

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

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Sunday 30 March 2025 : Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Gospel this Sunday is one of the most famous of Jesus' parables: the Prodigal Son, or the Merciful Father. As you listen to the Gospel, try to hear it anew, familiar as the parable may be. It should be as surprising to us today as it was to the people who heard it for the first time in the voice of Jesus himself. The parable is an allegory for the Fall, among other meanings. By demanding his inheritance now, the younger son is effectively saying "I wish you were dead" to his father. Is that not how we sin, by saying to God the Father, "I wish you were not God"? To sin is to claim the role of God for ourselves: to decide for ourselves the categories of good and evil.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 29 March	6pm	St Colman	Lent III	Tony Whitlock RIP
Sunday 30 March <i>Holy Hour 5-6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Lent III	Hope Whittaker ints
	11:30am	St Paul	Lent III	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Lent III	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 31 March <i>Adoration 9am-5pm St C Lectio divina 5-6pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Lenten Feria	Val Croughan ints
Tuesday 1 April	6pm Parish Area Holy Hour & Station Mass at St Michael Leigh Park			
	7pm Neo-Catechumenal Way Vespers Liturgy at St Colman			
Wednesday 2 April <i>No Bible Study this evening Alpha Course 7pm St Colman</i>	No Mass or Bible Study this Wednesday: Father Andrew is away at Douai Abbey			
Friday 4 April <i>St Paul open 2-3pm Friendship Club 2pm St C Stations of the Cross 6pm St C</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	Lenten Feria	Deceased members of the Scantlebury family
Saturday 5 April <i>Reconciliation 10am 5:30pm</i>	6pm	St Colman	Lent IV	Eileen Murdoch RIP
Sunday 6 April <i>Holy Hour 5-6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Lent IV	Reynaldo Gunther Monglaw RIP
	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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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

Looking forward to Holy Week

Tuesday 15 April 11am
Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral
Holy Thursday 17 April 7pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Colman
Good Friday 18 April 3pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Colman
Holy Saturday 19 April 8pm
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at St Colman

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Thank you!

Thank you for giving generously to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. In troubling times for our world, your donations this Family Fast Day help people like Lokho in Kenya build a safety net and prepare for whatever comes. In giving to support our sisters and brothers, we are truly pilgrims of hope in the Jubilee year. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/lent. We raised £638.37 for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Last Sunday we collected £154.12 for the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. **The Second Collection this Sunday** is for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

Lent in Cosham and Paulsgrove

Sacrament of Reconciliation
available during Lent at St Colman on Saturdays 10-11am and 5-5:30pm

Parish Area Station Masses Tuesdays
6pm Adoration and Reconciliation
7pm Station Mass
Tuesday 1 April at St Michael Leigh Park

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 6pm St Colman
Good Friday 10am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Paulsgrove at St Michael's CE

Eucharistic Adoration
Sundays 5-6pm, Mondays 9am-5pm

Lectio Divina
Monday 5pm St Colman

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, continuing this Tuesday 1 April 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.