

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 19 November 2023 : 33rd Sunday of the Year (A)

As we listen to Jesus tell the parable of the talents in this Sunday's Gospel, let us take a moment to reflect on the gifts, talents and skills with which God has created each one of us. Like the servants in the parable, do we put these gifts and talents to work for the building up of the Kingdom? Or do we hide our talents away? During this month of November, we are considering the theme of the Kingdom of God, as we celebrate the time between the great feasts of the Kingdom: All Saints Day and the Sunday of Christ the King. Called and gifted by God, each one of us has a part to play in building up the Kingdom. Today you will find some blue cards available to fill in, which ask about your own gifts and talents, especially in relation to some of the opportunities for ministry in our parish. Please take a blue card and fill it in, and return it to one of the welcomers, or put it in the collection basket, or post it through the presbytery door. We would also like to know your thoughts on weekday Mass times, so please complete a yellow card, too, to help us find out what would be most helpful for you.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 18 November	6pm	St Colman's	33 rd Sunday	Zoe Pragnell birthday
Sunday 19 November	9:30	St Colman's	33 rd Sunday	Win Bearman (F.M.)
	11am	St Paul's	33 rd Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 20 November	9am	St Colman's	Feria	Mary Ann White
Tuesday 21 November	9am	St Colman's	Presentation of the BVM	John Joseph Cummins
Wednesday 22 November	10:30	St Paul's	St Cecilia	School Mass
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 24 November	9am	St Colman's	Holy Martyrs of Vietnam	Family and friends of Celia Cummins
Saturday 25 November	6pm	St Colman's	Christ the King	James & Margaret Quill RIP
Sunday 26 November	9:30	St Colman's	Christ the King	Val O'Donnell's ints
	11am	St Paul's	Christ the King	Pro Populo

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 28p per £1 at no extra cost to you; please direct gift aid enquiries to Jeff Price via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Advent at St Colman's and St Paul's

- First Friday Holy Hour: starting Friday 1 December 09:30 – 10:30 – adoration, devotions to the Sacred Heart, reconciliation.
- Monday Adoration: 9:30 am – 4pm ending with Benediction.
- Monday Lectio Divina: pray through the readings for the coming Sunday with Fr Andrew on Monday evening 5pm – 6pm in St Colman's.
- Advent Cake Sale: after Sunday Mass in St Colman's Hall and St Paul's church foyer; why not stay for tea / coffee?
- Christmas Fayre: join our friends from the Queen Alexandra Hospital for the Christmas Fayre in St Colman's Hall Saturday afternoon 16 December.

From our Vocations Promotor:

"Well done, good and faithful servant..."
How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, contact Canon John Cooke: 01329 318869 or vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Opportunities for Ministry

- Thank you to Chris Lovegrove for answering last week's appeal for a parish representative for Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea!
- Missio (Red Boxes): could you be the new representative for the Pope's charity for world mission?
- Music Ministry: could you help to lead and enhance our worship through your gift of music and singing?
- Altar Service: a special ministry for children and young people in school years 5 to 12: bringing our youth near to the mysteries of faith!

Opportunities for Fellowship

- Parish Friendship Group: gather in St Colman's hall on Friday afternoon 1 December for tea and fellowship.
- Portsmouth Catenian Circle: for Catholic men – come and meet the Catenians at 7pm Thursday 16 November at the Cathedral conference room: please email: portsmouthcatenians@yahoo.com

Of your charity, please pray:

- For parishioners who are ill or housebound: Kana Blyth, Joe Charlton, Tommy Cooper, John Cox, Moira Cunningham, Peter Galvin, Sue Goldsmith, Janet, Dawn Marie, Sajimon Mathew, Paula Medd, Valerie O'Donnell, Maureen Smeeth, Pauline Webb, Verena.
- For the souls of the faithful departed, especially Fr David Forrester (former parish priest) and Valerie Bishop, whose funeral Mass is at 11:30am on Monday 4 December at St Colman's. May they rest in peace.