

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

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## Sunday 14 September 2025 : The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

St Paul's words in today's second reading (Philippians 2:6-11) about the exaltation of Jesus through his death on the cross must have seemed strange, even scandalous, to his original ancient readers, for whom the cross was a sign of terror, a symbol of the power of empire to impose a terrible death. But for Jesus it is the instrument of salvation, by which we see the God who "so loves the world" (John 3:16). Jesus points to the prophecy of the bronze serpent in our first reading (Numbers 21:4-9) to show that the mystery of his death and resurrection takes the very symbol of death and transforms it to become a sign of life and hope: the Cross.

| Times of Mass this week  |                     |                    |                              | Mass Intentions                 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday 13 September<br><i>Reconciliation 5:30pm St C</i>   | 6pm                 | St Colman          | Holy Cross                   | Peter Sellers RIP               |
| Sunday 14 September<br>EXALTATION OF THE CROSS<br>EDUCATION SUNDAY<br><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                |
| Monday 15 September<br><i>Adoration 9am – 5pm<br/>Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>                        | 12:30pm             | Hospital Chapel    | Our Lady of Sorrows          | Jomon Mathew (QA Hospital Mass) |
| Tuesday 16 September   | 9am                 | St Colman          | Saints Cornelius and Cyprian | Canon Gerard Flynn RIP          |
| Wednesday 17 September<br><i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>   | 7:30am              | St Colman          | St Hildegard of Bingen       | Marian group ints               |
| Friday 19 September  | 6:30pm              | St Colman          | St Januarius                 | Patricia Cartwright RIP         |
| Saturday 20 September<br><i>11am infant baptism<br/>Reconciliation 5:30pm St C</i>                       | 6pm                 | St Colman          | 25th Sunday                  | May Clark RIP (FM)              |
| Sunday 21 September<br>HOME MISSION SUNDAY<br><i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>                         | 9:30am              | St Colman          | 25th Sunday                  | Una Copley RIP (FM)             |
|  | 11:30am             | Our Lady & St Paul | 25th Sunday                  | Pro Populo                      |
|  | 4pm Hospital Chapel |                    | 25th Sunday                  | QA Hospital Mass                |

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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**Education Sunday 14 September 2025**

Today we pray for our Catholic schools and education chaplaincies. We take up a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

**Catholic Secondary School open days**

**St Edmund's School:** Saturday 4 October at either 9-11am or 11am-1pm. Please visit St Edmund's School: Saturday 4 October at either 9-11am or 11am-1pm. Please visit <https://www.saintedmunds.org.uk/openmorning>

**Oaklands Catholic School:** opening evening on Monday 29 September 5-8pm.

**St Edmund's School** is looking for exam invigilators for December, January, May and June: anyone interested contact Mrs Robinson 02392 823766 ext 226.

**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](mailto:confirmation@jesusprinceofpeace.org)

**Orthodox Liturgy in the Hall this Sunday**

Please note there is no tea / coffee after 09:30 Mass today: our Orthodox sisters and brothers are using our Hall.

**Peace and Justice news**

Maureen Graham writes to remind us that the House of Lords debate on the Assisted Suicide Bill has been postponed to 19 September, due to the large number of peers who have decided to take part. SPUC has an online tool we can use to email a member of the House of Lords to express our views: the app will select a peer for you! <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk/>

**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.