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

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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# Sunday 30 November 2025 : The First Sunday of Advent

"Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to us. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope.... It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." (Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI, Seek that which is above [1986]).

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 29 November	6pm	St Colman	Advent I	Claire Brady wellbeing
Sunday 30 November ADVENT SUNDAY	9:30am	St Colman	Advent I	Charles & Catherine Collins
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Advent I	Pro Populo
Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman	4pm Hospital Chapel		Advent I	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 1 December Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Advent Feria	Holy Souls (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 2 December 6pm Holy Hour & Reconciliation	7pm	St Colman	Pastoral Area Station Mass	Ann Kenny RIP
Wednesday 3 December Bible Study 5pm St Colman	7:30am	St Colman	St Francis Xavier	Celebrant's intentions
Friday 5 December 2pm Friendship Club	6:30pm	St Colman	Advent Feria	Mary Ann White
Saturday 6 December	9am	St Colman	St Nicholas (Latin)	Celebrant's intentions
12-3pm St Nicholas' Fair St Colman's Hall	6pm	St Colman	Advent II	Scripture Study Group
Sunday 7 December	9:30am	St Colman	Advent II	Private intention
Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Advent II	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Advent II	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 and extra 25p per £1 at no extra cost to you; please direct gift aid enquiries to Lesley Kilby via the parish office: <a href="mailto:scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>

# **Stella Maris Christmas Collection**

Thank you for your generosity to the Stella Maris appeal last Sunday: we raised £355.

# St Nicholas' Fair



Saturday 6 December 12 – 3pm at St Colman's Hall: to get us ready for Christmas, we will have winter food and drink, stalls, games and the traditional Santa's Grotto.

Volunteers who have kindly offered to help: could you please meet Zia in the Hall at 5pm on Friday evening and/or 11am on Saturday morning?

Thank you to everyone who came to or helped out at St Colman's Lunch: we raised £168.82 for parish funds.

#### E pluribus unum

Don't forget the consultation this month on the Pastoral Area becoming a single parish.

# St Colman's Christmas Tree

A kind parishioner has donated a Christmas Tree for St Colman's. We will be decorating it next weekend. Would our children like to make some decorations for it?

#### Advent around the Pastoral Area

Advent Station Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, with Holy Hour and Reconciliation before Mass and a shared meal after Mass:

- 2 December: St Colman, Cosham
- 9 December: Sacred Heart, Waterlooville
- 16 December: St Michael, Leigh Park

Christmas at St Colman and St Paul Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6pm OL & St Paul Midnight Mass at St Colman (Carols 11:30) Christmas Day Mass 10am at St Colman

# 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, Jean Gartshore, Bob Guy, Janet, Dawn Marie, Sajimon Mathew, Paula Medd, Phoenix, Valerie O'Donnell, Maureen Smeeth, Beryl Walters, Heather Webber, 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 for Alice Czoch, Pauline Webb, Imelda ("Mel") Kleeberg and Aldo Belli: may they rest in peace.