

St. Colman`s with St. Paul`s Parish

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2nd Sunday of Advent

5/6 December 2020

Sunday Readings: Year B; Weekdays:
Year I; Prayer of the Church: Psalter
Week I

Sat 5th Dec Mass at St.Colman`s 6pm
Thanksgiving to Mary Immaculate

Sun 6th Dec Mass at St.Colman`s 9.15am
For the Good Health of Gabriela
O'Donnell

Sun Mass at St.Paul`s at 11am

Mon 7th Mass at St.Paul`s at 6.30pm
For the Health & Well Being of Fr. Ray
Donnohue

Tue 8th Mass at St.colman`s at 9.15am
For All Members of Bradley Family

Wed 9th Mass at St.Colman`s at 9.15am
Wedding Anniversary of Maureen
Smeeth – Stuart RIP

Thu 10th Mass at St.Colman`s at 9.15am
For the Wellbeing of Kiera & Family

Fri 11th Mass at St.Colman`s at 9.15am
Lilian Parkinson, David O'Donnell & Family

CHRISTMASS MASSES: We have the
Christmas Masses at the following
times:

Christmas Eve – St. Paul`s at 6pm
(FULL)-

Christmas Eve – St. Colman`s at
7.30pm **(FULL)**

Midnight Mass – St. Colman`s at
10.30pm

Christmas Day – St. Colman`s at
9:15am

Christmas Day – St. Paul`s at 11am

Booking your places for these Masses
is very important as we are expecting a
high demand for the limited number of
spaces available.

Please secure your place by either ring-
ing the Parish Office on 02392376151
or sending an email to
spsc@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

We will need your name and number
along with how many adults and chil-
dren will be attending. We Masses are
filling up quickly so please book as ear-

HELP – PLEASE COME TO THE RESCUE: : As I am sure you all aware, our parish income has been greatly reduced over the past months but our bills have not. While we are very grateful for all your support during this very difficult time we need to ask If you are in a position to help us further? There are various reasons why people have not been able to attend Mass and make their regular donations so we now ask you please to consider (for those who have not already done so), setting up a Standing Order. They are a helpful and easy way of making your offering to the Church.

Our bank account details needed for your standing orders are:

Account Name: PRCDTR PORTSMOUTH ST COLMAN

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 00884554



YOUR WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN: Presently Weekly News bulletin is sent to you to your email and on WhatsApp and on Parish website www.stcolmansandstpauls.co.uk.

If you have no email or computer, please sign up for your weekly printed bulletin. You will receive one each Mass. All we need to know is your Full Name and which Mass you come . For more information, please ask one of the stewards or Fr. Innaiah. **WhatsApp No is : 07515001645**

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP supermarket Gift Vouchers ADVENT APPEAL : During the season of Advent, the Parish of St Colman with St Paul will be supporting our local families who are in most need at this time by asking members of our parish to donate supermarket gift vouchers /cash donations which will be given to the families to help them purchase food and Christmas Gifts etc . Please give what you can and when ready please pass them to the Parish Office.This is done through our St.Paul`s School.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: This Christmas why not buy gifts that will change lives and bring happiness! CAFOD's World Gifts are a range of virtual gifts that transform the lives of those living in poverty overseas. New gifts this year included Keep Clean £6 (soap and washing powder for family) and Emergency Food £50 so please look online <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> Many thanks for your support.

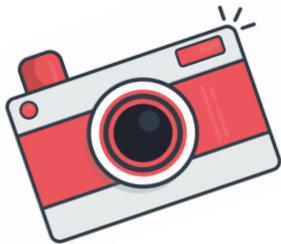
PARISH FINANCE REPORT: As you are all aware, this year has been a very difficult one for our Parish which has had a direct impact on the finances of the Church. Over the next few weeks, we aim to put a report together that we will be able to share with you all. We will also be looking at ways we can engage with you all in a COVID secure environment as we move into the new year so please watch this space.



DECEMBER – MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His Divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity. St. Thomas teaches that through her intimacy with Christ, the principle of grace, she possessed beyond all creatures a fullness of divine life." — *Liturgical Meditations*, The Sisters of St. Dominic

This feast invites us to meditate on the virtue of purity. "Mary alone — 'our tainted nature's solitary boast'— never saw her soul's purity darkened with the dust of any stain, nor did she see in any part of her triumphal course toward heaven any sin or trace of worldliness. By a unique and singular privilege from God she was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception; by another privilege derived from the first, the Lord did not permit her ever to be stained even with those unavoidable failings of human weakness." — Luis M. Martinez

ADVENT PHOTO CHALLENGE: Advent is the season leading up to Christmas it begins on, 29th November.



During the season of Advent, we invite you to participate in our Advent Photo Challenge which we are launching this year. Each week during the season of Advent we will publish a word for reflection. Think about the word during the week and send a photo that speaks to you about that word to our email address scsp@potsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

A selection of the best will be printed and posted on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.

AGAIN THIS WEEKS PHOTO CHALLENGE WORD: As this weekend marks the start of the new Liturgical year and after the difficulties, we have all faced in one way or another it seems fitting that we focus on better times when we were all together so this week's word is: **FAMILY**

CAR PARK : Concerns have been raised by the school regarding the misuse of the car park. The car park was being used as a 'rat run' by parents and members of the public increasing the risk of harm to the children as they come to and from school. Vehicles were being parked dangerously obstructing other user's vehicles, with some being parked overnight often causing obstructions and members of staff vehicles were being damaged. Different options had been considered for the car park and a decision was made in partnership with the school and the parish to ensure that the whole of St Paul's community was kept safe.

At the Entrance to the Car Park and Exit , We have chain put , You will not be affected by this. On Sunday please arrive only after 10.40am. All Good and we are working on safety.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Monday at St.Colman`s Church :

We will resume Weekly Adoration on every Monday 10am to 5pm. Our Parishioner Meg - 07857750585 is coordinating. If you would like to spend an hour at the Blessed Sacrament - Meg will sign you up. Before the Lockdowns we used to have Mon and Wed. Now let us try only on Monday. When we have good response we can have 2 days a week. Please speak to Meg. We will have Monday 7th is the first day where we can spend a day with the Lord.



Christmas Collection 2020 Collections taken at the Christmas Masses are used to pay an annual wage to your priest. This is given freely to both support them and give them the financial freedom to help others throughout the year.

Christmas will be a little different this year, but the Clergy Christmas Collection will take place as usual this December. In addition to the usual ways of giving for this collection an online giving page has been set up for your parish to support this collection.

Our Christmas Collection celebrates and gives thanks to our parish priests and all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese and in each parish. If you would like to give a gift to support Fr. Innaiah in his vocation and mission this Christmas, please click the link below or visit:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/portsmouth-st-colman-clergy-christmas-collection>



CHRISTMAS SERVICES Please take note of the Christmas Services we are putting on this year which take account of the particular circumstances brought about because of the COVID crisis.

Firstly, please note that, like Easter, Christmas has an Octave. This means that the whole week following Christmas Day, up to and including New Year's Day, January 1st, is celebrated by the Church as an extension of Christmas Day itself, although each day has a different dedication. This means that you can keep your Christmas by coming to Mass on any day of the week instead of Christmas Day itself and avoid the crowds as we will undoubtedly fill the quota for the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day very quickly.

As regards the Christmas Offering, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has decreed that any collections taken on Christmas Day and throughout the Octave will make up the Christmas Offering this year, including Sunday 27th December.

This is partly to make up for the reduced Easter Offering this year due to COVID.

The Easter and Christmas offerings are a significant element making up the salary of our clergy. You can also give via the link described above.

