

ST COLMAN & ST PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, COSHAM AND PAULSGROVE

JESUS PRINCE OF PEACE SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE PARISH AREA

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Sunday 4th October 2026 : Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year

Trusted stewards...

Naturally human beings overtime often develop a sense of ownership over things they have invested time, energy and emotion. This can be healthy as it is natural to care for what we value. However, ownership becomes unhealthy when it is possessive or creates a sense of entitlement. Entitlement is the attitude that one deserves a special treatment or greater blessing more than others regardless of effort. A certain sense of deservingness that weakens one's humility and sense of accountability.

The wicked tenants' attitude from the gospel could be seen from the lens of entitlement. Having laboured over time in the vineyard, they felt entitled and convinced themselves that the vineyard belongs to them thus, the servants became obstacles to possessing the vineyard. Like the tenants, when we become excessively entitled and attached to possession, we begin to see everything on the contrary as a threat; a correction would seem like a humiliation or condemnation, generosity becomes like giving away part of ourselves, even a friendly advice becomes an interference. Today the gospel invites us to journey from unruly sense of entitlement and possession to stewardship. It reminds us that God has placed us in His vineyard to be his stewards. We have received talents, opportunities, relationships, life, faith. Let us be mindful that these belongs entirely to God, we are only His **TRUSTED STEWARDS**.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
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
Monday 5 October <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm St C</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Faustina	The Marian Community
Tuesday 6 October	9am	St Colman	St Bruno	Mass for Father Andrew's Ministry
Friday 9 October	6:30pm	St Colman	St John Henry Newman	FM: Agnes Hunt
Saturday 10 October	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 28	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 and Tom Cummings RIP
	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:

Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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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

The retiring collection this weekend is for CAFOD Family Fast Day.
CAFOD envelopes are still available at the back of the church if you need one.

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 our brothers and sisters in the USA

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.

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.gosh.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.