

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 24 August 2024 : Twenty-first Sunday of the Year

This Sunday we read the last in our series of five continuous Gospel readings from John 6, which started with the Feeding of the 5,000, and continued with the Eucharistic Discourse. At each stage, we have seen that Jesus' contemporary hearers, his fellow Jews, debated and argued with Jesus and with each other about what he was saying and what they were hearing: "What sign will you give us to show that we should believe in you?" ... "How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ... "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ... "This is intolerable language. How can anyone accept it?" At several stages, Jesus had the opportunity to clarify that his teaching was symbolic, if that had been what he meant, but he did not: instead he doubled-down on the realism: "The bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world" ... "if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you." As we defend the doctrine of the Real Presence, we should seek to honour Jesus' words by showing that faith in the Eucharist is the ally, not the enemy, of human reason.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 24 August	6pm	St Colman	21st Sunday	Thanksgiving
Sunday 25 August	9:30am	St Colman	21st Sunday	Elizabeth Christian
<i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	11:30am	St Paul	21st Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 26 August <i>Bank Holiday: No Adoration</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Blessed Dominic Barberi	Mary Ann White (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 27 August	9am	St Colman	St Monica	Valerie O'Donnell ints
Wednesday 28 August	10:30am	St Paul	St Augustine	John Joseph Cummings
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 30 August <i>St Paul's church open 2-3pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	Requiem	Catherine Beswick RIP
Saturday 31 August	6pm	St Colman	22nd Sunday	Family and friends of Celia Cummings
Sunday 1 September ST GILES' DAY <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	22nd Sunday	Pro Populo
	11:30am	St Paul	22nd Sunday	Gladys Kumah ints

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
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account number 00884554; sort code 30 93 04; reference "offertory donation".
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gift aid enquiries to Jeff Price via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

First Holy Communion Summer 2025
Forms are now available for parents who wish to register their children for First Holy Communion in June 2025. The course begins in October 2024, and the catechesis will be delivered on Tuesday evenings at St Paul's School, Paulsgrove. Children who attend other schools are welcome to join the programme. Children who have not yet been baptised will receive Baptism during the programme. Please take a form from the back of church, or collect a form from the school reception desk. Forms can be returned to the parish office or the school. Contact: admin@st-pauls.portsmouth.sch.uk

March for Life UK: Saturday 7 September
A peaceful, family-friendly pro-life event in London, including 11am Mass at St George's Cathedral, morning programme at the Emmanuel Centre, and 1pm pro-life witness march to Parliament Square. Please attend, donate and pray! www.marchforlife.co.uk.

Dona device: contactless donations
We have a new Dona device now installed at the back of St Colman's church. If you prefer to donate to St Colman's and St Paul's Parish by contactless payment, you can use this device to select the amount you wish to donate, and the attached card reader to process the payment. Thank you kindly for your generous support!

Congratulations to new Married Couples!
Congratulations to Cormac and Terri Dreelan, married at St Colman's this weekend, and to Peter and Nicole Birch, married at St Colman's earlier this month. Please keep our new married couples in prayer as they celebrate this great Sacrament (Eph 5:32). If you are hoping to be married, please be encouraged by the example of all our faithful married couples.

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, 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 Beswick: may they rest in peace.