

**ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC
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JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE

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Sunday 7 September 2025 : Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

The Gospel this Sunday offers us two images: the builder who should count the cost before he starts work, and the king who must calculate his chances of success in battle against a more powerful king. These two parables represent two halves of the Christian's dilemma: on the one hand, are we ready to accept the demands that faith in Christ makes on our lives – the cost in terms of time, money, social life, work, work and ambition? On the other hand, we know that there is a more powerful opponent heading our way, and his name is Death. How are we to come to terms with this fact at the end of our lives while we yet live? Otherwise we will likely get there without a plan. Jesus has the plan worked out already, but can we accept the cost of following him now? Are we willing to throw our lot in with him or not?

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 6 September <i>Reconciliation 5:30pm St C</i>	6pm	St Colman	23rd Sunday	Frank Coleman RIP
Sunday 7 September <i>Guest celebrant at 9:30 Mass: the Reverend Father Ryan Browne Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	23rd Sunday	Anneke Snethlage ints
	11:30am	St Paul's School Hall	23rd Sunday	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		23rd Sunday	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 8 September <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Birthday of the Virgin Mary	Gladys Ford's parents (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 9 September	9am	St Colman	St Peter Claver	Joseph & Ellen Charlton
Wednesday 10 September <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	10am	St Paul's School Hall	Feria	St Paul's School Mass
Friday 12 September	6:30pm	St Colman	Holy Name of Mary	Franciscan Friars
Saturday 13 September <i>Reconciliation 5:30pm St C</i>	6pm	St Colman	Holy Cross	Peter Sellers RIP
Sunday 14 September EXALTATION OF THE CROSS <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Holy Cross	Air India crash victims
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Holy Cross	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Holy Cross	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 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

Church garden: health and safety

We've noticed that someone has kindly been tidying some of the hedges in the church grounds. Thank you, but we have a contractor who provides this service. Please do not undertake any work in the church or grounds without agreeing it with the parish office: we need to make sure that there is a risk assessment in place, and that any work is covered by our insurance. Many thanks.

Peace and Justice News

From Jo Lewry: CaFOD meeting at St Bede's Basingstoke, Saturday 20 September 10:30 to 1:30, with lunch: jlewry@cafod.org.uk.
From Philip Hayllar: "Seeds of peace and hope" is the theme for this Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October): read the Pope's and Bishops' messages www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/.
Please continue to fight "Assisted" "Dying" in the House of Lords! Pick a peer and write to them at House of Lords, London, SW1A.
SPUC are looking for a full-time grassroots co-ordinator for the South-West: £30k p.a., applications by 8 September 2025.

First Holy Communion Preparation begins on 14 October, on Tuesdays at 4pm at St Paul's School. Please complete and return a form as soon as possible. Please note that the forms need to be counter-signed by a priest to confirm that families attend Mass. If you know families who want their children to take part, please let them know.
Confirmation preparation for Summer 2026 is being provided by Jesus Prince of Peace Parish Area: please contact Fr James at confirmation@jesusprinceofpeace.org

St Edmund's School Open Day for year 6 children and parents: Saturday 4 October either 9-11am or 11am-1pm. Please see the school website for booking details.

The Sanctuary Lamp which burns constantly before the Tabernacle is sponsored this month in memory of Ian and Mary Arnold and Norah Ince RIP.

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

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, 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: may they rest in peace.