

# PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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### Sunday 22 September 2024 : Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

The Gospel readings for the next 3 Sundays are remarkable for their focus on Jesus' teaching about welcoming and caring for children. "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me", he says today, "and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." So it's clear: the welcome we give to children is the welcome we give to God! To be pro-life is more than taking a stand against abortion: pro-life witness extends to every aspect of our lives, especially the welcome we give to children and families in church – a preferential option for the family. We are often sagely advised that "children are the Church of the future". No, they are not! They are the Church of the present – just like the rest of us!

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 21 September ST MATTHEW APOSTLE	6pm	St Colman	25th Sunday	Peter Sellers RIP
Sunday 22 September <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	25th Sunday	Deceased members of the Penrose family
	11:30am	St Paul	25th Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 23 September <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Padre Pio	James & Margaret Quill (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 24 September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	9am	St Colman	O L Walsingham	World Peace
	6pm	Pastoral Area Mass at Sacred Heart Waterlooville		
Wednesday 25 September <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	10:30am	St Paul	Feria	Win & Tom Cummings
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 27 September <i>St Paul's church open 2-3pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	St Vincent de Paul	Brendan Quill RIP
Saturday 28 September	6pm	St Colman	26th Sunday	Special Intention for Golden Wedding
Sunday 29 September MICHAELMAS <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	26th Sunday	Sylvia Yasa RIP
	11:30am	St Paul	26th Sunday	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday  
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gift aid enquiries to Jeff Price via the parish office: [scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:admin@st-pauls.portsmouth.sch.uk)

**Our New Parish Seminarian writes:**

I'm Farvin Gonsalves and currently in the year of Pastoral Theology at Allen Hall. I was born in Goa, India and brought up in a Catholic family. In 2015 I moved to the UK and started working in IT. I've always been passionate about catechesis, so I started helping with the Confirmation group in my parish. In 2018, I first felt called to the priesthood while I was praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Ever since I've been on a journey of discerning my vocation to the priesthood.

**Alpha Course in our Pastoral Area**

At St Michael Leigh Park:

- Mondays 1-3pm, from 23 September
  - Tuesdays 7-9pm, from 24 September
- Contact: [office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk).
- Sacred Heart Waterlooville, starting from Monday 30 September at 7pm
- Contact: [aplha@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk](mailto:aplha@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk)

**St Edmund's Catholic School** is holding an Open Morning for Year 6 pupils and parents on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 between 9am and 1pm.

**Cafod Family Fast Day: Friday 4 October**  
Appeal at the end of Masses this weekend.

**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, Lena Lycett, 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 David Bartlett: may they rest in peace.