St Colman & St Paul Catholic Community, Cosham and Paulsgrove

Jesus Prince of Peace South East Hampshire Parish Area

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Sunday 18th October 2026 : Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

Between Caesar and God…

There is always an existential tension between our faith and life choices, between our conscience and life demands, our integrity and societal belongingness. A sort of crisis of faith between societal obligations, expectations and remaining faithful as Christians. We often ask, "how do I remain faithful to God when my job asks me to compromise my conscience or when my friends or family expects complicity. Today, Jesus asks us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. A reminder that we are all torn between Caesar and God, between the tension to compromise to family, workplace and wider society demands conflicting with the commitments we have made to God.

Unfortunately, Caesar no longer asks only for coin rather for what belongs even to God; for our time, when time for prayer is spent on screens, on gossips; our attention, when more attention is devoted to our phones and social media; our identity, when we are defined by our achievements, status and possessions; our worship when worship of God becomes less important. Today, the Lord asks you, "what is Caesar asking of you? "What are you willingly giving to Caesar that belongs entirely to God? As you fulfil your responsibilities, do not allow Caesar, take what belong to God because even Caesar belong to God.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 17 October	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 29	John Joseph Cummings
Sunday 18 October *Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman*	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 29	Priests, Nuns & Religioius
	11.30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 29	Mary Ann White
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 29	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 19 October *Adoration 9am – 5pm St C*	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Paul of the Cross	FM: Dorothy Campbell RIP
Tuesday 20 October	9am	St Colman	Feria	Mathew Cheriyan
Friday 23 October	6:30pm	St Colman	Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life	Holy Souls
Saturday 24 October	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 30	Valerie Bishop RIP
Sunday 25 October	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 30	Our Holy Mother the Church
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 30	Holy Souls
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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:
Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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Parish Safeguarding Ministers:
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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 and 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 this weekend 17/18 October for Missio – World Mission Sunday

WANTED – MUSIC
Is there a piece of music which stirs you spiritually?
Would you be willing to share it with others?
On Sunday 6th December at 2pm there will be a Music Reflections at St Edmund's, Horndean and we need entries from parishioners.
It can be from any culture, language or genre of music.
If you would like to submit a piece for consideration, please email events@stedmundhorndean.org.uk with **Music Reflection** as the subject line and include the following information:
The name of the piece and the artist performing it.
A link to the music online (if you have one).
Your name.
The closing dates for submissions is 22nd November.
Many thanks, Trevor Nee (Event Co-ordinator)

Please do not forget to register with ChurchSuite to ensure you remain registered as a Parishioner & continue to receive communications from the Parish. To register and fill out the form, please scan the QR Code on the ChurchSuite poster at the back of the church and upload your details. Please note there is an Adult Registration Form and a Child Registration Form.

Congratulations to Martha Edwards who ran Race for the Kids & raised £400 for GOSH. Many thanks to all who sponsored her.

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle: this week it is sponsored by the Mathew Family for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp from St Paul's Church has now been installed in St Colman's by the statue of the Sacred Heart to encourage devotion. This means that there will now be two Sanctuary Lamps which may be sponsored each week. Please contact Zia in the office if you would like to sponsor one.

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.