

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

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The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church



Dear Parents and families,

The season of Lent begins soon, with Ash Wednesday on 18 February. From the Bible reading for the start of Lent: "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." (Joel 2:13) As your priest, I want to invite all your families to meet the Lord this Lent.

If you have never had a religion, I invite you to try church this Lent. Meet the Lord in praise and worship. Hear the Word of God. Lift up your heart and mind to God in prayer: bring Him your hopes and fears, your joys and sorrows. Experience the Lord's presence and receive His blessing.

If you are a Catholic who has never practised the Faith, or if you have not been to Mass for a long time, I invite you to return to the Lord. Claim your Catholic identity as sons and daughters of the heavenly Father. He longs for your return with the greatest love. The Lord has mercy and grace for you.

If you have brought your children for Baptism or Holy Communion but have stopped coming to Sunday Mass, Lent is the time to begin again with God. You can still fulfil the promise you made when you took "responsibility to train your child in the practice of the faith" (words from the Baptism liturgy). Now is "the favourable time ... the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

You can find our church locations and the times of Sunday Mass at the end of this letter.

With every blessing,

Father Andrew

St Colman's Church
Havant Road
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Sunday Mass times:
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9:30am

Our Lady and St Paul
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Sunday Mass 11:30am