

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 21 January 2024 : Third Sunday of the Year

Reading this Sunday's Gospel (Mk 1:14-20), people sometimes ask why the disciples would leave the tools of their trade behind to follow someone they had only just met. But if we read this Gospel together with last week's Gospel (John 1:35-42), we can see that Simon Peter and Andrew (and probably John) had met Jesus before, near the Jordan where John was baptising. On that occasion, they followed Jesus and "found the Messiah" (John 1:41); in this week's Gospel, it is Jesus who comes to find them, and calls them to follow him, and reveals to them the role they are to take in God's plan to save the world: "I will make you into fishers of men."

Second collections

Thank you for your contributions to our recent second collections. The crib collection raised £94.17 for Friends of the Holy Land. Last weekend's White Flower Appeal raised £129.11 for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. This weekend we will take up a second collection for St John's Cathedral, the Mother Church of our Diocese of Portsmouth.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 20 January SAINT AGNES' EVE	6pm	St Colman	3rd Sunday	Bincy Mathew intentions
Sunday 21 January <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm</i>	9:30	St Colman	3rd Sunday	Pat Charlton RIP
	11:30	St Paul	3rd Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 22 January <i>Benediction and Lectio 5pm</i>	9am	St Colman	St Vincent	Thanksgiving
Tuesday 23 January	9am	St Colman	Feria	Fr Roger Hendry RIP
Wednesday 24 January	10:30	St Paul	The Conversion of St Paul (vigil)	School Mass
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 26 January	6:30	St Colman	SS Timothy & Titus	Jina Cornick RIP
Saturday 27 January	6pm	St Colman	4th Sunday	Bernard and Leonora Johnson RIP
Sunday 28 January	9:30	St Colman	4th Sunday	Mary Townsend RIP
	11:30	St Paul	4th Sunday	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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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

TEN-YEAR PLAN

Remember the Ten-Year Plan? It's a while since we reported on it and where it is now. You may remember that we set up a Pastoral Area Council to study the draft plan at the request of Bishop Philip. All our parishioners in the Pastoral Area were invited to contribute, comments and submissions were collated, and a conference was held which nearly a hundred people attended. The results of these consultations suggested a direction of travel for addressing the requirements of the plan locally.

The aim of the plan is to provide for the future mission of the Church by anticipating its needs into the next decade when the challenges of clergy numbers, secularisation, a loss of the sense of a Christian underpinning to our culture's moral and ethical framework will make themselves increasingly felt. How the Church responds to these challenges will be crucial to its fundamental mission commanded by Jesus himself to bring the Good News of salvation to the world in which we live. This is the basis of our Diocesan Mission to bring people to Jesus Christ through his Church.

The Pastoral Area Council, formed and commissioned from the conference, discussed the plan and its various aspects in a series of meetings, and smaller groups took into consideration how the plan could be implemented in terms of future organisation and provision of pastoral care, liturgical and sacramental provision, financial arrangements, disposition of property, growth of prayer and spiritual life, development of lay ministries, etc. As requested by the bishop, the findings of these discussions were presented to him last July in the form of a report. Before he went away on sabbatical leave, he responded very positively to the report and its recommendations.

We are now in a position to present the report to parishioners across the pastoral area for their consideration. To this end, we will be supplying copies of the report online and as hard copy next weekend for everyone to read, reflect on and respond to. There will be a number of opportunities to meet with the Pastoral Area Council to give your reaction to the report and to ask any questions or clarifications on what it proposes. The meetings will also offer an occasion to see what might happen in the next phase of implementation. There will be three meetings in different parts of the Pastoral Area so that parishioners may choose which is most convenient for them to attend. Please make a note in your diary:

Saturday February 3rd, St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park, 10 – 11.30 am

Monday February 19th, Sacred Heart, Waterlooville, 7-9 pm

Monday February 26th, St Joseph, Havant, 7-9 pm.

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Havant-Pastoral-Area-Phase-1-Report-for-the-Laity-to-view.pdf> Please use this web address to access the online version of the Phase 1 Report.

Second Collections

Today: St John's Cathedral Next Sunday: Racial Justice

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, 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 Mary Carmel Clarke, Frank Tracey, Ken Guy, John Andrew Wilson, Frank Lycett, Maximus Almeida. May they rest in peace.