

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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Sunday 11 January 2026 : The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ closes the season of Christmas and the mystery of the Epiphany with the self-revelation of the Holy Trinity at the river Jordan at the start of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospel we read that as God the Son emerged from the waters, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the voice of God the Father was heard. By undergoing Baptism, Jesus sanctified the sign of water for us and showed us the way to salvation. In every baptism, the Holy Trinity is manifested and comes to dwell in the heart of the person who is baptised. Baptism confers sanctifying grace and marks the beginning of our life in Christ. Parents: seek out this great sacrament of sanctifying grace for your children as soon as you may! Do not delay the baptism of your children on any pretext whatsoever! Every day without baptism is a day without sanctifying grace and without the Holy Trinity indwelling within your child. If our faith has any meaning at all, then your children need baptism as much as they need food or air. Grandparents and relatives: please use your good offices to get new parents to approach the font!

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 10 January	6pm	St Colman	Baptism OLJC	Farvin Gonsalves ints
Sunday 11 January	9:30am	St Colman	Baptism OLJC	Andrew Penfold ints
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Baptism OLJC	Pro Populo
	Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman		4pm Hospital Chapel	Baptism OLJC
Monday 12 January Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Aelred	Win & Tom Cummings (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 13 January	9am	St Colman	St Hilary	Charles Cuthbert Hall RIP
Wednesday 14 January Bible Study 5pm St Colman	7:30am	St Colman	Feria	Holy Souls
Friday 16 January	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Friends and family of Celia Cummings
Saturday 17 January	6pm	St Colman	2nd Sunday	James Dunn
Sunday 18 January PEACE SUNDAY 5pm at St Colman: Ecumenical Service of the Word for the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	9:30am	St Colman	2nd Sunday	Sir Denis and Lady Daley
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	2nd Sunday	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		2nd Sunday	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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

Welcome to Father James

This weekend we welcome Father James Lewis as our presider at Sunday Mass. Father James is the Pastoral Area Co-ordinator for Jesus Prince of Peace, South East Hampshire. Together with Father Tom Hiney he shepherds our sister communities of Waterlooville, Horndean and Leigh Park.

Thank you to our music ministry team

Our music ministers at St Colman and St Paul deserve our thanks for their hard work and dedication, especially this Christmas season. Please help them to feel even more appreciated by joining in with the songs, which they lead as a service to us. To sing is to pray twice, and it will also help to make you feel better!

Peace Sunday

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday, the Patronal Feast of our Pastoral Area of Jesus Prince of Peace. We will pray for peace at Sunday Mass and take up a second collection for Pax. It is also the start of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: on Sunday evening we will be hosting an ecumenical service of the Word at 5pm at St Colman's Church. Please come to welcome our Christian brothers and sisters.

From Father Andrew

Thank you kindly for your generosity in the Christmas Offering collection, for all your kind and thoughtful cards and gifts this Christmas season, and especially for your prayers and understanding at a busy time!

Second collections

Our Crib collection raised for the Friends of the Holy Land: Thank you! Next Sunday's Second Collection will be for Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace.

The Sanctuary Lamp which burns constantly before the Tabernacle is dedicated this week to vocations. If you would like the lamp to burn for your intentions, please contact the parish office.

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, 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.