

# PARISH OF ST COLMAN, COSHAM

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### Sunday 3 November 2024 : Thirty-first Sunday of the Year

November is the month of the Holy Souls in which we remember and pray for those who have gone to God ahead of us: our departed family, relatives and friends; our fellow parishioners; the clergy who have served our parish; all the faithful departed. We believe that our prayers can help them on their final journey to God, to the consummation of human life in eternity for which each of us is created. It is also an opportunity to reflect on our own mortality. Many of us belong to families in which our relatives do not practise the faith and may not be aware of the expectations Catholics have for funerals. When we make our wills, let us not forget to specify that we want our funeral celebrated as a Requiem Mass (the highest and greatest of all prayers which can be offered to God for our souls) and to specify burial or cremation followed by burial (not scattering) of ashes.

Times of Mass this week				Mass Intentions
Saturday 2 November	6pm	St Colman	31st Sunday	All the Faithful Departed
Sunday 3 November <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	31st Sunday	Michael Pragnall RIP
	11:30am	St Paul	31st Sunday	Pro Populo
Monday 4 November <i>Adoration 9am – 5pm Lectio Divina 5pm St Colman</i>	12:30pm	Hospital Chapel	St Charles Borromeo	P I Cherian Puthenkalam RIP (QA Hospital Mass)
Tuesday 5 November	7:30am	St Colman	Feria	John Joseph Cummings
Wednesday 6 November <i>Bible Study 5pm St Colman</i>	10:30am	St Paul	St Paul's School Mass	Vocations
Thursday 7 November	12:15pm	Cathedral	Requiem Mass	Deceased Clergy RIP
Friday 8 November <i>St Paul open 2-3pm</i>	6:30pm	St Colman	Feria	Friends and family of Celia Cummings
Saturday 9 November LATERAN BASILICA	6pm	St Colman	32nd Sunday	Priests, nuns and religious
Sunday 10 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY <i>Holy Hour 5 – 6pm St Colman</i>	9:30am	St Colman	32nd Sunday	Pro Populo
	11:30am	St Paul	32nd Sunday	The Fallen

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account number 00884554; sort code 30 93 04; reference "offertory donation".  
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**Today is Bamenda Sunday**  
This year we mark its Golden Jubilee. Fifty years ago, Bishop Worlock and Bishop Verdzekov, of the then newly established Diocese of Bamenda, initiated the twinning. Since 1974, the relationship has grown and strengthened. In the early years, priests from our Diocese worked in Bamenda. Their mission was hugely successful and saw a fledgling Church grow and develop. Today, we have the great privilege of welcoming priests from Bamenda into our own parishes and their mission to us is one of renewal. We have much to thank God for from this twinning. Practical projects in Bamenda have been funded through over £1,000,000 raised by our parishes, largely through the annual collection. Please give as generously as possible this Bamenda Sunday. Every penny will go directly to an approved project aimed at cementing our diocesan twinning. Donations can also be made online: [www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php](http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php). Thank you for your generosity.

**St Colman's Fair – Saturday 23 November**  
Our parish autumn social event; 12:00 to 3pm in St Colman's Hall. We will celebrate St Colman of Cloyne with an Irish theme: food, drink, music, dancing, poetry, pony rides, produce and second hand book stalls and games. We hope to include an autumn produce stall: donations of jams, preserves and pickles (especially homemade) would be gratefully received at the parish office.

**CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal** The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

**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, especially Cherian Mathew: may they rest in peace.