

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 17 November 2024 : Thirty-third Sunday of the Year

The Lord refers in today's Gospel to a "time of distress". Throughout Christian history there has never been a time when some thinkers have not been wondering whether the age in which they were living was the last times described in the Apocalyptic Discourse of Mark 13. But have you every considered that the Lord's words might apply just as well to the times of distress in our own lives? There are times for most of us when the heavens seem to be falling on us, the sun and moon less bright that they should be. It is in these times that the Lord is near, "at the very gates". In these moments he knocks on the door of our hearts, seeking to be with us in our distress, to console us and to save us. Yet isn't it in precisely these times that we are most tempted to turn away from God, to say "I am too busy dealing with this crisis to find time for God" or "I am working too hard on getting myself through this to pay attention to God"? In the parable of the fig tree in spring, Jesus offers us hope for the most troublesome times: after winter, summer will still come.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 16 November	6pm	St Colman	33rd Sunday	Win Bearman RIP (FM)
Sunday 17 November	9:30am	St Colman	33rd Sunday	Frank Coleman, Stella and Michael Forde RIP
<i>Adoration 5pm St Colman Healing Service 5:30pm</i>	11:30am	St Paul	33rd Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 18 November <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul	John Joseph Collins RIP (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 19 November	7:30am	St Colman	Feria	Villanueva Family
Wednesday 20 November <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	10:00am	St Paul's School	Feria	St Paul's School Mass
Friday 22 November <i>St Paul open 2-3pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	St Cecilia	Mathew Cherian RIP
Saturday 23 November ST COLMAN'S FAIR	6pm	St Colman	Christ the King	Maximus Almeida RIP & late family members
Sunday 24 November	9:30am	St Colman	Christ the King	Dawn Barbara Mavis Murray RIP (Benefactor)
<i>Holy Hour 5pm St Colman</i>	11:30am	St Paul	Christ the King	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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Pro-life witness against euthanasia

If you have not already responded to the Bishop's call to contact Members of Parliament about the bill to legalise assisted suicide, please take action this week. If you live in Cosham and Paulsgrove, our elected representative is Amanda Martin MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Please also pray that we will be delivered from this new attack on the right to life and the dignity of the human person:

- Good Counsel Network are fasting and praying for an end to abortion and euthanasia this Saturday 16 November.
- Enact your solidarity with our vulnerable sick and dying neighbour and with our doctors & nurses by joining us for Mass in the hospital chapel 12:30 on Monday.
- Bring our prayer for the defence of human life to Adoration, especially Sunday Holy Hour 5-6pm. There is an extra Holy Hour this Wednesday 5:30pm.
- Pray a decade of your Rosary every day for the intentions of our Bishop.

St Colman's Fair – Saturday 23 November

Our parish autumn social event; 12:00 to 3pm in St Colman's Hall. We will celebrate St Colman of Cloyne with an Irish theme: food, drink, music, dancing, poetry, pony rides, produce and second hand book stalls and games. We hope to include an autumn produce stall: donations of jams, preserves and pickles (especially homemade) would be gratefully received at the parish office. If you can offer to help, please meet Zia in the hall 4pm Friday.

Healing Service Sunday 5pm

Adoration from 5pm, with a charismatic healing service beginning at 5:30pm, together with parishioners from Havant.

Second collections: Missio £195.67; Bamenda £270.76. Thank you! No tea or coffee today: **Orthodox liturgy** in the Hall.

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 Mathew Cherian: may they rest in peace.