

# ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

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## Sunday 19 April 2026 : Third Sunday of Easter

Luke tells us in this Sunday's Gospel of the Road to Emmaus, that during the journey the two disciples did not recognise the Risen Lord as he walked with them because "their eyes were kept from recognising him" (Luke 24:16). This is often taken to mean that Jesus made himself unrecognisable, perhaps as some kind of test, but it does not need to mean this. Is there not another possibility: that the disciples' eyes were kept from recognising the Lord by their own distraction? That they did not see Jesus because they were not expecting to see him? What were they distracted by? Well, their sadness and disappointment, for sure (Luke 24:17, 21). But as we draw close to their destination, there seems to be a bigger distraction: "it is towards evening and the day is now far spent". Darkness, approaches, and Jesus is not there to protect them. Or is he? Even though their eyes had been kept from seeing him, their subconscious seems to detect him: "Did not our hearts burn within us as he opened to us the scriptures on the road?" Deep down, these disciples' fundamental instincts recognise the Lord as the one who has the power to keep them safe, whose presence they desire as night arrives.

Saturday 18 April	6pm	St Colman	Easter III	Family of Helen Pollard
Sunday 19 April  <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Easter III	Mary Ann White
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Easter III	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Easter III	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 20 April <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman Alpha Course 7pm St C's Hall</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Feria	Eileen Goldsmith RIP (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 21 April	8am	St Colman	St Anselm	Orla Quinn ints
Wednesday 22 April <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	10am	St Paul's School Hall	Feria	St Paul's School Mass
Thursday 23 April	9am (Latin)	St Colman	St George	Celebrant's intention
Friday 24 April	6:30pm	St Colman	St Adalbert	John Joseph Cummings
Saturday 25 April <i>ST MARK EVANGELIST</i>	6pm	St Colman	Easter IV	Ian & Mary Arnold and Norah Ince RIP
Sunday 26 April <i>GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY</i>  <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Easter IV	Family and friends of Celia Cummings
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Easter IV	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Easter IV	QA Hospital Mass

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**Next Sunday: Good Shepherd Sunday**  
Good Shepherd Sunday is devoted to praying for vocations, especially to the priesthood. We will take up a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

**Thinking about becoming Catholic?**  
As we receive new Catholics into the Church this Easter, you may like to know that Father Andrew will be beginning a new programme of catechesis for adults on Friday afternoons 5-6pm, starting 12 June 2026. Other group times could be offered if there is demand. Please contact: [scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Gregory Hogan at **Stella Maris** would like to thank our parishioners very much for the Easter Eggs: the sailors were moved by your thoughtfulness, remembering them at Easter.

The funeral Mass for our brother **Joe Charlton** will be celebrated at 1:45pm on Wednesday 29 April at St Colman's Church.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 5:30pm at St Colman's Church.

### **St Paul's Catholic Primary School Spring Showcase**

A relaxed afternoon of music and dance in the school hall, raising funds for our school, with performances from St Paul's School Choir, St Paul's Community Choir, and Follow Your Dreams Performing Arts: 2pm Saturday 25 April 2026; entry £3 for adults, £1 for children in cash on the door.

### **From James Ryan**

James would like to thank everyone who came to the Pastoral Area Quiz night, which raised £1053 for the Jesuit Refugee Service on the night; the total now stands at £2024. James is running the London Marathon for JRS: you can follow him here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/james-ryan-8>. and if you want to follow his progress on marathon day, his running number is 20907; please support James and the JRS in your prayers.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns constantly before the Tabernacle, sponsored this week for Sajimon Mathew's intentions

### Of your charity, please pray:

- For friends and neighbours who are ill or housebound: Kana Blyth, 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, 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, especially Joe Charlton, Beryl Walters and Yosif Petrov Andreev: may they rest in peace.