

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PARISH AREA

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Sunday 27 September 2026 : Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

The danger of subtle neglect...

Most times some of the things that hurt us deeply are not just what people consciously do to us rather, what they did not do. For example, a phone call that never came, a promise that was never fulfilled, a visit continually postponed and eventually forgotten. These acts might not appear serious especially when there are cogent reasons however, with time these neglects become unspoken language. It reminds the other that they are not important, that their need could wait, that they are not part of our priorities. Deliberate wrongdoing is easier to recognise, confront, and even make amends but passive neglect can be deceptive especially when it hides under good intentions, hence we can have intentions to do something good yet leave it undone.

The second son's action in the parable was never an open rejection rather a passive neglect, his words and response overtly obedient, yet he did nothing. While the first son had a conversion of heart, reflected and did his father's will, the second son however showed human's natural tendency to appear nice, he appeared obedient yet avoided commitment. Today, the Lord invites us away from faith that is merely verbal, He reminds us that He is not looking for impressive words rather for faith visible through concrete actions. Hence, if you believe in forgiveness, take a step today towards reconciliation, if you believe in love, show patience towards others, if you truly care, make that phone call or pay a visit, and if you say you are a followers of Christ, let your life steadily resemble His, in words and actions.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 26 September	4pm	Sacred Heart, Waterlooville	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	Intentions of Alfred Mathew
	11.30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 26	Jaine Ribiero Barros RIP
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 26	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 28 September <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm St C</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Wenceslaus	Mike Folley RIP
Tuesday 29 September	9am	St Colman	Archangels, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Thanksgiving for Anthony Pollard’s Job
Friday 2 October	6:30pm	St Colman	The Holy Guardian Angels	Thanksgiving for Alex Pollard’s Results
Saturday 3 October	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 27	Francis Coleman RIP
Sunday 4 October <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 27	Holy Souls
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 27	FM Daley Family Intentions
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 27	QA Hospital Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm at St Colman’s Church				

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

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

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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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

Please remember that **Friday 2nd October is CAFOD Family Fast Day.**

Please collect your envelope from the back of the church. Thank you

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes

As we come together into a single parish of Jesus Prince of Peace, Southeast 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.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle: this week it is sponsored by Maureen Smeeth for Farvin Gonsalves, Nathan King & all Seminarians

St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Havant are seeking a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant to be part of their thriving school community. If you are interested please visit their Vacancies page on the school website or telephone 02392 475909

Please consider sponsoring Parishioner, Martha Edwards who on 10 October is running the RBC Race for the Kids in London to raise money for GOSH-Childhood Cancer. Her fundraising page is:
<https://race.qosh.org/fundraisers/marthaedwards>.

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.