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 8th November 2026: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Oil in our Lamps…

Last week we celebrated the communion of saints rejoicing with the great multitude of people from every tribe and tongue and nation who now enjoy the beatific vision. We equally visited cemeteries, offered masses, lit candles and placed flowers on the graves as we recalled with nostalgia the faces and smiles of our departed ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As we gradually approach the final weeks of the liturgical year, the church invites us to turn our attention to an important dimension of our Christian journey, the spiritual resources that sustain us when we are tested by uncertainties of life and unexpected delays.

In the parable of the ten virgins the only difference between the wise and the foolish virgin was something insignificant yet essential, "the oil in their lamps." They all had the same experience except for their preparations. The parable invites us to pay attention to the oil in our lamps and, to the inner resources that enable us to live a meaningful and responsible life. It challenges us to replenish the oil of our lives. It invites us to nurture loving relationships so that we can give and receive love; to develop gratitude so we can appreciate the gift of one another, and to grow in compassion so we can learn to forgive. The question is not whether we carry our lamps rather whether we have enough oil to keep them burning. Our world, our families, our parish needs urgently people who do not simply carry the lamps of Christian identity but people who allow the light of Christ to shine through their daily lives.

Times of Mass this week				Mass intentions
Saturday 7 November	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 32	Holy Souls
Sunday 8 November *Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 – 6pm St Colman*	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 32	Deceased Family Members – Almeida Family
	11.30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 32	John Joseph Cummings
	4pm Hospital Chapel		Sunday 32	QA Hospital Mass
Monday 9 November *Adoration 9am – 5pm St C*	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Holy Souls
Tuesday 10 November	9am	St Colman	St Leo the Great	Priests, Nuns & Religious
Friday 13 November	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Holy Souls
Saturday 14 November	6pm	St Colman	Sunday 33	Win & Tom Cummings
Sunday 15 November	9:30am	St Colman	Sunday 33	Frank Coleman & Stella & Michael Ford RIP
	11:30am	Our Lady & St Paul	Sunday 33	Mary Ann White
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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)

Priests' Retirement Fund

On the weekend of **14/15 November**, we will hold our first **Second Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund**. This is an opportunity to support the priests who have faithfully served our parishes and communities throughout their lives. After decades of ministry, our retired priests deserve the security of knowing that the care and support they may need in later life will always be available. Your donation will help ensure that they can live with dignity and peace of mind in retirement.

Donation envelopes will be available with printed newsletters and at all Masses that weekend. You can also give using the Dona contactless terminal in church by selecting Priests' Retirement Fund Second Collection. If you would like to support the Fund on an ongoing basis, regular gifts by Direct Debit or standing order are especially valuable. To make a regular or one-off donation, and to read more about the Fund, please visit: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work/priests-retirement-fund-2 . There you can read Bishop Philip's message about the importance of supporting our retired priests and hear Fr John Nelson, Chair of the Priests' Retirement Fund Committee, explain how the Fund helps those who have dedicated their lives to serving Christ's Church. Our retired priests remain a valued part of our Church family. Just as we would support our own loved ones in later life, we are invited to care for those who have cared for us. Please support this appeal as generously as you can.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 8, 2026

"Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." Jesus calls us to be ready, attentive, and faithful to His invitation. Priesthood and consecrated life ask for hearts that remain vigilant, prepared to serve God and His people with generosity and love. Pray for guidance and clarity in discerning how He may be calling you to serve. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Lay Leaders Conference – Saturday 21 November

Inspired by our ten-year Mission Plan, You Will Be My Witnesses, the Lay Conference will take place on Saturday 21 November at the Solent Hotel, Whiteley near Southampton and run from 9.00am to 3.30pm. It will offer an opportunity to share experiences, explore fresh ideas and consider how clergy and laity can work together to strengthen our parishes and bring more people to know Jesus Christ. As we look to the future of our Diocese, we want as many people as possible to be part of this important conversation.

Whether you are involved with liturgy, catechesis, pastoral councils, outreach or any other aspect of parish life, this conference is for you. Please see the flyer on the church noticeboard with details of how to book.

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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Parish Safeguarding Ministers:
Juliette Diamond (St Colman): safeguarding.porsc.sc@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
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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

Do You Have Old Spectacles?
If you would like to donate your old spectacles to those in developing countries of the world, please bring them to the Parish Office. Maureen Graham, a parishioner in Horndean is kindly collecting them to send & give people the gift of better vision.
Many thanks to all who have already donated!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Please join us for a celebration to mark the **Feast Day of St Colman of Cloyne** at 7pm (after the Vigil Mass) on **Saturday 21st November** in St Colman's Hall. It will be an 'American Supper', so please bring a plate of food to share – a great occasion to come together socially. Everyone welcome!

This year our **Christmas Fair** will be held on **Saturday 5th December from 12-3pm** in St Colman's Hall. Come along & meet Father Christmas in his grotto, win a raffle prize and eat delicious Christmas foods.

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP US PLEASE?
Do you enjoy flower arranging? If so, please consider joining the Flower Arranging Team at St Colman's.
Are you able to spare two hours per month? The Church Cleaning Teams would be very happy to receive your help if you are. Please contact Zia in the Parish Office if you are interested.

Thank you to everyone who contributed last Sunday to the collection for Bamenda – we raised £292.40

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly before the **Tabernacle**: this week it is sponsored by Martha Edwards for her intentions.
The Sanctuary Lamp by The Sacred Heart is this week sponsored by Smitha in thanksgiving.

- 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.