

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

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Sunday 26 July 2026 : Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Jesus tells us two complementary parables this Sunday: the parable of the treasure in the field and the parable of the merchant. Each begins "the kingdom of heaven is like ..." but in the first parable it is the treasure (the thing found) which is like the kingdom, whereas in the second it is the merchant (the one who does the searching) who is like the kingdom. These two parables present us with two complementary perspectives: our discovery of God, and God's search for us. In each case, the finder is willing to give everything. God gives everything for us on the Cross, "for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). What value do we place on the salvation Jesus has won for us? We testify to the place of God in our lives by our actions: to the observer, the field looks just like an ordinary field; it is only by watching what the finder does to buy the field that you can tell the treasure is there.

Planning a holiday this summer? Make sure that you plan how you will get to Holy Mass on Sundays while you are away. We teach our children more by what we do than by what we say, so please be sure to show them the value of Sunday Mass by the priorities you set as a family.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 25 July	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 17	William Medd RIP
Sunday 26 July <i>Infant Baptism at 09:30 Mass</i> <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 17	Priests, nuns & religious
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 17	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 17	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 27 July <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm</i> <i>Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Feria	John Joseph Cummings (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 28 July	9am	St Colman	Feria	Friends & family of Celia Cummings
Wednesday 29 July <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	7:30am	St Colman	Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus	Win & Tom Cummings
Friday 31 July <i>RCIA 5pm St C's Presbytery</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	St Ignatius Loyola	Charles' intentions
Saturday 1 August <i>LAMMAS DAY</i>	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 18	For priests
Sunday 2 August <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 18	Phillip Thomas RIP
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 18	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 18	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

Welcome to ChurchSuite – Online Parishioner Registration Database

The parish is now using a new system called ChurchSuite, to manage our parishioner database. To do this we need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the parish, please make sure you have filled out a new Registration Form. There is a separate adult and child registration form. If you do not have access to the internet, pop into the parish office and we will be happy to upload your details.

The **Adult Registration Form**: use the top QR code or go to:
<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/ngzjrmr1>

The **Child Registration Form**: use the second QR code or go to:
<https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.churchsuite.com/-/forms/Oh3dnrqd>



Film and Popcorn evening, St Colman's hall at 7pm (following the vigil Mass) on Saturday 8 August. Following our very popular first film night, we will be showing Letters to Fr Jacob next. This film is 75 mins long and, by popular demand, we will be serving popcorn, tea and coffee. Everyone is very welcome so please feel free to invite your friends and neighbours.

Formation in Spiritual Theology: please see the poster in the church porch about courses on offer from Claritas Theology.

Lectio Divina and Bible Study: our Scripture reading groups are taking a break after this week for the summer holiday.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored this week by Judith for her husband Charles and their children Carl, Clybert and Christabel.

Of your charity, please pray:

- For our friends and neighbours: Kana Blyth, Elizabeth Christian, Christine, 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: may they rest in peace.