

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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Sunday 7 December 2025 : The Second Sunday of Advent

In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter St John the Baptist as he begins his ministry of preaching and baptising. His challenge to those Pharisees and Sadducees who came to him sounds strong, but the Gospel does not say that John refused to baptise them. What he did do was the challenge their thinking. What made them come to him in the first place? What were they going to leave behind on the bank of the Jordan if they chose to accept baptism? Were they presuming on their inherited status as people of God? These questions can and should challenge us too: how are we living up to our own Baptismal promises today?

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 6 December	6pm	St Colman	Advent II	Scripture Reading Group
Sunday 7 December <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Advent II	Private intention
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Advent II	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Advent II	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 8 December <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Lilian Parkinson (FM) (QA Hospital Mass)
	6:30pm	St Colman		Maureen Smeeth Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday 9 December	7pm Pastoral Area Station Mass at Sacred Heart Waterlooville			
Wednesday 10 December <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	12:00pm	St Colman	Funeral Mass for Pauline Webb RIP	
Friday 12 December	6:30pm	St Colman	Our Lady of Guadalupe	For Wisdom to reign over vengeance
Saturday 13 December <i>SANKTA LUCIA</i>	9am	St Colman	St Lucy (Latin)	Fr Andrew intentions
	1pm	St Colman	Filipino Community Mass	
	6pm	St Colman	Advent III	Charles’ intentions
Sunday 14 December GAUDETE SUNDAY <i>3pm infant baptism Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Advent III	Holy Souls
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Advent III	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Advent III	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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account number 00884554; sort code 30 93 04; reference "offertory donation".
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gift aid enquiries to Lesley Kilby via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Nicholas' Fair

Thank you to our Hall Committee, hospitality team, and to everyone who volunteered to help out at St Nicholas' Fair. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy some social fellowship together. Merry Christmas!

St Colman's Christmas Tree

A kind parishioner has donated a Christmas Tree for St Colman's. We will be decorating it this weekend. Would our children like to bring in the decorations they have made?

South-East Hampshire Pastoral Area

It was great to see people from all over our Pastoral Area at St Colman last Tuesday for our first Advent Station Mass. Station Masses are celebrated on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, with Holy Hour and Reconciliation before Mass and a shared meal after Mass:

9 December: Sacred Heart, Waterlooville

16 December: St Michael, Leigh Park

Buckfast Abbey Retreat 22-26 June 2026

There are 4 places remaining: for information please contact margaret@mwhyte.co.uk or trev.pat@ntlworld.com.

E pluribus unum

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

**Advent and Christmas
at St Colman and St Paul**

St Paul's School Advent Bake Off: please bring your Advent/Christmas-inspired cakes to the school hall by 9am this Monday 8 December.

Monday 8 December - Immaculate Conception of Our Lady: Masses at 12:30 at the Hospital Chapel and 6:30 St Colman.

Saturday 13 December: Sankta Lucia procession, biscuits and cakes after 6pm Mass at St Colman.

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp which burns constantly before the Tabernacle is sponsored for the conversion of souls.

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: may they rest in peace. Pauline Webb's funeral Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday 10 December at 12 noon. Mel Kleeberg's funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 17 December at 10am. Both at St Colman.