

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM WITH ST PAUL, PAULSGROVE

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Sunday 1 December 2024 : First Sunday of Advent

In the Gospel for Advent Sunday the Lord calls us to keep our heads high, our eyes fixed on Him. The fear and foreboding which can prove debilitating and even fatal are symptoms of becoming unmoored from God, set adrift on the sea of the world, full of injustice and violence, as the Gospel today describes. If we can just raise our eyes to God, we can see that the universe is not the random and arbitrary place it might seem, but that our lives have meaning, destiny and purpose. Our response of worship to God is a recognition of this truth. Only with God, who created us intentionally and purposefully through his rational Word, is it even possible to talk about right, truth, goodness, beauty, peace and harmony. Without God such ideas are without meaning.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 30 November	6pm	St Colman	Advent I	Charles & Catherine Collins (FM)
Sunday 1 December ADVENT SUNDAY <i>Holy Hour 3-4pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Advent I	Tony Whitlock RIP (FM)
	11:30am	St Paul	Advent I	Pro Populo
Monday 2 December <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Advent Feria	Ann Kenny (FM) (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 3 December	6pm	Parish Area Advent Holy Hour, Reconciliation & Station Mass		Lena Lycett RIP
Wednesday 4 December <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	7:30am	St Colman	St John Damascene	Celebrant's intention
Friday 6 December <i>St Paul open 2-3pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	St Nicholas	Celebrant's intention
Saturday 7 December	7:30am (Latin)	St Colman	Rorate Mass of our Lady (Latin)	Celebrant's intention (Mass in Latin)
	6pm	St Colman	Advent II	Win & Tom Cummings
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	11:30am	St Paul	Advent II	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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Our Parish this Advent

The first in the series of our Parish Area Station Masses will be hosted by our own community this Tuesday at St Colman. We begin with Holy Hour and Reconciliation from 6pm, and continue with the Station Mass at 7pm. There will be a shared meal available in St Colman's Hall after Mass. Please support Station Masses this Advent, all at 6pm for Holy Hour, 7pm for Mass:

- Tuesday 3 December: St Colman Cosham
- Tuesday 10 December: Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter Apostle, Waterlooville
- Tuesday 17 December: St Joseph Havant

Early Masses at St Colman

There will be additional 7:30am Masses offered at St Colman during Advent on Wednesdays (in English) and Saturdays (in Latin). The Saturday Masses are a traditional devotion to our Lady in Advent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 5:30pm at St Colman's Church.
Tuesday 6pm before the Station Mass.

New Lectionary

This Sunday we begin using our new Lectionaries, with the English Standard Version of the Bible as our new translation. Before Mass, we will bless the new books for liturgical use. Many thanks to our generous donors who helped buy them.

Christmas at St Colman and St Paul

- Ecumenical Carols 3pm Saturday 14 December at St Michael CofE Paulsgrove
- Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6pm St Paul
- Midnight Mass at St Colman
- Christmas Day Mass 11am St Colman

St Colman and St Paul Christmas Fair

Our Catholic Community in Cosham and Paulsgrove will gather for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 21 December 12-3pm at St Colman's Hall. There will be a Santa's Grotto, stalls, games, Christmas market food and mulled wine. Our social events are a great way of bringing our community together! Last month St Colman's Fair raised £322.10.

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: may they rest in peace.