

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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Priest in charge: Fr Andrew Wagstaff

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Sunday 21 December 2025 : The Fourth Sunday of Advent

From the Gospel: "Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put [Mary] to shame, resolved to send her away quietly." (Matthew 1:19) "This may be considered a testimony to Mary, that Joseph, confident in her purity, and wondering at what had happened, covered in silence that mystery which he could not explain." (St Jerome) "But if he had no suspicion of her, how could he be a just man, and yet seek to put her away, being immaculate? He sought, to put her away, because he saw in her a great sacrament, to approach which he thought himself unworthy." (Origen).

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 20 December	6pm	St Colman	Advent IV	Ester Richards RIP (FM)
Sunday 21 December O ORIENS <i>Holy Hour for Vocations 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Advent IV	Ian & Mary Arnold & Norah Ince RIP
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Advent IV	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Advent IV	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 22 December <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	O REX	Pauline Webb RIP (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 23 December	9am	St Colman	O EMANNUEL	Pam Trosh & Pauline Crook
Wednesday 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	6pm	Our Lady & St Paul	Vigil Mass	Pro Populo
11:30pm Carols before Mass	Midnight	St Colman	Midnight Mass	Maximus Almeida RIP
Thursday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	10am	St Colman	Christmas Day	Michael Smeeth ints
Friday 26 December BOXING DAY	10am	St Colman	St Stephen	Peace in Ukraine and in the world
Saturday 27 December	10am	St Colman	St John Ap & Ev	For vocations
	6pm	St Colman	Holy Family	Anna & Peter Pragnell
Sunday 28 December <i>Holy Hour for Vocations 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Holy Family	Father Malcolm ints
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Holy Family	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Holy Family	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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

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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

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

especially for families and children
6pm Our Lady & St Paul

Midnight Mass at St Colman

Carol singing from 11:30pm

Christmas Day Mass

10am at St Colman

Please remember that Christmas is a Holy Day
of Obligation, when all Catholics come to Mass.

Christmas Crib Collection

The Crib Collection this year is for the
Friends of the Holy Land: please give
generously to support struggling Christian
families in the land of Jesus' birth as you
make your prayers at the crib after Mass.

From the G. K. Chesterton Society

Watch The Surprise, a wonderful play by
Catholic author GK Chesterton this
Christmas: Monday 22nd December 3pm
online www.ewtn.co.uk or on sky 586. For
G. K. Chesterton prayers, please see:
www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

E pluribus unum

As we continue on our journey toward
becoming one Canonical Parish, a 30-day
consultation period will be held from 30th
November to 30th December. If you would
like to share your thoughts or comments
regarding our direction of travel, please send
them in writing to:

office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Introductory Session for Confirmation Programme 2026: Sunday 11 January for all parents and
young people: 3.30pm in the Sacred Heart parish centre. Please bring evidence of your child's
baptismal certificate, as this is required for official Church documentation. Young people need to write
a handwritten letter to Fr. James, sharing why they would like to be confirmed and what they feel would
be helpful to them during the course, both in their practical daily lives and in their relationship with
God. Please ensure these letters arrive at the Presbytery, 356a London Road, Waterloooville PO7 7SR
no later than Wednesday 7 January 2026. Please contact Sue in Waterloooville Parish Office for full
details of the Programme, including session dates: office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

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 Cosham Court.

For St Paul's Primary School and Oaklands Catholic School: the staff, governors, children, parents and
families.

For the souls of the faithful departed: may they rest in peace.