

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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Sunday 24 May 2026 : Pentecost

In the Gospel for the vigil Mass (John 7:37-39), John seems to draw a sharp distinction between before and after the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' "glorification"): the Holy Spirit had not yet been given. We know that under the Old Testament the Holy Spirit "spoke by the prophets" as we say in the Creed. The difference after Easter is that the Spirit is now poured out on the Church, as prophesied by Joel. It is a difference both quantitative and qualitative: many now share in the Spirit, and the Spirit now dwells within God's people as the source of sanctifying grace. The Catechism teaches us that "the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament. ... It is Christ who, as head of the Body, pours out his Spirit among his members ... Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body. These 'mighty works of God', offered to believers in the sacraments of the Church, bear their fruit in the new life in Christ, according to the Spirit." (CCC 737 – 740)

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 23 May	6pm	St Colman	Pentecost Vigil	Kevin Ferris RIP
Sunday 24 May <i>WHITSUN</i> <i>Baptism & Confirmations at 09:30 Mass</i> <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Pentecost	Tom Diamond ints
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Pentecost	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Pentecost	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 25 May <i>Whit Monday / Memorial Day: No Adoration or Lectio Divina</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church	John & Marion Smith RIP (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 26 May	9am	St Colman	St Philip Neri	Thanksgiving & Stuart Smeeth RIP
Wednesday 27 May <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	7:30am	St Colman	St Augustine of Canterbury	Maureen Parvin RIP
Thursday 28 May	10:30 Latin	St Colman	Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest	Kate Messenger ints
	6:30pm	Blessed Margaret Pole Mass at St Thomas Warblington		
Friday 29 May	6:30pm	St Colman	Votive	Priests, nuns & religious
Saturday 30 May	6pm	St Colman	Most Holy Trinity	Francis Coleman RIP
Sunday 31 May <i>No Holy Hour this evening</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Most Holy Trinity	Pro Populo
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Most Holy Trinity	Michael & Fiona Dreelan 35 th Wedding Anniversary
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Most Holy Trinity	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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account number 00884554; sort code 30 93 04; reference "offertory donation".
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gift aid enquiries to Lesley Kilby via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

Pentecost Sacraments of Initiation
Congratulations to Lucas Alves Fernandes who is being baptised this Pentecost and to Joe Power who is being confirmed. Please pray for our young people who will be confirmed by the Bishop at Sacred Heart Waterlooville on Tuesday 2 June and for our children receiving first Holy Communion on Sunday 7 June.

Spiritual opportunities this week
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.

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

St Anthony's Bonfire Saturday 13 June
Begin summer in St Colman's garden with a bonfire party and barbeque on St Anthony's feast day from 7pm after the Vigil Mass.

Summer Fair Saturday 4 July 12-3pm
An America-themed Summer Fair for our Catholic Community this year to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States on Independence Day 2026!
American food: hot dogs, burgers & fries.
Wild West Pony Rodeo featuring our favourite mini-Shetland pony Lemon Drop.
Our popular annual dog show with extra categories and prizes this year!
Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream Van, tomahawk throwing gallery and many stalls and games.

Thank you for your donations to the food bank box. No alcoholic beverages, please!

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle, sponsored this week by Mini Shaiju for Joshua and Daniel.

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, Verena, Heather Webber, Dee World.
- 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, Carol White and Keith Penrose: may they rest in peace.