

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 4 February 2024 : Fifth Sunday of the Year

Jesus wakes the mother in law of Simon Peter from her fever in this Sunday's Gospel (Mk 1:29-39). In our first reading, meanwhile, Job laments the lot of humankind's earthly existence (Job 7:1-7). Perhaps the link between the two readings lies in what is lacking from Job's account: hope. Without hope, and without God in the world (cf Eph 2:12), the human condition does indeed seem lamentable: for what are we working, what are we seeking to achieve, if life is ultimately meaningless, the product of random chance? The Gospel reveals the God who creates, designs, plans, loves and desires us, and whose mercy and love explain our lives and give them meaning. To hear the Gospel is to be awoken from the fever dream of a life without God and therefore without hope in the world. The Gospel is the antidote to the disease of cynicism, to the delusion of the myth of progress, and to the lethargy of reason's sleep. It can take a great deal of effort to rise from the torpor induced by the prevailing atheist, secular assumptions and priorities of our society and culture. May the voice of Jesus give us strength!

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 3 February	6pm	St Colman	5th Sunday	Fallen of WWI
Sunday 4 February	9:30	St Colman	5th Sunday	Sue Goldsmith RIP
<i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm</i>	11:30	St Paul	5th Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 5 February <i>Benediction and Lectio 5pm</i>	9am	St Colman	St Agatha	Pappachan RIP
Tuesday 6 February	11am	St Colman	Funeral Mass for Maximus Almeida RIP	
Wednesday 7 February	9am	St Colman	Feria	Kathleen Cooper RIP
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 9 February	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	John Joseph Cummings
Saturday 10 February ST SCHOLASTICA	6pm	St Colman	6th Sunday	Family and Friends of Celia Cummings
Sunday 11 February	9:30	St Colman	6th Sunday	Pat Charlton RIP
	11:30	St Paul	6th Sunday	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday
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Parish Safeguarding Ministers:

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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

Pastoral Area Report Consultation

There are still two more opportunities to meet with the Pastoral Area Council to give your reaction to the Phase 1 Report and to ask any questions or clarifications on what it proposes and to see what might happen in the next phase of implementation:

- Monday 19 February, 7pm – 9pm: Sacred Heart, Waterloo;ville;
- Monday 26 February, 7pm - 9pm: St Joseph, Havant, 7-9 pm.

You can download the report at:
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Havant-Pastoral-Area-Phase-1-Report-for-the-Laity-to-view.pdf>

Lent is almost here! Ash Wednesday is on 14 February: have you decided what to give up / take up for Lent yet?

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day will be Friday 23 February. This Lent your donations to the appeal will help hardworking people like James, a fisherman in Liberia, with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. You can give using the envelopes which will be available during Lent or online at cafod.org.uk. Please join in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world will have what they need to feed their families.

Festival of St Agatha Saturday 10 February

At St Agatha's Church, Portsmouth PO1 4RL. Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 11am in the Ordinarate Rite, accompanied by an orchestra; guest preacher Fr Matthew Topham OLW. Followed by refreshments.

Pilgrimage to Poland 7-14 May 2024.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 18 – 21 June 2024

Chaplain to the groups: Fr Claro Conde.

Contact: All Saints Travel

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Parish Health and Safety Representative

Thank you to Peter Pragnell for over 50 years of service as our parish Health and Safety Representative. Peter retired from the role this week, and has handed over to Jim Cooper. Thank you, Jim, for taking on this important role. If you have any questions or concerns about health and safety, you can contact Jim via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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 Maximus Almeida. May they rest in peace.