

# PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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### Sunday 8 September 2024 : Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

The Gospels were written in Greek, but we find an occasional Aramaic word, and when we do it is a sign that the Gospel writer thought it important to include the actual word that Jesus used for a specific reason. Today's Gospel is an example of this: Mark includes a transliteration of the actual word Jesus said to the man he healed: *Ephphatha*, "be opened". Maybe the clue for why this word is significant is in the reaction of the people: "He has done all things well!" It's ambiguous: it could mean he has done, made or even created well. What are we to make of this creative ambiguity? Could it be that Jesus' action is not merely restorative but actually creative – that we are being invited to encounter Jesus' divinity through his incarnate nature?

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 7 September	6pm	St Colman	23rd Sunday	Pro Populo
Sunday 8 September	9:30am	St Colman	23rd Sunday	Frank Coleman RIP
BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY	10am	St Paul	Concelebrated Liturgy together with Syro-Malabar Community and Bishop Philip Egan	
<i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	5pm	St Paul	23rd Sunday	Nick Messenger RIP
Monday 9 September <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm</i> <i>Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	Votive	Joseph & Ellen Charlton (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 10 September	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Antonia Knight ints
Wednesday 11 September <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	10:30am	St Paul	Feria	Parents of Gladys Ford
No Mass on Thursday				
Friday 13 September <i>St Paul's church open 2-3pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	St John Chrysostom	Private intention
Saturday 14 September EXALTATION HOLY CROSS	6pm	St Colman	24th Sunday	Holy Souls, especially the most forgotten
Sunday 15 September OUR LADY OF SORROWS	9:30am	St Colman	24th Sunday	Stuart Smeeth birthday remembrance
<i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	11:30am	St Paul	24th Sunday	Pro Populo

Enquiries, appointments and hall bookings:

Parish Office opening hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Thursday  
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**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](mailto:admin@st-pauls.portsmouth.sch.uk)

**What have we achieved together?**

Among our successes in the last year: re-establishing Finance and Hall Committees; renewing St Colman's Church lighting and sound; repairing the Hall roof; renewing site fences; reaching an agreement with the Syro-Malabar community to ensure the future of St Paul's Church and share the building.

**Alpha Course and RCIA: Leigh Park**

Our sister parish of St Michael Leigh Park will be hosting a choice of Alpha Courses:

- Mondays 1-3pm, from 23 September
- Tuesdays 7-9pm, from 24 September

For those who intend to join the Church at Easter, these courses will lead into RCIA. All are welcome to join Alpha for a renewal of your relationship with Jesus Christ. Contact: [office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelsleighpark.org.uk).

**Alpha Course and training: Waterlooville**

Our sister parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle is offering an Alpha Course starting from Monday 30 September at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Father James has asked for volunteers from our parish to join this course with a view to training to run a course here in the Spring. If this could be you, please talk with Father Andrew or email the 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: the staff, governors, children, parents and families.
- For the souls of the faithful departed: may they rest in peace.