

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 17 December : Third Sunday of Advent

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday (Latin for "rejoice"), and the readings and other Mass texts begin to anticipate the joy of the Christmas celebrations. Let's reflect on how we can manifest Christian joy in our celebration of the liturgy. In his recent pastoral letter, the Bishop calls us to an intentional "active participation" in the liturgy, which means both external and internal. Why not make an extra effort to join in enthusiastically with the responses and singing and to consciously and actively listen to and pray through the words of the liturgy?

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 16 December	6pm	St Colman	Advent III	James Pragnell ints
Sunday 17 December GAUDETE SUNDAY O SAPIENTIA	9:30	St Colman	Advent III	Libby Penrose ints
	11am	St Paul	Advent III	Pro Populo
Monday 18 December O ADONAI	9am	St Colman	Advent Feria	Holy Souls
Tuesday 19 December O RADIX	11am	St Colman	Funeral Mass for Sue Goldsmith RIP	
	6pm	Pastoral Area Adoration, Reconciliation and Advent Station Mass at St Michael Leigh Park		
Wednesday 20 December O CLAVIS O STELLA MATUTINA	9am	St Colman	Advent Feria	Pat Charlton RIP
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 22 December O REX	9am	St Colman	Advent Feria	Esther Richards RIP
Saturday 23 December O EMMANUEL	6pm	St Colman	Advent IV	Win and Tom Cummings
Sunday 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE	9:30	St Colman	Advent IV	Rose Aquilina RIP
	11am	St Paul	Advent IV	Pro Populo
	6pm	St Paul	Christmas Vigil Mass	Celebrant's intention
Monday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	Midnight	St Colman	Midnight Mass	Pro Populo
	9:30	St Colman	Christmas Dawn	Michael Smeeth ints
	11am	St Paul	Christmas Day	Celebrant's intention

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Third Week of Advent at St Colman & St Paul

- Sunday Adoration: Holy Hour and Benediction 5-6pm today 17 December.
- Monday Adoration: begins after 9am Mass 18 December and continues all day until Benediction at 5pm.
- Monday Lectio Divina: 18 December 5-6pm: join Fr Andrew in reading the scriptures prayerfully together in preparation for next Sunday.

... and in our Pastoral Area:

- Tuesday 19 December 6pm: Adoration, Reconciliation and Pastoral Area Station Mass at St Michael Leigh Park.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Christmas Flowers at St Colman

Our flower arranging ministry team would like to purchase fresh flowers to decorate St Colman's church for Christmas. We will have a retiring collection this Sunday for flowers. Many thanks to our volunteers for your hard work to beautify our worship space!

Weekday Mass times in the New Year

Thank you kindly for all your responses to the recent weekday Mass times survey. Overall, the most popular Mass time was 9am, which is the status quo, but an evening Mass was also quite popular, especially on a Friday. From Friday 12 January, Mass will be at 6:30pm on a Friday at St Colman. Monday to Wednesday we will continue with 9am unless there is a funeral Mass or school Mass at another time, as we do now. We also need to continue listening to the school and hospital communities to discern their pastoral needs in the future.

St Paul Sunday Mass time in the New Year

Following on our consultation over the last three weeks, we recognise that we need to celebrate Mass at 11:30 at St Paul from Sunday 7 January. Many acknowledged that the current 11:00 time is not sustainable. Some people expressed the view that the Western Rite community was being sidelined. There was also widespread recognition of the benefits brought through partnership with Syro-Malabar brothers and sisters.

Of your charity, please pray:

- For parishioners who are ill or housebound: Kana Blyth, Joe Charlton, Tommy Cooper, John Cox, Moira Cunningham, Peter Galvin, Bob Guy, Janet, Dawn Marie, Sajimon Mathew, Paula Medd, Valerie O'Donnell, Maureen Smeeth, Pauline Webb, Verena.
- For the souls of the faithful departed, especially Diane Quinn and Sue Goldsmith, whose funeral Mass is at 11am on Tuesday 19 December at St Colman's. May they rest in peace.