

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

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Sunday 23 March 2025 : Third Sunday of Lent

This Sunday we are making use of the option of reading the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman from John 4:5-42. The Gospel traces the arc of a woman's deepening faith in Jesus, as she encounters Him and is drawn deeper into His mystery. At the start of the Gospel, she thinks of him as "a Jew", but soon comes to call Him "Lord", then "a Prophet", then "the Christ", and finally "Saviour of the World". Like Moses in today's first reading, the woman encounters Jesus in the everyday, at a place she has been many times before. Yet on this occasion, that ordinary and everyday situation takes on the quality of holy ground, both for Moses and the woman, as they each discover God there.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 22 March	6pm	St Colman	Lent III	Stanislaw Bachurzewski RIP
Sunday 23 March <i>3pm Infant Baptisms St C</i> <i>Holy Hour 5-6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Lent III	Lena & Frank Lycett RIP
	11:30am	St Paul	Lent III	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Lent III	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 24 March <i>Adoration 9am-5pm St C</i> <i>Lectio divina 5-6pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Lenten Feria	Julia Ward's health
Tuesday 25 March	6pm Parish Area Holy Hour & Station Mass at St Edmund Horndean			
	7pm Neo-Catechumenal Way Vespers Liturgy at St Colman			
Wednesday 26 March <i>No Bible Study this evening</i> <i>Alpha Course 7pm St Colman</i>	7:30am	St Colman	Lenten Feria	Patricia Evans RIP
Friday 28 March <i>St Paul open 2-3pm</i> <i>Stations of the Cross 6pm St C</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	Lenten Feria	Kevin Croll RIP
Saturday 29 March <i>Reconciliation 5:30pm</i>	6pm	St Colman	Lent IV	Tony Whitlock RIP
Sunday 30 March <i>Holy Hour 5-6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Lent IV	Hope Whittaker ints
	11:30am	St Paul	Lent IV	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Lent IV	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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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

From our Gift Aid Co-ordinator

Boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the new Tax Year (2025/2026) are now available, for registered parishioners, at the back of the church. Should you be expecting a box and it's not arrived, or you would like a box, please notify Jeff Price or the Parish Office.

From Oaklands Catholic School

As many of you will be aware, Mr Matthew Quinn is retiring as the Headteacher of Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College in Waterlooville at the end of this academic year. To ensure ongoing high-quality Catholic education, Oaklands Local Governing Body is delighted to announce that Mr Richard Cunningham (currently Headteacher of St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Waterlooville) will become the Interim Executive Headteacher of Oaklands, whilst retaining his position at St Peter's in the capacity of Executive Headteacher, for a period of 12 months. Mr Quinn will remain in his role as CEO of the Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust. Thank you for your prayers and support during this time of transition.

From our Parish Bard, Maureen Smeeth

You gifted faith to our nation,
which we've taken across the sea.
Our missionary journey, we pray,
will help set many souls free.



So, thank you, beloved Saint Patrick,
from our green isle with love!
As we honour the Blessed Trinity,
please always stand watch from above.

Second Collection this Sunday: for the national shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham
Next Sunday: Clergy Assistance Fund.

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

From the Neo-Catechumenal Way

Neo-Catechumens will be sharing their profession of faith at St Colman's this Lent at a series of evening Liturgies of the Word, starting this Tuesday 25 March at 7pm.

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, Julie Fry, Peter Galvin, Jean Gartshore, Bob Guy, Janet, Dawn Marie, Sajimon Mathew, Paula Medd, Bert Needham, 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 and Oaklands Catholic School: the staff, governors, children, parents and families.
- For the souls of the faithful departed, especially Patricia Evans: may they rest in peace.