

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE PASTORAL AREA SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE

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Sunday 5 October 2025 : 27th Sunday of the Year

This Sunday's Gospel reading (Luke 17:5-10) needs to be read with an eye to Jesus' sense of humour. He starts a parable in answer to his disciples' request for an increase of faith with the words "Will any of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep...", but he is talking to the poor: disciples who never had any servants, fields or sheep, and who left the little they had to follow Him. It's a joke, as is the story itself, if we remember back a few weeks to Luke 12:35-40, where Jesus told a parable about a master who was so pleased with his servants' vigilance that he did indeed serve them a meal! What is more, we have the image of the mustard seed to stand for our faith, which elsewhere stands for surprising and exponential growth: Luke 13:18-19. Jesus, who sometimes affectionately calls his disciples "ye of little faith", tells them not to fret about how much faith they feel they have: a little goes a long way, and they have all they need for now.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 4 October	6pm	St Colman	27th Sunday	Francis Coleman RIP
Sunday 5 October ROSARY SUNDAY <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	27th Sunday	Mary Zammit RIP
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	27th Sunday	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		27th Sunday	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 6 October <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Bruno	For Peace (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 7 October	8am	St Colman	Our Lady of the Rosary	Win & Tom Cummings
Wednesday 8 October <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	7:30am	St Colman	Feria	Private Intention
Friday 10 October	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Agnes Hunt RIP (FM)
Saturday 11 October	6pm	St Colman	28th Sunday	Mary Ann White
Sunday 12 October <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	28th Sunday	John Joseph Cummings
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	28th Sunday	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		28th Sunday	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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

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

40 Days for Life Autumn Vigil: 24 September – 2 November 2025. Through prayer and fasting, with a peaceful and respectful presence in proximity of abortion centres (outside buffer zones), we seek to reach women in pregnancy crises, to offer them alternatives to abortion, and both spiritual and practical support, giving witness to life. If you would like to take part in the 40DFL, please contact Livia Tossici-Bolt: 40daysforlifebournemouth@gmail.com

Dates for your diary

Saturday 1 November 7pm: All Saints Party at St Colman's Hall.
Saturday 22 November 10am: celebration of talents at St John's Cathedral.
Saturday 22 November 1pm: St Colman's lunch at St Colman's Hall.
Saturday 6 December 12-3pm: St Nicholas' (Parish Christmas) Fair in St Colman's Hall.

Second collections

We raised £138.17 on Home Missions Sunday: thank you! This week we collect the Cafod envelopes with our contributions from Autumn Family Fast Friday.

The Sanctuary Lamp which burns constantly before the Tabernacle is sponsored this week by Jackie Robinson in memory of Mary Zammit 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, 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 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, especially Moira Cunningham: may they rest in peace.