

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

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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## Sunday 26 April 2026 : Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always Good Shepherd Sunday: whatever year of the liturgical cycle we are following, the Gospel is always taken from John 10, in which the Lord uses the image of the shepherd. This Sunday, we hear the Lord say that his sheep recognise his voice, and that he knows them by name. One of the challenges for the priest is to get to know his people. Some folk are happy to stay and talk, but others always seem to rush away after Mass, and there is time for just a word. It can be difficult to get to know everyone by name, even if we recognise all the faces. The task of the priest is to represent Christ, and we know that the Lord knows all the people of his flock most intimately. Even if we do not know all the people, we can rely on the Lord to know them. The priestly vocation is to speak with the Lord's voice, when we celebrate the liturgy, when we preach and when we pray. Every year on Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church prays for vocations, to all states of life, but especially to the priesthood, that God may raise up shepherds after the Lord's own heart.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 25 April	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
Monday 27 April <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman Alpha Course 7pm St C's Hall</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Feria	Kathleen Daley RIP (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 28 April	9am	St Colman	St Louis de Montfort	Marian Franciscans
Wednesday 29 April <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	1:45pm	St Colman	Funeral Mass for Joe Charlton RIP	
Friday 1 May MAY DAY	6:30pm	St Colman	St Joseph	Thanksgiving
Saturday 2 May	6pm	St Colman	Easter V	Janet Quaife and Dorothy Mullins RIP
Sunday 3 May <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Easter V	Stella Burns RIP
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Easter V	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Easter V	QA Hospital Mass

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**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?**  
This Easter, we baptised two adults, confirmed four adults, and baptised seven children. Were you inspired by seeing other people commit their lives to the Lord?

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. To express your interest, please contact: [scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

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

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

**Parking at our Lady and St Pauls**  
Please try to avoid parking immediately in front of the church doors, as this may hinder access for those who need the ramp.

**Holy Week Collections**  
Thank you for your generosity to our special collections during Holy Week. On Holy Thursday we raised £310.49 for Caritas Portsmouth. Head of Charity Jenny LeLean writes: "it is so generous of the parish to support us in this way! Donations such as these make it possible for us to reach out more to parishes and schools to help them support their local community. This includes initiatives such as the Mustard Seed Fund as well as the projects we support more directly – it really makes a difference. Thank you." On Good Friday we raised a further £975.81 for the Holy Places, which has been sent to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns constantly before the Tabernacle, sponsored this week by Sajimon Mathew for his son Andrew.

- 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.