

# PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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## Sunday 17 March 2024 : Fifth Sunday of Lent

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus takes up again the phrase "when I am lifted up from the earth" (John 12:32), which we heard in last week's Gospel (John 3:14, cf 8:28). By now the Passion of Christ is clearly in view, and Jesus reaches for a Eucharistic metaphor: "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest" (John 12:24). The sign of suffering is inherent in the Bread of the Eucharist, because it can only come about through the 'death' and burial of grain, the cutting of the harvest, the crushing of the mill, the kneading of dough, and the fire of the oven. Likewise, the sign of unity, for the many grains yielded in the rich harvest are gathered again into a single loaf.

**This weekend, we receive the Bishop's Pastoral Letter on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

In response, we will offer an additional opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation during Holy Hour this Sunday evening at 5-6pm, and next (Palm) Sunday evening during Holy Hour at 5-6pm.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 16 March	6pm	St Colman	Lent V	John Joseph Cummings
Sunday 17 March PASSION SUNDAY <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Lent V	Family and Friends of Celia Cummings
	11:30am	St Paul	Lent V	Pro Populo
Monday 18 March <i>Benediction and Lectio 5pm</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Lenten Feria	Eileen Murdoch RIP (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 19 March	6pm	Adoration, Reconciliation and Pastoral Area Lent Station Mass at St Joseph, Havant		
Wednesday 20 March <i>Bible Study 5pm</i>	9am	St Colman	Lenten Feria	Priests, nuns and religious
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 22 March <i>Stations of the Cross 6pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	Lenten Feria	Anne and Michael Colley
Saturday 23 March	6pm	St Colman	Palm Sunday	Ivy Searle (FM)
Sunday 24 March PALM SUNDAY <i>Holy Hour 5-6pm</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Palm Sunday	Holy Souls
	11:30am	St Paul	Palm Sunday	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:  
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#### **Parish Consultation: St Paul's Church**

Following last week's visit from Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt, and the discussion after 11:30 Mass at St Paul with parishioners, we will be joined at 11:30 Mass this Sunday by Heather Hauschild, the Chief Operating Officer of our Diocese. Heather will give a brief talk at the end of Mass about the offer made by the Syro-Malabar community to acquire St Paul's church. A written summary of the proposal is available with this newsletter at St Paul's church today. After 11:30 Mass there will be an opportunity to meet Heather as we gather for tea and coffee. We will have time to ask questions, offer our views, and hear from Heather about the process of decision-making by the Diocese. A further meeting is scheduled for 7 April.

#### **From our parish Gift Aid Co-Ordinator**

The Gift Aid envelope boxes for the new financial year (April 2024 – March 2025) are now available at the back of St Colman's Church. Should you be expecting a box and it is not there, or if you would like a box and want to register for Gift Aid, please notify Jeff Price or the Parish Office.

#### **Pastoral Area Peace and Justice Group**

We would like to invite as many parishioners as possible in our Pastoral Area to a meeting at Sacred Heart Church Waterlooville on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm to explore the idea of establishing a Havant Pastoral Area Justice and Peace Group. Any queries please contact [philiphayllar@hotmail.com](mailto:philiphayllar@hotmail.com)

#### **Holy Week & Paschal Triduum Services**

11am Tuesday 26 March  
Christ Mass at St John's Cathedral

7:30pm Holy Thursday 28 March  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Colman

10am Good Friday Ecumenical Witness

- Paulsgrove (St Michael's CofE)
- Drayton (United Church)

3pm Good Friday 29 March  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Colman

7:30pm Holy Saturday 30 March  
Easter Vigil at St Colman

**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, Peter Galvin, Jean Gartshore, Bob Guy, Janet, Dawn Marie, Sajimon Mathew, Paula Medd, Phoenix, Valerie O'Donnell, Maureen Smeeth, Beryl Walters, Pauline Webb, Verena.
- For the souls of the faithful departed, especially Norah Quinn. May they rest in peace.