

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 14 January 2024 : Second Sunday of the Year

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on the ways in which God speaks to us. By the very fact that we proclaim the Scriptures in the liturgy, we recognise that God speaks in the words of Holy Scripture. Samuel's experience in our first reading, as he heard the Lord speak in the voice of his master Eli, suggests that we might expect to hear God speak in familiar voices, perhaps through our family members, friends and fellow Christians. Our deepest communication with God is in prayer, so why not decide to attend some of our times of Adoration (Sunday 5-6pm; Monday 9-5pm) or join in prayerful reflection on Scripture in Lectio Divina (Monday 5-6pm)? In today's Gospel, the disciples receive help in their journey of discernment from John the Baptist and from Jesus Christ. John points out Jesus to them in words with which we are familiar from the Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God!" The Lord welcomes them with a question he addresses to us all: "What are you seeking for?", and also an invitation addressed to all: "Come and see!"

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 13 January	6pm	St Colman	2nd Sunday	Charles Cuthbert Hall RIP
Sunday 14 January <i>Holy Hour 5pm</i>	9:30	St Colman	2nd Sunday	Family and friends of Celia Cummings
	11:30	St Paul	2nd Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 15 January <i>Benediction and Lectio 5pm</i>	9am	St Colman	Feria	Priests, nuns and religious
Tuesday 16 January	9am	St Colman	Feria	Frank Tracey RIP
Wednesday 17 January	9am	St Colman	St Antony of Egypt	Sir Denis Leo Lewis Daly & Lady Margaret Janetta
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 19 January	6:30	St Colman	St Wulstan	Holy Souls
Saturday 20 January	6pm	St Colman	3rd Sunday	Bincy Mathew intentions
Sunday 21 January <i>Holy Hour 5pm</i>	9:30	St Colman	3rd Sunday	Pat Charlton RIP
	11:30	St Paul	3rd Sunday	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!

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 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

Pastoral Area Report Consultation

Our Pastoral Area Council is ready to present its first report to parishioners across the pastoral area for their consideration. The report will be displayed and made available online next weekend for everyone to read, reflect on and respond to. There will be several opportunities to meet with the Pastoral Area Council to give your reaction to the report and to ask any questions or clarifications on what it proposes. The meetings will also offer an occasion to see what might happen in the next phase of implementation. There will be three meetings in different parts of the Pastoral Area so that parishioners may choose which is most convenient for them to attend. Please make a note in your diary:

- Saturday 3 February, 10:00 – 11:30am: St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park;
- Monday 19 February, 7pm – 9pm: Sacred Heart, Waterlooville;
- Monday 26 February, 7pm - 9pm: St Joseph, Havant, 7-9 pm.

A new sound system for St Colman's?

Our sound system is over 30 years old, and some components are now worn out. In particular, our hearing loop no longer works. We have obtained 3 quotations for replacing the entire sound system, which range from £11,000 to £13,000. Would any parishioners interested in donating specifically to a new sound system please let Father Andrew or Zia know via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk ?

Pro-Life opportunities

This weekend we observe the White Flower Appeal and take up a second collection for the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: please give generously.

*Would you like to connect locally, in-person, with other people who support the pro-life cause? **March for Life UK** are inviting people to be part of a new initiative called 'Connect' which will help establish local pro-life groups to pray, fundraise, socialise, educate and get involved in outreach. To find out more and be part of an initial online meeting please email Isabel at: info@marchforlife.co.uk*

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: Margaret Jeffrey, Sue Goldsmith, Mary Carmel Clarke, Frank Tracey, John Andrew Wilson, Frank Lycett. May they rest in peace.