	9am	St Colman	Ss Simon & Jude	Aurora & Federico ints
Wednesday 29 October <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	7:30am	St Colman	Feria	Priests, nuns and religious
Friday 31 October	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Alan Yu Menglong RIP
Saturday 1 November <i>7pm All Saints Party</i>	6pm	St Colman	All Saints	Bernard Johnson RIP
Sunday 2 November	9:30am	St Colman	All Saints	Michael Pragnall RIP
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	All Saints	Pro Populo
	Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman		4pm Hospital Chapel	All Saints

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**Reclaim Hallowe'en for Saints and Angels!**  
**ST COLMAN WITH ST PAUL**



### St Colman & St Paul Social Events

**All Saints' Day Party Saturday 1 Nov**  
A celebration on the vigil of All Saints to reclaim Hallowe'en for Christianity, with traditions including apple-bobbing, lucky dip, Saint and Angel costumes and fireworks, with food and refreshments from 7pm in St Colman's Hall.

**St Colman's Community Lunch**  
Saturday 22 November 1pm at St Colman's Hall: a celebration of our parish's Irish heritage, with Irish-themed food and music.

### Second collections

We raised £239 for the foreign missions last Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

**The Sanctuary Lamp** which burns constantly before the Tabernacle is sponsored this week for a private intention.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 5:30pm at St Colman's Church.

**All Souls' Day: transferred to Monday**  
Because we celebrate All Saints on Sunday 2 November, we will keep the memorial of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on Monday 3 November with 12:30 Mass at QA Hospital and 6:30pm Mass at St Colman.

### Of your charity, please pray:

- For friends and neighbours who are ill or housebound: Kana Blyth, Joe Charlton, Elizabeth Christian, Christine, Anne & Michael Colley, Tommy Cooper, John Cox, Pauline Crook, Jean Gartshore, Bob Guy, Janet, Dawn Marie, Sajimon Mathew, Paula Medd, Phoenix, Valerie O'Donnell, Maureen Smeeth, Beryl Walters, Pauline Webb, Verena.
- For patients in the Queen Alexandra Hospital and for residents in the care homes and nursing homes in our parish: Kinross, The Haven, Hamilton House, and East Cosham.
- For St Paul's Primary School: the staff, governors, children, parents and families.
- For the souls of the faithful departed: may they rest in peace.