

# ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

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## Sunday 2 August 2026 : Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

"The day is now over", say the disciples to Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21). Jesus' plan for a quiet retreat day to grieve over the death of John the Baptist has been cancelled by a crowd of people who needed his compassion. He has healed their sick all day, and the disciples assume that the miracles are over as the sun begins to set. They seem to be anxious about what everyone is going to eat: they have only just enough food for Jesus and the Twelve, and even then they probably face going to sleep hungry. Jesus' response to the situation is to overwhelm the problem with grace: not only do the vast crowd eat a meal which ought to have cost a year's wages, but every one is satisfied, and there is more than they can eat! Many in the crowd may have had no idea how they came to have bread in their hands, so simple and humble is the ordinary series of gestures and words: taking, thanksgiving, blessing, breaking and giving – the actions with which we still celebrate Mass.

| Times of Mass this week                                                                                          |             |                       |                          | Mass intentions                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 1 August<br><i>LAMMAS DAY</i>                                                                           | 6pm         | St Colman             | Sunday 18                | For priests                                           |
| Sunday 2 August<br><br><i>Holy Hour for Vocations:<br/>5 – 6pm St Colman</i>                                     | 9:30am      | St Colman             | Sunday 18                | Phillip Thomas RIP                                    |
|                                                                                                                  | 11:30am     | Our Lady<br>& St Paul | Sunday 18                | Pro Populo                                            |
|                                                                                                                  | 4pm         | Hospital Chapel       | Sunday 18                | QA Hospital Mass                                      |
| Monday 3 August<br><i>Adoration 9am – 5pm</i>                                                                    | 12:30pm     | Hospital<br>Chapel    | St Ethelwold             | For priests<br>(QA Hospital Mass)                     |
| Tuesday 4 August                                                                                                 | 9am         | St Colman             | St John Vianney          | Gillian Barry RIP                                     |
| Wednesday 5 August                                                                                               | 7:30am      | St Colman             | Our Lady<br>of the Snows | John Patrick Martin RIP                               |
| Thursday 6 August                                                                                                | 9am (Latin) | St Colman             | Transfiguration          | Priests, nuns & religious                             |
| Friday 7 August<br><i>Friendship Club 2pm St C Hall<br/>RCIA 5pm St C's Presbytery</i>                           | 6:30pm      | St Colman             | St Cajetan               | Thanksgiving for Paulson<br>(Abilna Jose's intention) |
| Saturday 8 August<br><i>7pm Film Night</i>                                                                       | 1pm         | St Colman             | Filipino Community Mass  |                                                       |
|                                                                                                                  | 6pm         | St Colman             | Sunday 19                | Mary Ann White                                        |
| Sunday 9 August<br><br><i>Confirmation at 09:30 Mass<br/><br/>Holy Hour for Vocations:<br/>5 – 6pm St Colman</i> | 9:30am      | St Colman             | Sunday 19                | Private intention                                     |
|                                                                                                                  | 11:30am     | Our Lady<br>& St Paul | Sunday 19                | Pro Populo                                            |
|                                                                                                                  | 4pm         | Hospital Chapel       | Sunday 19                | QA Hospital Mass                                      |

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:  
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**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 now taking a break for the summer holiday.

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp** burns constantly before the Tabernacle: it is sponsored this week by Simi Simon for Michaela.

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, especially John Martin: may they rest in peace.