

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PARISH AREA

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Sunday 11th October 2026 : Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Missed opportunities ...

There are moments when life offers us an opportunity and we fail to recognise or respond to it until it has passed. Sometimes, we fail to recognise the value of such opportunity either because we are occupied by other concerns or because it is disguised as inconvenience. One of the painful realities of life is that some opportunities come to us only once, and the danger is that we do not recognise or realise until it has passed. At such moment, we may find ourselves, saying, "if I had taken that opportunity, if I had reconciled with the person, if I had called or visited".

The invited guests in the parable did not reject the king's invitation because they hated him rather, they were occupied with other things they regarded more important. They had other priorities and therefore missed the joy of the feast. Like the guests in the parable, there are opportunities God often places before you that may not return in the same way; maybe to reconcile with someone, to encourage a struggling person, to assist a vulnerable person, to listen to the concern of your child(ren), to return to prayer, to go to confession etc. and because your attention is elsewhere, you miss the opportunity. Today God is giving you another opportunity, do not say, I will pray later, I will reconcile with him/her later, I will go to confession another time...I will serve when I have more time...whatever you are doing, do not miss the opportunity God is giving you today to do good.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 10 October	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 28	For Unity of the Church
Sunday 11 October <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 28	Aliya Kutty RIP
	11.30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 28	Win & Tom Cummings RIP
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 28	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 12 October <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm St C</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Wilfred	FM: Gladys Ford
Tuesday 13 October	9am	St Colman	St Edward the Confessor	Frederick Bishop RIP
Friday 16 October	6:30pm	St Colman	St Hedwig	FM: Mary Kathleen O'Leary RIP
Saturday 17 October	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 29	John Joseph Cummings
Sunday 18 October <i>Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 29	Priests, Nuns & Religious
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 29	Mary Ann White
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 29	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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Thank you for your donations!

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

NB That with immediate effect, we are no longer able to accept cheques – many thanks
We also kindly ask – no foreign currency please

There will be a retiring collection next weekend 17/18 October for
Missio – World Mission Sunday
The retiring collection for CAFOD last week raised £361.99 Many thanks

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 Sandra Coleman for David Swatton RIP

Pro-Life Street Witness

There is a Pro-Life Street Witness planned for 24th October 2026 beginning at 10am with Mass in the Cathedral, followed by the Rosary in Central Portsmouth. All welcome to join.

CALLING ALL CAKE BAKERS!

There will be a cake sale after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 25th October in aid of CAFOD. Please bring any cakes to be sold either to the tables set up outside church (weather permitting) or to the hall, before Mass. Many thanks.

Oaklands Catholic School & Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 15th October from 5.30pm to 8.00pm
Are you in Year 11 & thinking about your next step in education? We warmly welcome you to come & discover life at Oaklands Sixth Form. Learn more about our facilities, curriculum & enrichment opportunities. Discover what makes our Sixth Form such a special place to continue your education. Parking available on site.

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.