

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST COLMAN,
COSHAM WITH ST PAUL, PAULSGROVE**
IN THE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PARISH AREA
The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
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Sunday 4 May 2025 : Third Sunday of Easter

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, St John tells us about the third time the Risen Lord was revealed to the disciples, at the Sea of Galilee. John's choice of language – "revealed" – is significant: we are being told that the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection needs to be revealed to us. For the disciples, this revelation came about by signs: at first they see a figure on the shore, and it is the sign of a miraculous draught of fish which reveals the truth to John – "it is the Lord!". Then the breaking and sharing of bread – that most characteristic action of Jesus – completes the picture for the disciples. Finally, for Simon Peter especially, there is a further revelation: the Lord of Mercy accepts Peter's imperfections and his limited capacity to love, and in return renews Peter with strength for his mission.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 3 May <i>Reconciliation 5:30pm</i>	6pm	St Colman	Easter III	Mike & Yvette Shelley
Sunday 4 May <i>Holy Hour 5-6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Easter III	Collette Waudby RIP
	11:30am	St Paul	Easter III	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Easter III	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 5 May <i>No Adoration: Bank Holiday Lectio divina 5-6pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Eastertide	Franciscan Friars & Sisters (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 6 May	7:30am	St Colman	Eastertide	Keith Barry Stuart ints
Wednesday 7 May <i>Bible Study 5-6pm St Colman</i>	10am	St Paul's School	Eastertide	St Paul's School Mass
Friday 9 May <i>St Paul open 2-3pm</i>	10am	St Colman	Funeral Mass for Angela Vella RIP	
	6:30pm	St Colman	Eastertide	Len & Claribel Robinson Thanksgiving
Saturday 10 May <i>Reconciliation 5:30pm</i>	6pm	St Colman	Easter IV	Franciscan Sisters
Sunday 11 May <i>GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY Holy Hour 5-6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Easter IV	Franciscan Friars
	11:30am	St Paul	Easter IV	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Easter IV	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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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

Sunday of the Good Shepherd

Next Sunday 11 May we read the Gospel of the Good Shepherd, and take the opportunity to pray for vocations. We will hear from Seminarian Farvin about his vocation journey, and take up a second collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund.

Parish Area Pentecost Celebration

Catholic communities of Cosham, Paulsgrove, Havant, Emsworth, Leigh Park, Hayling Island, Waterlooville and Horndean, we will all gather to celebrate a Parish Area Mass at Oaklands Catholic School at 3pm on Pentecost Sunday 8 June, followed by shared tea and cakes: please save the date!

How to oppose euthanasia legislation

After our Lourdes Mass in February, many of us gathered in St Colman's Hall to listen to Dr Dominic Whitehouse from the Catholic Medical Association, who gave an immensely wise and learned talk about euthanasia (assisted suicide) and how to oppose it. Dr Whitehouse has written to our community to ask for our help in persuading our Member of Parliament Amanda Martin to change her vote at the next reading of the Bill to oppose the legislation. Please write to her or go to see her, especially if you are a healthcare professional: 349 Copnor Road PO3 5EQ or House of Commons SW1A 0AA amanda.martin.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Area Justice and Peace Group

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in forming a Parish Area Peace and Justice Group at 7:15pm on Thursday 15 May at Sacred Heart Waterlooville. Contact: philiphayllar@hotmail.com

A name for our new Parish Area

The Bishop has asked each new Parish Area to suggest a new name, which should not be the name of any of the existing churches in the area. The new name will be a title or mystery of the Lord. We are conducting a consultative vote on three possible names as part of the process: Holy Name of Jesus, Prince of Peace and Good Shepherd. Please vote by ballot paper or QR code by 18 May.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30pm at St Colman

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, 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 district: Kinross, The Haven and Hamilton House.
- For St Paul's Primary School and Oaklands Catholic School: the staff, governors, children, parents and families.
- For the souls of the faithful departed: Bert Needham, Mary Shaw and Angela Vella RIP.