

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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Sunday 3 May 2026 : Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Bede the Venerable in his *History of the English Church and People* tells the story of King Edwin of Northumbria, who hesitated to accept the Christian Faith preached by St Paulinus, until he gathered a council of the wise men of Northumbria to advise him. One of his counsellors, unnamed by St Bede, offered this prudent advice: "Your Majesty, when we compare the present life of man with that time of which we have no knowledge, it seems to me like the swift flight of a lone sparrow through the banqueting-hall where you sit ... This sparrow flies swiftly in through one door of the hall, and out through another ... Similarly, man appears on earth for a little while, but we know nothing of what went before this life, and what follows. Therefore, if this new teaching [Christianity] can reveal any more certain knowledge, it seems only right that we should follow it." Jesus Christ came from God and was going to God. His teaching alone can reveal to us where we come from, where we are going, and how to get there. Christ alone can prepare a place for us, and return to bring us with him.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
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
Monday 4 May <i>May Bank Holiday: No Adoration or Lectio Divina</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	English Martyrs	Win & Tom Cummings (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 5 May	9am	St Colman	Feria	Holy Souls
Wednesday 6 May <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	10am	St Paul's School Hall	Feria	St Paul's School Mass
Friday 8 May	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Dolores Smyllie RIP
Saturday 9 May <i>4pm Justice and Peace Group Catholic Social Teaching</i>	1pm	St Colman	Filipino Community Mass	
	6pm	St Colman	Easter VI	Terence Absolom RIP
Sunday 10 May <i>Baptisms at 11:30 Mass Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Easter VI	John Joseph Cummings
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Easter VI	Pro Populo
	4pm	Hospital Chapel	Easter VI	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
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You can donate directly into the parish bank account: CDP P'mouth St Colman:
account number 00884554; sort code 30 93 04; reference "offertory donation".
Gift aid: UK taxpayers can give an extra 25p per £1 at no extra cost to you; please direct
gift aid enquiries to Lesley Kilby via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Good Shepherd Sunday Collection
Thank you kindly for your contributions last Sunday to our second collection for the Clergy Training Fund: we raised £272.57.

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.

Pastoral Area Justice and Peace Group
4pm Saturday 9 May: Catholic Social Teaching on the subject of peace, with discussion, tea, and Bible Study at St Colman's Hall.

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

Exam Season: some advice for teenagers

- Before each exam, pray to the Holy Spirit for the intellectual gifts of knowledge, understanding, wisdom and counsel, for you and the person marking your paper.
- No matter how much revision you think you have to do, be sure to come to Sunday Mass every Sunday.
- When faced with any challenge you need God more, not less, so:

Keep calm and go to Mass.

Gas Board works to Havant Road
We've received notice that the Gas Board intend to undertake some works on Havant Road from 5 to 22 May: please be aware that it may take longer to get to St Colman's while these works are ongoing, and that parking may be restricted. You may wish to use the reasonably-priced Council car park on Old Market Road, which should be unaffected by the work.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle, sponsored this week by Bincy Mathew for her son Harris.

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, Billy Cryer, 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: may they rest in peace.