

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

WITH ST PAUL, PAULSGROVE

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Sunday 24 December : Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our readings this Sunday (Christmas Eve) invite us to reflect on the surprising ways that God's plan to save the world can sometimes unfold in our lives. In our first reading (2 Samuel 7), King David is surprised to hear the Lord reject David's plan to build him a "house" (temple), but at the same time receives the Good News that the Lord will raise up one of David's line to be a definitive King, the Messiah or Christ: "I will build *you* a house", says the Lord. In our Gospel (Luke 1), Mary is already having to cope with reconciling her parents' call to marry Joseph with her deep personal identity as a virgin when the Angel Gabriel adds the vocation of motherhood. "Do not be afraid", the Angel reassures her, "Nothing is impossible with God." God always answers our prayers; not always in the way we expect, but His plans are for good.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 23 December O EMMANUEL	6pm	St Colman	Advent IV	Win and Tom Cummings
Sunday 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE <i>Carols at 5:30pm St Paul and 11:30pm St Colman</i>	9:30	St Colman	Advent IV	Rose Aquilina RIP
	11am	St Paul	Advent IV	Pro Populo
	6pm	St Paul	Christmas Vigil	Belen Matias Urquico RIP
Monday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	Midnight	St Colman	Midnight Mass	Pro Populo
	9:30	St Colman	Christmas Dawn	Michael Smeeth ints
	11am	St Paul	Christmas Day	Celebrant's intention
Tuesday 26 December	10am	St Colman	St Stephen	Jina Cornick RIP (F.M.)
Wednesday 27 December	10am	St Colman	St John Apostle and Evangelist	Aji Joseph RIP
No Mass on Thursday 28 or Friday 29 December				
Saturday 30 December	6pm	St Colman	Holy Family	Chinnamma Cherian Puthenkalam
Sunday 31 December	9:30	St Colman	Holy Family	George Schinas RIP
	11am	St Paul	Holy Family	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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Thank you for your donations!

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Gift aid: UK taxpayers can give an extra 28p per £1 at no extra cost to you; please direct gift aid enquiries to Jeff Price via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Christmas & New Year at St Colman & St Paul

- The Parish Office will be closed from Christmas Day until Tuesday 2 January.
- There will be no evening Holy Hour on Sunday 24 December or Sunday 31 December.
- There will be no Adoration, Benediction or Lectio Divina on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.
- Sunday Holy Hour will resume on Sunday 7 January from 5-6pm, ending with Benediction.
- Adoration (9:30am-5pm) and Lectio Divina (5-6pm) will resume on Monday 8 January 2024.

The Christmas Fayre raised over £600 for the parish: many thanks to all who came, especially our organisers and helpers.

Christmas Clergy Offering

The Christmas collection goes to support our parish clergy. Thank you kindly for your generosity, and for your cards, gifts and good wishes. If you wish to give online, there is a Christmas collection page <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraisings/portsmouth-st-colman-and-st-paul-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2023>

St Paul Sunday Mass time in the New Year

Following on our consultation over the last three weeks, we recognise that we need to celebrate Mass at 11:30 at St Paul from Sunday 7 January. Many acknowledged that the current 11:00 time is not sustainable. Some people expressed the view that the Western Rite community was being sidelined. There was also widespread recognition of the benefits brought through partnership with Syro-Malabar brothers and sisters.

Welcome to Mgr Vincent Harvey

We welcome Monsignor Vincent Harvey to St Colman and St Paul next weekend. Father Vincent will celebrate our usual Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses for us on 30 – 31 December, and also 9am Mass at St Colman on New Year's Day to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Thank you Father Vincent!

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Of your charity, please pray:

- For parishioners who are ill or housebound: Kana Blyth, Joe Charlton, Tommy Cooper, John Cox, Moira Cunningham, Peter Galvin, Bob Guy, Janet, Dawn Marie, Sajimon Mathew, Paula Medd, Valerie O'Donnell, Maureen Smeeth, Pauline Webb, Verena.
- For the souls of the faithful departed, especially Belen Matias Urquico, Margaret Jeffrey, and Sue Goldsmith, whose funeral Mass is on 9 January 2024. May they rest in peace.