

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

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Sunday 2 February 2025 : The Presentation of the Lord

Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord draws us back into the mystery of Christmas once again, for the last time before we turn to look towards Easter. In this Sunday's Gospel we encounter again the infant Christ, six weeks old, brought to the Temple by his parents. As the prophet Malachi foretold in our first reading, the Lord has suddenly come to his own Temple. He is recognised by Simeon and Anna, both of whom are notable for their patience. Simeon has been "waiting for the consolation of Israel" and Anna has been devoutly frequenting the Temple for almost all of her 84 years. The Bible frequently commends to us the virtue of patience, because it is only by waiting on the Lord that we can attune ourselves to His great plan of salvation. Those who love God the most are very often those who have been willing to wait for Him to reveal Himself in their lives.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 1 February	6pm	St Colman	Presentation	Priests, nuns & religious
Sunday 2 February CANDLEMAS <i>Holy Hour 5-6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Presentation	Fr Charles Delia OSJ
	11:30am	St Paul	Presentation	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Presentation	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 3 February <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Blaise	Holy Souls (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 4 February	9am	St Colman	Feria	Graham Goodlad ints
Wednesday 5 February <i>Bible Study 5-6pm St Colman</i>	10am	St Paul's School	St Agatha	St Paul's School Mass
Friday 7 February <i>St Paul open 2-3pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	Votive: Sacred Heart of Jesus	Kathleen Cooper RIP
Saturday 8 February	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 5	All souls in purgatory
Sunday 9 February <i>Holy Hour 5-6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 5	Jijimon Cherian
	11:30am	St Paul	Sunday 5	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 5	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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Thank you for your donations!

You can donate directly into the parish bank account: CDP P'mouth St Colman: account number 00884554; sort code 30 93 04; reference "offertory donation".
Gift aid: UK taxpayers can give an extra 28p per £1 at no extra cost to you; please direct gift aid enquiries to Jeff Price via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Alphas Courses this Spring

Our Parish Area Evangelisation Team will be offering Alpha Courses on:

- Mondays 7-9pm at St Patrick Hayling Island from 10 March 2025: contact alpha.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
- Wednesdays 7-9pm at St Colman Cosham from 19 March 2025: contact alpha@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

The Alpha Course is designed to open up encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, through encounter with each other: we share a meal, watch a short film together, and discuss questions in small groups. The Alpha Course lasts for 11 weeks and includes an away day.

Eucharistic Minister Training

Sacred Heart Waterlooville will be offering refresher training for Eucharistic Ministers on:
Monday 10 February 7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday 15 February 2.30 - 4.00 pm
Contact: office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 5:30pm at St Colman's Church.

Parish Area Synodal Gathering

Please save the date of Saturday 22 February 2025 for our Synodal Gathering at St Joseph, Havant from 10am to 3pm: an opportunity for clergy and laity to reflect together on the mission of the Church in South-East Hampshire, and help choose a name and prayer the new parish.

A Prayer for South-East Hampshire

Why not try writing a prayer for our Parish Area? Here is some guidance: begin with an invocation of God, praise God for a specific mystery or act, and make a request. Email to office@rchavant.com.

Lourdes Mass 6:30pm Friday 14 February

Medical, nursing and healthcare workers are especially invited to join us for Mass. There will be a meeting and talk in the Hall 7:30pm

St Agatha's Church Portsmouth: Ordinariate rite High Mass 11:00 Saturday 8 February.

Thank you for contributing to last Sunday's collection for our Cathedral: £192.56.

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 Jijimon Cherian: may they rest in peace.