PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM WITH ST PAUL, PAULSGROVE

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Sunday 18 August 2024 : Twentieth Sunday of the Year

As we have journeyed through the Eucharistic Discourse of John 6 over the last two weeks, we have seen that the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is both substantial and sacramental. The glorified Body of Christ is most certainly located in Heaven, but the substance of the Body of Christ is sacramentally present in many places in the Eucharist. Why? In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "whoever eats me will draw life from me" (John 6:57). Jesus relates to us as an incarnate Person, so where His Body is, so will be His Blood, Soul and Divinity. In the Eucharist, then, we receive the whole Christ: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. At the same time, the sign of the Eucharist separates the Body and Blood in the Eucharistic Bread and the Chalice respectively. In this way, the sacrifice of the Cross is also made present in the Eucharist – the means by which Christ has won for us the life He bestows upon us. Yet this sacrifice is presented to us in an unbloody way, "for my flesh is real food, my blood real drink."

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 17 August	6pm	St Colman	20th Sunday	Marjorie Burton RIP
Sunday 18 August	9:30am	St Colman	20th Sunday	Leonor Solano RIP
Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman	11:30am	St Paul	20th Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 19 August Adoration 9am – 5pm	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St John Eudes	Holy Souls (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 20 August	9am	St Colman	St Bernard	Sueling Villanueva RIP
Wednesday 21 August	10:30am	St Paul	St Pius X	Win & Tom Cummings
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 23 August St Paul's church open 2-3pm	6:30pm	St Colman	St Rose of Lima	Celia Middleton RIP
Saturday 24 August	12:00	St Colman	Wedding of Cormac Dreelan and Terri Willis	
ST BARTHOLOMEW	6pm	St Colman	21st Sunday	Thanksgiving
Sunday 25 August	9:30am	St Colman	21st Sunday	Elizabeth Christian
Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman	11:30am	St Paul	21st Sunday	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday 02392 376151 scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 07555 182118

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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 and 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

First Holy Communion Summer 2025

Forms are now available for parents who wish to register their children for First Holy Communion in June 2025. The course begins in October 2024, and the catechesis will be delivered on Tuesday evenings at St Paul's School, Paulsgrove. Children who attend other schools are welcome to join the programme. Children who have not yet been baptised will receive Baptism during the programme. Please take a form from the back of church, or collect a form from the school reception desk. Forms can be returned to the parish office or the school. Contact: admin@st-pauls.portsmouth.sch.uk

March for Life UK: Saturday 7 September

A peaceful, family-friendly pro-life event in London, including 11am Mass at St George's Cathedral, morning programme at the Emmanuel Centre, and 1pm pro-life witness march to Parliament Square. Please attend, donate and pray! www.marchforlife.co.uk.

Dona device: contactless donations

We have a new Dona device now installed at the back of St Colman's church. If you prefer to donate to St Colman's and St Paul's Parish by contactless payment, you can use this device to select the amount you wish to donate, and the attached card reader to process the payment. Thank you kindly for your generous support!

Welcome to new Christians!

Welcome to some of our newly baptised children: Anna Michaela, Victoria and Yisrael. Parents of new babies: please contact the parish office to arrange for Baptism soon!

Monday Eucharistic Adoration

We need prayer volunteers to join the 9-5 Monday Adoration rota: if you can help, talk with Smitha, or contact the parish office.

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, Elizabeth Christian, Christine, Anne & Michael Colley, 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: staff, governors, children, parents and families.
- For the faithful departed especially Eva Wrona & Catherine Beswick may they rest in peace.