

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

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Sunday 1 March 2026 : Second Sunday of Lent

The Gospel of the Transfiguration, which we hear this Sunday, is almost the opposite of the Gospel of the desert temptations last Sunday: whereas the wilderness revealed to us Jesus' true human nature, the mount of Transfiguration reveals to us Jesus' divinity, as his relationship to the Father flows out from his divine mind to glorify his human body. Jesus' purpose in revealing this truth to the disciples Peter, James and John is traditionally said to have been to fortify them against the scandal of his death on the Cross. But Jesus also strictly instructs them not to share what they have seen until he rises from the dead: without the complete picture of the Paschal Mystery which comes with the Resurrection the death of God would be impossible to accept. The appearance of Moses and Elijah with the Lord fulfils the Jewish expectation that they would precede and accompany the Messiah, but it also points to the crises of faith in each of their own lives, which became the moments in which Moses and Elijah had their most profound encounters with God.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 28 February	6pm	St Colman	Lent II	Ray Smith RIP (FM)
Sunday 1 March <i>ST DAVID</i> <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Lent II	Mary Johnson Puthenkalam
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Lent II	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Lent II	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 2 March <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman Alpha Course 7pm St C's Hall</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Lenten Feria	Alexander Pollard ints (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 3 March	6pm Adoration & Reconciliation 7pm Lent Station Mass at St Edmund, Horndean			
Wednesday 4 March <i>No Bible Study today</i>	7:30am	St Colman	Lenten Feria St Casimir	Celebrant's intentions
Friday 6 March <i>2pm Friendship Club 6pm Stations of the Cross</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	Lenten Feria	Clare Brady ints
Saturday 7 March	6pm	St Colman	Lent III	Orla Quinn ints
Sunday 8 March <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Lent III	Joseph Henry Charlton RIP
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Lent III	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Lent III	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
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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 Courses in Southeast Hampshire
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. There is also a Tuesday night online Alpha and a Thursday evening Alpha course on Hayling Island. Alpha leader Josie Higson says: "The Alpha course is about creating a welcoming space where everyone can enjoy a meal together, watch a video about the Christian message and then have some time for discussion and exploration of what they believe. There's no pressure or judgment - it's just an informal and safe space to explore what we are thinking." Find out more from Josie: alpha@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

Lent Fast Day: Second Collection today
This Sunday we take up a second collection for Cafod, from the money we saved fasting on Friday. Please place your green Cafod envelopes in the retiring collection.
Stella Maris Easter Appeal
We are collecting chocolate Easter eggs for seafarers away from home: can you help?

Pastoral Area Quiz Saturday 7 March – a fundraiser for the Jesuit Refugee Service at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville. Each community is invited to field a team: could we get one each from St Colman and St Paul? To find out more contact James Ryan: events@stedmundhorndean.org.uk.

Congratulations to St Paul's School
Our parish school has been awarded "Good" status by Catholic Schools Inspectorate, following a recent inspection on behalf of the Bishop. The school received an outstanding grade in Catholic Life and Collective Worship, a good grade in Religious Education, and a good rating overall.

Ecumenical Lent Course: "Talking Jesus" starting Thursday 26 February at 11am at St Edmund, Horndean. Contact: office@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle, sponsored this week by Jane Tull for Pam Mills.

Mini-retreat days: every Saturday in Lent
11am – 1pm at St Michael, Leigh Park

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: may they rest in peace.