

# PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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### Sunday 10 December : Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Today we read the beginning of St Mark's Gospel, "the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ" The first thing Mark does is to remind us of Prophet Isaiah's words from our first reading: "Prepare a way for the Lord!" As we continue to reflect of our Bishop's pastoral letter for Advent. let's consider the significance of our faithful celebration of the Sunday Mass, week by week. Our practice of the faith forms a straight way through our lives towards the Lord, and on which the Lord comes to meet us. But if we miss Sunday Mass without good reason, the way becomes broken. The message of John the Baptist is all about the one who is coming, "someone more powerful than I am ... he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." This is the Lord who comes to meet us at every celebration of the Eucharist. The hymn we sing as we prepare for his imminent arrival, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts" (cf Isaiah 6) is a sign to us that an immense, tremendous Being has set out and is on His way to us, even as we pray together now. "Behold your God!" "Here is the Lord, coming with power." (Isaiah 40:9-10).

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 9 December	6pm	St Colman's	Advent II	Maureen Smeeth ints
Sunday 10 December	9:30	St Colman's	Advent II	Charles and Catherine Collins RIP
	11am	St Paul's	Advent II	Pro Populo
Monday 11 December	9am	St Colman's	St Damasus I	Lilian Parkinson (F.M.)
Tuesday 12 December	6pm	Pastoral Area Station Mass at St Patrick Hayling Island: Adoration, Reconciliation and Station Mass at 7pm		
Wednesday 13 December SANTA LUCIA	12:00	St Paul's	Funeral Mass for Jean Marie Michel RIP	
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 15 December	9am	St Colman's	Advent Feria	Val Bishop RIP
Saturday 16 December	6pm	St Colman's	Advent III	James Pragnell ints
Sunday 17 December GAUDETE SUNDAY O SAPIENTIA	9:30	St Colman's	Advent III	Libby Penrose ints
	11am	St Paul's	Advent III	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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**2nd week of Advent at St Colman & St Paul**

- Sunday Adoration: Holy Hour and Benediction 5-6pm today 10 December.
- Monday Adoration: begins after 9am Mass 11 December and continues all day until Benediction at 5pm.
- Monday Lectio Divina: 11 December 5-6pm: join Fr Andrew in reading the scriptures prayerfully together in preparation for next Sunday.

**... and in our Pastoral Area:**

- Sunday 10 December 4pm: Christmas concert at Sacred Heart Waterlooville.
- Tuesday 12 December 6pm: Adoration, Reconciliation and Pastoral Area Station Mass at St Patrick Hayling Island.

**Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 16 December from 12:00 at St Colman's Parish Hall: Christmas Fayre in partnership with the QA Hospital charity. Arts and crafts, Christmas wreaths, candles, cakes, chutneys and jams, jewellery, mosaics, cards, refreshments, book stall, plant stall, bottle stall, tombola, jarbola, 50/50, Santa's grotto, photos, Shetland ponies and Alpacas.

**Christmas at St Colman and St Paul**

SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER

- 6pm Vigil Mass at St Colman for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

- 9:30am Sunday Mass at St Colman for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 11:00am Sunday Mass at St Paul for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

- 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Paul
- Midnight Mass at St Colman

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:30am Christmas Mass at St Colman
- 11:00am Christmas Mass at St Paul

**Christmas Clergy Offering: donate online**

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/portsmouth-st-colman-and-st-paul-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2023>

**Used stamps for RNIB at St Colman's**

We are getting a box for our used stamps to help raise funds for the RNIB.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 5:30pm at St Colman's Church.

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 Jean Marie Michel, whose funeral Mass we will be celebrating this week at St Paul's. May they rest in peace.