

# PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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### Sunday 16 June 2024 : Eleventh Sunday of the Year

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus offers us two parables of the Kingdom: the parable of the seed in the field and the parable of the mustard seed. We can perhaps imagine the child Jesus watching with curiosity as a farmer sowed his fields, returning regularly to see how the crop was growing, and being impressed at the result at harvest time. Perhaps the parable grew inside Jesus, as his human mind worked out how to describe to his fellow humans what his divine mind knew about the Kingdom of God. We may not know the result of our work and prayer in this life, or if we do live to see it, we don't necessarily understand how it is that our work and prayer has contributed. In this way, we are like the farmer, for whom the Kingdom of God grows day and night as he wakes or sleeps, he knows not how. Let us pray that we, like the farmer, may recognise the Lord's time of harvest, the time for action. Even if our faith feels as small as a mustard seed, there is every reason to expect a great outcome!

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 15 June	6pm	St Colman	11th Sunday	Holy Souls
Sunday 16 June <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	11th Sunday	Cornelius O'Donnell RIP
	11:30am	St Paul	11th Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 17 June <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Feria	V P Pappachan RIP (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 18 June	9am	St Colman	Feria	Terence and Mary Keetley RIP
No School Mass on Wednesday: Father Andrew is away at a priests' training day				
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 21 June <i>St Paul's church open 2-3pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	St Aloysius	Alex Pardon intentions
Saturday 22 June	11am	Cathedral	Pastoral Area Confirmation Mass	
	6pm	St Colman	12th Sunday	Mary Ann White
Sunday 23 June <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	12th Sunday	Coleman family RIP
	11:30am	St Paul	12th Sunday	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:  
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#### **General Election**

Continuing a series highlighting election issues from the Bishops' Conference website ([cbcew.org.uk/election24](http://cbcew.org.uk/election24)), we look at the theme of education: Do candidates support Catholic schools? Do they uphold the right of parents as first educators of children? Do they recognise parents' rights to withdraw their children from relationships and sex education? Don't forget the Portsmouth North hustings on Tuesday 18 June at 6pm, Portsmouth Girls' High School.

#### **Day for Life**

Sunday 16 June is designated as the Day for Life. This year the Bishops have chosen the theme of *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the end of life*. As Catholics we are called to respect and nurture human life from conception to natural death. There will be a second collection for the Church's pro-life work. The Last **National Day of Prayer and Fasting** for life before the election is Saturday 22 June.

#### **Parish Summer Fair**

**Saturday 20 July 12-3pm at St Colman's**  
Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help at the fair. We are collecting items for stalls in the parish office if you have good quality books, bottles and soft toys. There will also be a plant stall, but it is probably best to bring plants in nearer the time, or on the day itself.

#### **From Caritas Portsmouth: Refugee Week**

The theme for Refugee Week is 'Our Home' and we are holding an online networking event on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 12:30-1pm to hear from a parish project working with refugees and asylum seekers. Everyone welcome. Please register via our website <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

There's no tea / coffee after 09:30 Mass today: our Orthodox sisters and brothers are using St Colman's Hall for the liturgy.

**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, Christine, Tommy Cooper, John Cox, Pauline Crook, Moira Cunningham, Peter Galvin, 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, especially Catherine Foster: may they rest in peace.