

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PASTORAL AREA

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Sunday 6 September 2026 : Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

Go set a watchman

In today's first reading, the prophet Ezekiel is made a watchman for the house of Israel. The Lord cautions him strictly: if he fails to warn the people to turn away from their sins the prophet himself will answer for them. On reading this prophecy, Pope St Gregory the Great asked: "what kind of watchman am I? I do not stand on the pinnacle of achievement, I languish rather in the depths of my weakness. And yet the creator and redeemer of mankind can give me, unworthy though I be, the grace to see life whole and power to speak effectively of it. It is for love of him that I do not spare myself in preaching him." St Gregory was right: unworthy though we be, we priests are sent to call God's people to turn again to the Lord. In three years at Cosham and Paulsgrove, I have found no more urgent message to preach than the simple Catholic practice of weekly Sunday Mass. It is the first precept of the Church, the most basic marker of the practising Catholic: "Because participation in the Sunday Eucharist is fundamental for a Christian life, the Church explicitly declares that it is a serious sin to stay away from Sunday Mass without good reason." (YouCat 365). "Go, set a watchman" (Isaiah 21:6) over your own lives in this matter – your conscience must now be your watchman.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 5 September	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 23	Frank Coleman RIP
Sunday 6 September <i>LABOR DAY WEEKEND</i> <i>Holy Hour for Vocations:</i> <i>5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 23	Joseph & Ellen Charlton
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 23	Pro Populo
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 23	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 7 September <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm St C</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Feria	Holy Souls (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 8 September	9am	St Colman	Nativity of Mary	Marie Louise Schinas RIP
Wednesday 9 September	10am	Our Lady & St Paul	Feria	St Paul's School Mass
Friday 11 September	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Family and friends of Celia Cummings
Saturday 12 September	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 24	Peter Sellers RIP
Sunday 13 September Please note the change of Mass time this Sunday <i>Holy Hour for Vocations:</i> <i>5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	10:30am	St Colman	Sunday 24	Augusta Webb RIP
	Syro-Malabar Festival Day: No English-language Mass at O.L. & St Paul			
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 24	QA Hospital Mass

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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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>



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.

Parish Area Synodality Focus Group
Saturday 19th September 13:30-14:30 in the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church.
Contact alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk.
Because of the nature of the listening and discerning process, places will be limited and given on a first come-first served basis.

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 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: may they rest in peace.