

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

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Sunday 25 January 2026 : 3rd Sunday & Conversion of St Paul

What is our mental image of Galilee in Jesus' time? How do we imagine the scene of most of Jesus' life and ministry when we read about it in the Gospels? For many of us, the picture will be a scene of bucolic tranquillity, a calm and unhurried country of honest people, far from the politics and danger of Jerusalem. In the words of one of our hymns, "O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above!" Yet for much of Biblical history, Galilee was a theatre of war. In our first reading today (Isaiah 9:1-4), when thinking about Galilee, the Prophet Isaiah recalls the "Day of Midian", a reference to Gideon's victory over the vast army of the Midianites (Judges 7). At the Lord's express direction, Gideon had selected a tiny force of just 300 men for the battle; he prevailed not by strength but by guile. In today's Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23) Jesus fulfils the type of Gideon, choosing a small and unpromising band of fishermen to begin the awesome work of bringing about the Kingdom of God. To think that these few simple rustics would perform miracles and convert the world reminds us that the victory belongs to the Lord, as Gideon himself knew well.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 24 January	6pm	St Colman	3rd Sunday	Ian & Mary Arnold and Norah Ince RIP
Sunday 25 January CONVERSION OF ST PAUL PATRONAL FEAST OF PAULSGROVE <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	3rd Sunday	Chinmma Cherian Puthenkalam
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Conversion of St Paul	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		3rd Sunday	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 26 January <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Saints Timothy and Titus	Emma Saunders (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 27 January	9am	St Colman	St Angela	Win & Tom Cummings
Wednesday 28 January <i>No Bible Study this week</i>	9am	St Colman	Requiem	Judith Dobbin RIP
	12:00	Burial service for Judith Dobbin at Kingston Cemetery		
Friday 30 January	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Charlotte Turner
Saturday 31 January	6pm	St Colman	4th Sunday	Emmanuel Tsidivakis
Sunday 1 February ST BRIGID <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	4th Sunday	Win & Tom Cummings
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	4th Sunday	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		4th Sunday	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

Alpha Course

Our Spring Alpha Course at St Colman will run from 2 March to 8 June on Monday evenings 7-9pm at St Colman's Hall. Whether you are new to the faith or have been a Catholic your whole life, why not join Alpha for a weekly film, meal and discussion, an encounter with one another and with Jesus Christ? Find out more by contacting Josie: alpha@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

Standing orders and Gift Aid

Thank you kindly to everyone who has recently signed up to donate by standing order. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up for Gift Aid, by which we can recover the tax on your donation at no extra cost to you. Please contact our Gift Aid co-ordinator Lesley Kilby in person or via the Parish Office.

Second collections

Thank you for your generosity on Peace Sunday: we raised £246.67 for Pax Christi. This Sunday we take up a second collection for St John's Cathedral. Canon James McAuley, the Cathedral Administrator, writes: "Our cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the diocese. The parish collection covers just over half of the ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week. Please support the second collection on 25 January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the mother church of the diocese been more critical or needed. Thank you." Next Sunday's second collection will be for the SPUC White Flower appeal.

St Paul's Community Choir

Some of our parishioners are helping to form a community choir, based at St Paul's Catholic School in Paulsgrove, meeting on Monday evenings 7-8:30pm. It is open to anyone in the local community. Contact: stpaulscommunitychoir2025@gmail.com

The Sanctuary Lamp which burns constantly before the Tabernacle is dedicated this week to the Missions. If you would like to book it 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, 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 Judith Dobbin: may they rest in peace.