

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 25 February 2024 : Second Sunday of Lent

In our first reading today, Abraham hears God acknowledge that Isaac is Abraham's "only son", "your only child, whom you love". And yet Abraham is prepared to sacrifice Isaac because he thinks that this is how he is called to worship God. On the way to the place of sacrifice, Abraham assures Isaac that "God himself will provide the lamb for the sacrifice" (Genesis 22:8), but it is only when Isaac is on the altar and Abraham's hand is on the knife that he sees the ram caught by its horns in the thorn bush. In prophecy here, we see the figure of Christ, his head caught in the crown of thorns, who is indeed the Lamb that God provides for the sacrifice. Isaac is returned to Abraham alive (Hebrews 11:19), while God the Father offers instead his only Son, whom he loves: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mark 9:7)

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 24 February	6pm	St Colman	Lent II	Phyllis Searle RIP (FM)
Sunday 25 February	9:30am	St Colman	Lent II	Gabriella O'Donnell
<i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm</i>	11:30am	St Paul	Lent II	Pro populo
Monday 26 February <i>Benediction and Lectio 5pm</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Lenten Feria	Ray Smith RIP (FM) (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 27 February	6pm	Adoration, Reconciliation and Lent Station Mass at St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park		
Wednesday 28 February	9am	St Colman	Lenten Feria	Mary Johnson Puthenkalem RIP
<i>Bible Study 5pm</i>	10:30	St Paul		School Mass
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 1 March <i>Stations of the Cross 6pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	St David	Michael, Marcella and Anthony Cullinane and family (FM)
Saturday 2 March	6pm	St Colman	Lent III	Velda & Michael Curtis RIP
Sunday 3 March	9:30am	St Colman	Lent III	Leita Villanueva RIP
	11:30am	St Paul	Lent III	Pro populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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Lent at St Colman and St Paul

- Sunday Holy Hour 5-6pm at St Colman
- Monday Adoration 9am-5pm, St Colman
- Monday Hospital Mass 12:30pm at the Queen Alexandra Hospital Chapel
- Monday Lectio Divina 5-6pm, St Colman
- Tuesday Station Mass around the churches of our Pastoral Area
- Wednesday Bible Study 5-6pm at St Colman: a deep dive into the Passion narrative of Mark's Gospel - this week reading Mark 14:26-52, the Garden of Gethsemani.
- Friday evening Stations of the Cross 6pm at St Colman, followed by Mass at 6:30

Pastoral Area Lent Station Masses

Adoration and Reconciliation from 6pm, Mass at 7pm, and light refreshments after Mass:

27 February: St Michael, Leigh Park

5 March: St Patrick, Hayling Island

12 March: St Colman, Cosham

19 March: St Joseph, Havant

Our last remaining Pastoral Area consultation meeting is this Monday at 7pm at St Joseph, Havant. If you have not attended a meeting already, please come to hear about the Phase 1 Report and to contribute your views to Phase 2 planning.

Almsgiving (giving to charity) this Lent

- Thank you for your participation in Cafod family fast day last Friday and your contributions this weekend.
- Next Sunday there will be a short talk after Mass about the work of Cafod and an appeal for a parish Cafod representative here: please give this opportunity thought and prayer.
- The Big Lent Walk is at Staunton Country Park on Saturday 9 March.

Alpha Courses in our Pastoral Area

- Mondays 7-9pm at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville, begins 11 March
- Wednesdays 7-8:15pm online by Zoom, begins 13 March
alpha@waterlooville-catholic.org.uk
- Thursdays 7-9pm at St Patrick Hayling Island, begins 29 February
alpha.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Of your charity, please pray:

- For friends and neighbours who are ill or housebound: Kana Blyth, Joe Charlton, Tommy Cooper, John Cox, Moira Cunningham, Felix, Peter Galvin, Jean Gartshore, Bob Guy, Janet, Dawn Marie, Sajimon Mathew, Paula Medd, Valerie O'Donnell, Maureen Smeeth, Beryl Walters, Pauline Webb, Verena.
- For the souls of the faithful departed, especially Dawn Murray. May they rest in peace.