

# PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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## Sunday 21 April 2024 : Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Good Shepherd Sunday

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep, and takes up his life again: an unmistakable prophecy of his Death and Resurrection! Our Lord's words challenge priests to be good shepherds, not hired hands. But they also challenge the whole church to pray for our priests and to pray for vocations. Good Shepherd Sunday is the Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis says: "Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say 'yes' to God." And in the words of Pope St John Paul II, "Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit."

**This weekend, we take up a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.**

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 20 April	6pm	St Colman	Easter IV	Eileen Goldsmith RIP
Sunday 21 April	9:30am	St Colman	Easter IV	Mary Ann White
<i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	11:30am	St Paul	Easter IV	Pro Populo
Monday 22 April <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Easter Feria	Holy Souls (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 23 April	9am	St Colman	St George	Win and Tom Cummings
Wednesday 24 April <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	10:30	St Paul's School	Easter Feria	Mary Ann White (St Paul's School Mass)
Thursday 25 April	9am (Latin)	St Colman	St Mark	Celebrant's intention
Friday 26 April	6:30pm	St Colman	Easter Feria	Francois Mijud RIP
Saturday 27 April	6pm	St Colman	Easter V	Kathleen Daly RIP
Sunday 28 April	9:30am	St Colman	Easter V	Pro Populo
<i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	11:30am	St Paul	Easter V	Veronica Tremain RIP

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

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**News from our Pastoral Area**

We are delighted to announce and welcome Christopher Pierce to the new post of Pastoral Co-ordinator for Evangelisation in our Havant Pastoral Area. Christopher comes with a wealth of experience working in parishes, schools, hospitals and prisons. This new role hopes to support our communities in the pastoral area to become invitational and missional. Please keep Christopher in your prayers as he begins this new position. He hopes to visit each of our communities in the coming weeks to say hello and share some of the exciting plans moving forward.

**Opportunities for prayer and witness**

- Saturday 27 April: Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life – Good Counsel Network.
- Rosary Rally at 3pm Saturday 27 April in Commercial Road, Portsmouth, led by the Marian Franciscan Friars.
- First Saturday devotions 8:20am–12pm on 4 May at St Colman's: Rosary, Latin Mass, Confessions, Adoration.

**Health and Safety News**

**Parish Fire Drill:** please listen carefully to the announcements at the end of Mass this week from our fire wardens.

**First Aid Course:** if you would be interested in learning First Aid as a service to your fellow parishioners, please contact Juliette Diamond or via the parish office.

**Plans for Pentecost**

We will be celebrating an extended Pentecost Vigil this year at 7:30pm on Saturday 18 May, in place of 6pm Mass. We hope to gather our parish community for an international bring-and-share lunch on Pentecost Sunday 19 May. Please sign up after Mass today to bring some food!

**No tea or coffee after 9:30 Mass today:** our Orthodox sisters and brothers are using St Colman's hall for the Liturgy.

**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 patients in the Queen Alexandra Hospital and for residents in the care homes and nursing homes in our parish: Kinross, The Haven, Hamilton House, and East Cosham.
- For St Paul's Primary School: the staff, governors, children, parents and families.
- For the souls of the faithful departed: may they rest in peace.