

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 29 September 2024 : Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

Last Sunday we saw how Jesus clearly equates the welcome we give to children with the welcome we give to God. We thought about how we can welcome children and families into the Church and especially at Sunday Mass. This Sunday, Jesus talks about obstacles. How easy it is for the child in church to become an obstacle for us, if his or her sound or play threatens to distract us! And how easy in turn would it be for us to become the obstacle for that child, by our disapproving response! But what does a good celebration of the liturgy look like? And how we can seek out and practise ways of prayer which build up our capacity for resilience in the face of potential distraction? St Therese of Lisieux once wrote about her experience of being distracted in prayer by the fidgeting of another nun: "It was impossible not to hear it, so I turned my whole attention to listening closely to it as if it were a magnificent concert and spent the rest of the time offering it to Jesus. It was certainly not the prayer of quiet!"

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
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
Monday 30 September <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Jerome	Mary Ann White (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 1 October	9am	St Colman	Requiem	Tim Cunningham RIP
No Mass or Bible Study on Wednesday: Father Andrew is at the annual clergy gathering.				
Thursday 3 October	9am	St Colman	Votive (Latin)	Vocations (Mass in Latin)
Friday 4 October	6:30pm	St Colman	St Francis of Assisi	Benefactors of the Clergy Retirement Fund
Saturday 5 October	6pm	St Colman	27th Sunday	Pro Populo
Sunday 6 October ROSARY SUNDAY <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	27th Sunday	Francis Coleman RIP
	11:30am	St Paul	27th Sunday	Michael McNabb RIP

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
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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

St Francis' Day Friday 4 October
This Friday will be Cafod Family Fast Day: please keep what you save from living simply, and donate it in the Cafod envelopes next Sunday. Friday is also St Francis' Day, so we will be blessing pets after Mass at 6:30pm. Please bring your four-legged friends on leads or in carriers as necessary.

Scripture Reading and Sunday Missals

- Please note that our usual Wednesday Bible Study is not meeting this week, due to the annual clergy gathering.
- A new Scripture reading group is starting on the first Thursday of the month Sacred Heart Waterlooville from 3 October, 6:45 – 8:15pm.
- Please sing up with the welcomers if you would like to order a new Sunday Missal for your own use from Advent, when we receive the new Scripture translation: we can order in bulk.

St Edmund's School open morning for Y6 pupils and parents Saturday 5 October: please book either 9am or 11am: **02392 892585** or Lslight@saintedmunds.org.uk

Stewardship Sunday: we will hear from our finance committee chair John Kilby at Mass.

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 Tim Cunningham: may they rest in peace.