

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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Sunday 10 May 2026 : Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus' words in this Sunday's Gospel tell us straightforwardly how we can know Him, even after he has ascended to heaven (which we will celebrate this Thursday, Ascension Day). Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, whom he calls the "Paraclete" (Helper, Counsellor, Advocate) and the "Spirit of Truth". The Holy Spirit "dwells with you and will be in you": we are infused with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit imparts to us the life of Jesus: "Because I live, you also will live." In the Holy Spirit we are united with the Father and the Son: "I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you." It is by the Holy Spirit dwelling within us that we come to know the Lord: Jesus says that he will "manifest myself to" the one who has the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not an alternative to Jesus, but makes Jesus known to us who did not meet him on earth. The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church, the Body of Christ: we are convened, constituted and consecrated by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of the Apostolic mission of the Church: in the first reading (Acts 8) we see that the Holy Spirit not only animates the evangelism of Philip, but confirms the faith of his converts by descending on them at the bidding of the Apostles.

| Times of Mass this week | | | | Mass intentions |
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| Saturday 9 May | 6pm | St Colman | Easter VI | Terence Absolom RIP |
| Sunday 10 May <i>Baptisms at 11:30 Mass</i> <i>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 |
| Monday 11 May <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm</i> <i>Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i> | 12:30pm | Hospital Chapel | Feria | Family and friends of Celia Cummings (QA Hospital Mass) |
| Tuesday 12 May | 9am | St Colman | St Pancras | Priests, nuns & religious |
| Wednesday 13 May <i>No Bible Study this week</i> | 6:30pm | St Colman | Ascension Day | Pro Populo |
| Thursday 14 May | 9am | St Colman | HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION | Patricia Arnold RIP |
| Friday 15 May | 6:30pm | St Colman | Feria | Holy souls |
| Saturday 16 May | 6pm | St Colman | Easter VII | Private intention |
| Sunday 17 May <i>Baptism at 9:30 Mass</i> <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i> | 9:30am | St Colman | Easter VII | Win & Tom Cummings |
| | 11:30am | Our Lady & St Paul | Easter VII | Pro Populo |
| | 4pm Hospital Chapel | | Easter VII | 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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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.

Charity News
Martha Edwards is taking part in the Race for Life in memory of her grandmother: sponsor <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/marthas-race-for-life-1902>
Joe Power is doing the Three Peaks Challenge to raise money for the Rainbow Centre: sponsor Joe at: <https://gvwhl.com/CMF3J>
There is also a fundraising abseil event at the Spinnaker Tower for Headway on 23 May.

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 Dhiya.

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.