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Sunday 17 May 2026 : Seventh Sunday of Easter

Over the last few weeks, our Sunday Gospel readings have led us to see the importance of knowing the Lord. Two weeks ago, we heard Jesus describe himself as "the way, the truth and the life", and saw how he answers our deepest questions: Where do I come from? Where am I going? How do I get there? By knowing the Lord we come to recognise the authentic pathway through life, and beyond death to eternal life. Last week, we saw how the Holy Spirit brings the presence of the Lord into our lives through his teaching, his signs and wonders, and his intercession on our behalf and in our own prayer lives. On Ascension Day, we saw how the Lord's heaven-going does not remove him far from us, but brings him closer to us than we are to ourselves. Today, the Lord says: "This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." (John 17:3). Jesus' disciples have come to know in truth that he comes from God, "for I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them." Today these words are present to us in the Bible. Reading the Bible brings us close to the Lord. It is primarily through the words of Scripture that God speaks to us, as we speak to God in prayer. Daily Bible reading will increase your faith, hope and love, and will supply an abundance of consolation. If you do not already have a Bible at home, please ask Father Andrew or sign up on the list at the back of church.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 16 May	6pm	St Colman	Easter VII	Private intention
Sunday 17 May *Baptism at 09:30 Mass* *Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman*	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
Monday 18 May *Adoration 9am – 5pm* *Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman*	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St John I Pope & Martyr	John Joseph Cummings (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 19 May	9am	St Colman	Dedication of the Cathedral	Family and friends of Celia Cummings
Wednesday 20 May *No Bible Study this week*	7:30am	St Colman	St Bernardine	Celebrant's intention
Friday 22 May	6:30pm	St Colman	St Rita of Cascia	William & Ethel Mary O'Keefe RIP (FM)
Saturday 23 May	6pm	St Colman	Pentecost Vigil	Kevin Ferris RIP
Sunday 24 May *WHITSUN* *9:30 Baptism & Confirmation* *1pm bring and share lunch* *Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman*	9:30am	St Colman	Pentecost	Tom Diamond ints
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Pentecost	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Pentecost	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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Thinking about becoming Catholic?
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, contact: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

St Colman & St Paul Summer Social events
Pentecost Sunday 24 May 1:30pm:
bring and share lunch in St Colman's Hall.
St Anthony's Bonfire party:
Saturday 13 June 7pm in St Colman's Garden.
Catholic Community Summer Fair:
Saturday 4 July 1-5pm.

Rosary Rally: 3pm Saturday 30 May at QEII Jubilee Fountain, Commercial Rd, Portsmouth.

Scripture study course at Waterlooville: John McCormack is leading a course on Romans for 10 weeks, starting 6:50pm Monday 25 May.

Southampton Street Pastors are looking for an office manager: please ask Zia for details.

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 Sajimon Matthew 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, 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, especially Maureen Parvin and Carol White: may they rest in peace.