

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PARISH AREA

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Sunday 20 September 2026 : Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

The marketplace: where God finds us...

Imagine searching for someone without the means of a mobile phone on a Monday morning in Cosham High Street. A typical marketplace where people gather for different reasons, some relaxing at Costa with cups of tea or coffee, some shopping at Tesco, some going to Lloyd's bank, some watching those who pass by while some are watching to see if anyone notices them. It is so busy and crowded that you could walk from shop to shop, look around yet, the person you are searching for remains difficult to locate.

The master in the gospel went in search of labourers and though the marketplace was crowded, yet he was able to find them. While Cosham high street reminds us that we could be surrounded by people yet remain unseen, the gospel reminds us that God does not merely see crowd, He sees persons. He is a searching God who sees persons whom the society fail to see. This week as you walk through the marketplace- busy streets, offices, bus/train stations, do not see only crowds, see persons... see that lonely neighbour whom nobody visits, see that colleague who has become withdrawn, see that young person who feels nobody believes in him/her, see those weakened by the burdens of life. A smile, a simple hello, a phone call, a short conversation could bring healing, comfort, strength and hope.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 19 September	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 25	Good health of Brian Quaife
Sunday 20 September <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 25	Unity of the Church
	11.30am	St Paul	Sunday 25	Pro Populo
	4pm	Hospital Chapel	Sunday 25	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 21 September <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm St C</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Matthew	FM Una Coplely
Tuesday 22 September	9am	St Colman	Feria	FM May Clark RIP
Friday 25 September	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	FM Benefactors of Clergy Retirement Fund
Saturday 26 September	4pm	Sacred Heart, Waterlooille	Sunday 26	Mass to celebrate becoming one parish – Jesus Prince of Peace
Sunday 27 September <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 26	Alfred Mathew Intentions
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 26	Pro Populo
	4pm	Hospital Chapel	Sunday 26	Mike Folley RIP

South East Hampshire Pastoral Area: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/>

Area Pastor: Fr Andrew Wagstaff (resident at Sacred Heart Waterlooille)

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
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You can donate directly into the parish bank account: CDP P'mouth St Colman:
account number 00884554; sort code 30 93 04; reference "offertory donation".
Gift aid: UK taxpayers can give an extra 25p per £1 at no extra cost to you; please direct
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>



On Saturday 26 September 2026 we celebrate becoming one parish: Jesus Prince of Peace, Southeast Hampshire. Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville at 4pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. This is a joyful moment in the life of our parish area. Come and celebrate this new beginning as one family in Christ.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle: this week it is sponsored by Maureen Smeeth for Fathers, Andrew Wagstaff, James Lewis and Oliver Ezeani

Home Mission Sunday 20th September is the day parishes are asked to pray for the work of evangelisation & to support this vital work through a **Second Collection**.

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, Margaret Wells, 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.

New Parish of Jesus Prince of Peace

Bishop Philip has signed a decree formally establishing the new Parish of Jesus Prince of Peace, Southeast Hampshire, with effect from 12 September 2026. We are now one parish! Our new parish comprises the Catholic Communities of St Joseph, Ss Thomas', St Patrick, St Michael, Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle, St Edmund, St Colman and St Paul. Congratulations and thanks to the clergy and people who have worked so effectively together to arrive at this more perfect union of our communities.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes

As we come together into a single parish of Jesus Prince of Peace, South-East Hampshire, we need to take account of the various ways in which programmes of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation have been delivered in the communities of our parish area. We hope to bring about a harmonisation of the programmes across the parish. For this reason, this year 2026-2027 we will be taking a break from delivering sacramental programmes in order to re-set our approach in Autumn 2027. Our guiding principle going forward will be that:

the right time to receive a Sacrament of Initiation is when you are ready to practise the Faith.

If your family would like to join the programmes for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please use this year to prepare by making sure that your family comes to Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening. This practice is called the Sunday Obligation: it has always been the first rule of being Catholic. If you need to, please consider how you can re-arrange your life to make this happen.

Live-streaming in our churches

Some of communities have used live-streaming, for example on Youtube, to broadcast liturgies. In particular during the time of Covid-19-related restrictions on worship, many found this a useful resource. Some of our homebound parishioners use live-streaming as one way of staying connected to our parish. Other communities in our parish area have never used live-streaming. As the new parish priest of Jesus Prince of Peace South East Hampshire, I have decided that live-streaming should be discontinued across our parish. In part this is because of the significant burden of compliance with data protection rules which it entails. In part this is because of recent developments in artificial intelligence which make the cloning of images and voices increasingly easy. It just seems to me imprudent to publish our liturgy to the world at large. Please be assured that we will be working to put in place a provision for homebound people to watch a recording of Sunday Mass in our parish area. We will also continue to prioritise visiting our homebound parishioners, and bringing them the Word and the Sacraments of the Church.

PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS IF ATTENDING ST JOSEPH'S, HAVANT

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Introduction

To deter unauthorised parking in St Joseph's Church Car Park, a new parking system will be enforced from 1st October 2026. Management of the system will be undertaken by Horizon Parking Limited who are under contract by Portsmouth Diocese. Many parishioners will have encountered similar systems at the Cathedral and in other Portsmouth Diocese parishes.

How does it work?

As vehicles enter and leave the car park their registration number is captured by an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera and the time of entry and exit noted by the management system. Vehicles parked for longer than authorised will be charged in accordance with the Terms and Conditions stipulated on the signs sited around the car park.

How long can I park my vehicle for?

During the day between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm the maximum stay is 3 hours from the time of entry. This will cover most church services and other activities such as coffee after Mass in the hall. After 6.00 pm the maximum stay is 1 hour.

Should you be attending an event in the church or hall that requires a longer duration than 3 hours during the day or 1 hour after 6.00 pm, then you must enter your registration number in the tablet sited in the church or hall. This will extend the duration of your stay until midnight of the day of entry.

Parishioners with key roles and Volunteers

Parishioners with key roles and volunteers who are likely to be regularly requiring longer duration parking, should apply to the parish office for permanent authorisation.

Key Points

- Your vehicle registration number will be automatically captured on entry and exit from the car park and the corresponding times noted by the parking system.
- Maximum stay from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm is 3 hours.
- Maximum stay after 6.00 pm is 1 hour.
- If attending an event and requiring longer than the maximum stay, please enter your registration number in the parking tablet sited in the hall or church.
- Vehicles parked for longer than the maximum stay and not authorised for longer parking via the tablet, or otherwise, will be charged by the Management Company Horizon Parking Limited in accordance with the Terms and Conditions displayed in the car park.