

St Theresa of Child Jesus Church

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th July 2017

Saturday 15th Mass at 6pm
Sunday 16th Mass at 9am Lyndhurst
Sunday 16th Mass at 10.30am Totton
Monday 17th Communion Service at 9.30am
Tuesday 18th NO SERVICE
Wednesday 19th Mass at 9.30am – Fr. Innaiah arrives
Thursday 20th Communion Service at 10am Lyndhurst
Friday 21st NO SERVICE

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd July 2017

Saturday 22nd Mass at 6pm, Fr. Innaiah arrives
Sunday 23rd Mass at 9am Lyndhurst, Fr. Innaiah arrives
Sunday 23rd Mass at 10.30am Totton, Fr. Innaiah arrives

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel: Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast down into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Why not consider joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop Philip from Friday 18th - 25th August 2017? If you'd like more information, please contact Fr John Cooke or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01489 572797 or email parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Prayers: Please pray for the following parishioners who need our help and prayers: John Percival, Christopher Browne, and Daphne Hine, Edna Wharton and Mike Burnett. If any of your family members or you need our parish to pray for you and especially doing our Worship, please speak to Father Innaiah or write their names on the sheet of paper left for you. Or send an e-mail totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Prayer to St. George: *St. George, Heroic Catholic soldier and defender of your Faith, you dared to criticize a tyrannical Emperor and were subjected to horrible torture. You could have occupied a high military position but you preferred to die for your Lord. Obtain for us the great grace of heroic Christian courage that should mark soldiers of Christ.*
Amen

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You can experience Jesus through a **Holy Half Hour**, filmed at St Cecilia's Abbey, with Bishop Philip presiding and Gregorian Chant from the Benedictine Sisters with further video content coming soon. Connect with Bishop Philip and with other people around the diocese through integrated social media feeds and other Catholic media including Radio Immaculata, Youth 2000, EWTN and the Catholic Herald.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Fri 18th – Fri 25th August Bishop Philip invites you to consider joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage, in August. Flying from Southampton! No one is too sick or frail. All are very welcome! We can take Pilgrims who need full time care to Lourdes, as well as those who need a little help getting around and about (or none at all). Age & ability is not a barrier to travel! Young Helpers (17-25 yrs) or Adult helpers (25 yrs+) .Perhaps you could consider joining the Team. You will make many new friends.
Doctors & Nurses The Pilgrimage is also always looking for medical staff to volunteer (funds available) to help care for our Assisted Pilgrims. Helper applications must be in by 1st June.

All other pilgrim's booking forms to be in by 31st July. Come & join us, and make friends for life! Further information from Liz Bellamy or from the Diocesan Director Fr John Cooke parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org or 01489 572797.

Welcome to St. Theresa's Totton : A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to children's chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got a response equal to four-year old Joey's comment. Gently she tucked the stethoscope into his ears and placed the disk over his heart. 'Listen, she said...What do you suppose this is?' He drew his eyebrows together in puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap – tap – tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked, 'Is this Jesus knocking?' The Lord Jesus knocks at the doorstep of our hearts , I welcome you to our church. Especially our visitors, Thank you for visiting us. We are a dynamic and vibrant Faith Community with over 300 households. As we gather weekly around the Table of the Lord, we are blessed with many diverse ministries involving people of all ages. As famous community our parish is welcome to visitors from all over the country especially in summer holidays. Catholic means universal and all are welcome!

I leave you with this thought for this summer... "Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress; working hard for something we love is called passion" May we always be passionate serving the People of God. If you live in the area of Totton, New Forest , please register and become a parishioner and get involved. I look forward to meeting you! Catch me after Mass and introduce yourself. Fr. Innaiah Maddineni, Parish Priest. totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk , Tel: 023 80862270

Coming weekend will be my final weekend of appeals here in United States and I look forward to be home on Tuesday 18th and we will have mass on Wednesday 19th. It has been such a privilege to visit parishes here and meeting people from diverse ethnic communities. I hope the Lord continue to bless us. These few weeks of being in United States has given me an opportunity to pray more as I keep you all so dearly in my heart and prayers. I have also met so many well-behaved dogs in America especially Max,. I always convey Timmy's best wishes to all the dogs I met. I had also a chance to take Max for a walk around the block. . I have taken time to teach Max sign of the Cross and Our Father. I promised him of getting some treats next time when I visit States.

9th August 2017 – Retreat Day for the Deaf : There will be a retreat day for the deaf on Wednesday 9th August 2017 at St John's Cathedral and Discovery Centre. This event will be fully sign-interpreted. The theme for the event is St Edith Stein. The day will begin at 10:45 and will include Mass at 12.15.

Full details and booking form are available at the exits. If you are interested then please contact Fr Robin Ellwood on email, careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

St. Theresa's 100 Club – June 2017 - Winners

1. Margaret Jarvis
2. Bryony Burch
3. Cheryl Robinson

Reflection – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the first reading, Isaiah consoles the Jewish slaves in Babylon, assuring them that, like rain and snow which water the earth so that seeds may sprout and grow, God's word will accomplish its purpose, in this case by returning the exiles to their homes in peace as God promised.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that just as seeds must fall into the earth and die in order to produce abundant crop, the pain and sufferings God permits in our lives help our redemption. Paul wants us to wait for our eternal reward while we continue sowing the word of God diligently and suffering for the Lord, as he did.

Today's Gospel teaches us that word of the Lord is the seed, our hearts and minds are the soil. The good spiritual yield in life depends on how much a person willingly accepts and responds to the word of the Lord. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagination. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts for the word of God to germinate, grow and yield 30-, 60-, or 100-fold. Let us pray that we accept Divine Will in our lives and can co-operate with God. May we continue to bear fruits. Fruits in abundance.

Thanks and Warm Welcome: Please join me to thank Fr. Ansel D'Melo who has been helping us last week and this week. As you all knew that Fr. Ansel was ordained to Sacred Priesthood on 25th June. His family has been great friends with me since I arrived at Portsmouth Diocese. Please receive his special blessing. He will organise this with you this weekend at all Masses.