

# ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

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Priest in charge: Fr Andrew Wagstaff

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## Sunday 20 July 2025 : Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

In this Sunday's Gospel we meet two of Jesus' friends: Mary of Bethany and her sister Martha. They are quite different characters! I'm guessing that Martha is the responsible older sister who gets things done, while Mary is the day-dreaming younger sister, organised by Martha. Martha wants Jesus to back up her demand that Mary pull her weight, but Jesus affirms Mary for who she is, and even says that Mary has got it right by putting being before doing. We meet the same two sisters in John 11, where Jesus raises their brother Lazarus from the dead. Both sisters receive their brother back from the grave, but Jesus has a different way of consoling each of them in their grief: for Martha it is the chance to talk through her faith that helps her, but for Mary Jesus sees that she needs him to share in her sorrow: "Jesus wept".

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 19 July <i>2-5pm SUMMER FAIR Reconciliation 5:30pm</i>	6pm	St Colman	16th Sunday	Gladys' birthday
Sunday 20 July  <i>5-6pm Holy Hour</i>	9:30am	St Colman	16th Sunday	Babu Abraham RIP
	11:30am	St Paul's School Hall	16th Sunday	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		16th Sunday	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 21 July <i>Adoration 9am-5pm St C Lectio divina 5-6pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	QA Hospital Chapel	St Laurence of Brindisi	Mrs June Brown RIP
Tuesday 22 July	9am	St Colman	St Mary Magdalene	Mary Veronica Germain
Wednesday 23 July – Friday 25 July: No public Mass at St Colman or St Paul				
Saturday 26 July <i>Reconciliation 5:30pm</i>	6pm	St Colman	17th Sunday	William Medd RIP
Sunday 27 July  <i>No Holy Hour this evening</i>	9:30am	St Colman	17th Sunday	Fred Lovegrove RIP
	11:30am	St Paul's School Hall	17th Sunday	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		17th Sunday	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 25p per £1 at no extra cost to you; please direct gift aid enquiries to Lesley Kilby via the parish office: [scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**GIFT AID AND PLANNED GIVING UPDATE**

Many thanks to Lesley Kilby for taking over as our new Gift Aid co-ordinator. Lesley would like to meet as many parishioners as possible who give by standing order or direct debit, so that up-to-date Gift Aid and banker's forms can be completed and envelopes ordered.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE 2025-26**

Application forms are available now from St Colman's Church and from the reception desk at St Paul's School: forms need to be counter-signed by a priest and returned by 14 October. Children in year 3 or above can join the course. Children who are not yet baptised can join and will be baptised for first Holy Communion. Do you have friends who have not had their children baptised or who do not come to Mass? Let them know about this opportunity: invite them to start coming to Sunday Mass as a family. This is your opportunity to re-evangelise your family, friends and neighbours!

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 5:30pm at St Colman

**Thank you** to everyone who took part in our Summer Fair on Saturday, and especially to Zia for co-ordinating and to all our volunteers who helped to set up, run stalls and activities, and tidied up afterwards!

**Sea Sunday Collection:** we raised £418.59 for Stella Maris. Thank you! Thanks also go and to Chris and Sue for the appeal.

**CaFOD** are advertising for a Community Participation Co-ordinator for Portsmouth Diocese: [cafod.org.uk/work-with-us](http://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us)

**Could you take in a lodger?** A Catholic young gentleman, intending to buy a home in our area, is looking for a room to rent short-term from September. Please let Father Andrew or Zia know if you can help.

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, Jean Gartshore, Bob Guy, Janet, Dawn Marie, Sajimon Mathew, Paula Medd, Phoenix, Valerie O'Donnell, Terry Orchard, Dawn Rugman, 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, Hamilton House and Cosham Court.
- 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 Hawkins and Julie Scarborough.