

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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Sunday 23 November 2025 : Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Try reading this Sunday's Gospel from the perspective of the two criminals crucified with the Lord. One of them rails at Jesus for failing to save all three of them. He may have been hoping that he would be the one released by Pontius Pilate at Passover (John 18:39); his hopes having been dashed, they were raised again by seeing Jesus led out with them – the man evidently knew of Jesus' reputation as "the Christ" (Luke 23:39) and as a worker of miracles. He rails at him because the hoped-for miracle has not come to pass. But what is the man hoping for? A return to the life he has known, the life of this world, and probably the life of crime he has lived so far (23:41). The good thief also hopes, but for a better life, the life of the Kingdom (23:42). He recognises that the true fulfilment of his human freedom and dignity lies beyond the scope of this world, in the Kingdom envisioned by the Christ whose mind was filled with the Father from whom he came and to whom he is returning – the paradise in which Jesus promises that he will be included.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 22 November	6pm	St Colman	Christ the King	Ian & Mary Arnold and Norah Ince RIP
Sunday 23 November CHRIST THE KING <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Christ the King	Win & Tom Cummings
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Christ the King	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Christ the King	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 24 November <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Vietnamese Martyrs	Bincy Mathew ints (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 25 November	9am	St Colman	St Catherine of Alexandria	John Joseph Cummings
Wednesday 26 November <i>No Bible Study this evening</i>	7:30am	St Colman	Feria	Fr Philomeno ints
Friday 28 November	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Family and friends of Celia Cummings
Saturday 29 November	9am	St Colman	Votive (Latin)	Celebrant's intentions
	6pm	St Colman	Advent I	Claire Brady wellbeing
Sunday 30 November ADVENT SUNDAY <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Advent I	Charles & Catherine Collins
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Advent I	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Advent I	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
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Thank you for your donations!
You can donate directly into the parish bank account: CDP P'mouth St Colman:
account number 00884554; sort code 30 93 04; reference "offertory donation".
Gift aid: UK taxpayers can give an extra 25p per £1 at no extra cost to you; please direct
gift aid enquiries to Lesley Kilby via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Stella Maris Christmas Collection
The Apostleship of the Sea has appealed to us for funds to provide Christmas treats and gifts for seafarers away from home. We will take up a second collection for them today.

Women's Retreat Day
Saturday 29 November 9:30am – 4pm at Sacred Heart Waterlooville: please contact catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com

Please read Fr James' pastoral letter:
please note especially the consultation on becoming a single parish in SE Hampshire.

Advent around the Pastoral Area
Advent Station Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, with Holy Hour and Reconciliation before Mass and a shared meal after Mass:
2 December: St Colman, Cosham
9 December: Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
16 December: St Michael, Leigh Park
Christmas at St Colman and St Paul
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6pm OL & St Paul
Midnight Mass at St Colman (Carols 11:30)
Christmas Day Mass 10am at St Colman

St Nicholas' Fair 
Saturday 6 December 12 – 3pm at St Colman's Hall: to get us ready for Christmas, we will have winter food and drink, stalls, games and the traditional Santa's Grotto.

We need your help!
Dear Parishioners, we need your help to make our St Nicholas' Day Christmas Fair a success. Please bring in donations of bottles, bric-a-brac, books, toys and raffle prizes. Are you a good baker? If so, please bake some cakes for our cake stall. Are you a crafter and would like a craft stall at the fair? Please contact the parish office if you would.

The Sanctuary Lamp which burns constantly before the Tabernacle is sponsored this week for the Holy Souls.

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

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, Heather Webber, 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, especially for Alice Czoch, Pauline Webb and Imelda ("Mel") Kleeberg: may they rest in peace.