

PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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Sunday 28 April 2024 : Fifth Sunday of Easter

The parable of the true vine in today's Gospel is all about Communion. We may think of Communion as the moment when we receive Christ in the Eucharist at Mass, but Communion suffuses the whole of our identity as Catholics and everything that we do. The root of the word "communio" is the Latin word *munus*, meaning a work, ministry or function; Communion really means "working together" – with Christ and with each other. We talk in the Creed about "the communion of saints", by which we mean the way in which the whole Church – in heaven and on earth – works together for the growth of the Kingdom and the salvation of the World. The image of the vine is perfectly chosen by Jesus to reveal the mystery of Communion, because the vine as a living organism has an aim – to grow towards the light. Every part of the vine shares that aim, and works together to achieve it. The stem, the branches, the fruit, the seed in the fruit, all have their part to play in this plan. All are interconnected, and the welfare and success of every part of the vine matters to every other part, to the whole plant.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 27 April	6pm	St Colman	Easter V	Kathleen Daly RIP
Sunday 28 April <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Easter V	Pro Populo
	11:30am	St Paul	Easter V	Veronica Tremain RIP
Monday 29 April <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Catharine of Sienna	Win & Tom Cummings (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 30 April	9am	St Colman	St Pius V	John Joseph Cummings
Wednesday 1 May <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	No Mass today: Father Andrew is away at a priests' training day.			
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 3 May	6:30pm	St Colman	Saints Philip & James Apostles	Family and Friends of Celia Cummings
Saturday 4 May	6pm	St Colman	Easter VI	Lynn Reeves RIP
Sunday 5 May <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	Easter VI	Tony Whitlock RIP
	11:30am	St Paul	Easter VI	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:
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account number 00884554; sort code 30 93 04; reference "offertory donation".
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gift aid enquiries to Jeff Price via the parish office: scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St Paul's School Foundation Governors
Our school is seeking to recruit Foundation Governors to join our governing body. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It allows you to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community, and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. There is no requirement for you to understand the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute, but you must be a Catholic. It is also important that you have time to commit to the role. School governors typically attend 6-8 meetings per year, as well as making school visits and having background reading and training. If you are a Catholic and would be interested in becoming a governor please contact Graeme Moir, clerk to the governors on graeme_moir@st-pauls.portsmouth.sch.uk

Sound system appeal
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the appeal for a new sound system. We need to continue raising funds to replace the 30-year-old system with an up-to-date aid to our worship together.

Caritas update
Caritas Plymouth is hosting an event about **modern slavery** in Poole on **30th April** 10:30-12:30 in the church hall of St Marys Catholic Church, 211A Wimborne Road, Poole, BH15 2EG. Please register ahead at <https://forms.office.com/e/zUCKyENMNH>

Pentecost services and events
Saturday 18 May 7:30pm Vigil Mass of Pentecost at St Colman (joint choirs).
Sunday 19 May: 9:30am quiet Mass at St Colman; 11:30 concelebrated Mass at St Paul; 13:00 Parish Lunch at St Colman.

Friendship Club
Friday 3 May 2pm – 4pm St Colman's Hall

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, Pauline Crook, 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, especially Dympna Scammell: may they rest in peace.