

**St Theresa of Child Jesus
Church, Totton
Our Lady of the Assumption,
Lyndhurst**

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Mass Times

Remembrance Day - 12.11.2017

Saturday 11th Mass at Totton 6pm, Holy Souls
Sunday 12th Mass at Lyndhurst 9am, Holy Souls
Sunday 12th Mass at Totton 10.30am, Holy Souls
Monday 13th Mass at 9.30am, Holy Souls
Tuesday 14th Mass at 9.30am, Mass for Lyra Hart
Wednesday 15th Mass at 9.30am, Holy Souls
Thursday 16th Mass at 10am, Holy Souls
Friday 17th NO SERVICE

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19.11.2017

Saturday 18th Mass at Totton 6.15pm, Holy Souls
Sunday 19th Mass at Lyndhurst 9am, Holy Souls
Sunday 19th Mass at Totton 10.30am, Holy Souls

Sacraments: Baptisms, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Weddings, First Holy Communion, Visit to the Sick & Anointing of the Sick : If you want your child to be baptised, want to make confession, and ready to be confirmed, if you are planning to get married or you need a visit – Parishioners of Totton and Lyndhurst, Please talk to Father Innaiah after Masses or Call on **023 80862270**. E-mail : totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk . Please help me to get to know you.

Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela: Advanced Notice. St Joseph's & St Edmund's Parish in Southampton City Centre is organising a Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela from 16th – 23rd June 2018. To secure the excellent price of £830 the firm organising the travel arrangements need to book flights by mid-August to secure the best possible deal. (Deposit £200 per head).

Fly to Madrid and then drive to Burgos when we will spend one day in Loyola, the birth place of St Ignatius to visit his shrine. We then follow the route of the Camino, the way of St James, to Santiago. There is the opportunity for walking some of the route but the coach will also be available for those who would rather use it. There will be daily celebration of Mass. For further details and booking forms please contact Godfrey Doyle via e-mail or telephone 07714 370529.

Hospital: What if I am taken into hospital as an emergency? Remember to let your relatives know your wishes concerning visits from a chaplain if you are taken into hospital unexpectedly. They can then notify the Chaplaincy Department if that happens. Tell the nursing staff on the ward know that you are Catholic and would like a visit from the chaplain. Please also let Fr. Innaiah know you are in hospital. Tel: 023 8086 2270 .
E-mail: totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Please pray for the following members: Please pray for Bella Calder, Claire Sorrell, Tony, Wright,.

Fanning the Flame (Youth / Children Club): If you would like to know more about Children & Youth Group Please let us know. Please come along. I have requested Fanning the Flame Volunteers to speak to all families with young children. If you have given me your details, please expect a call from one of the volunteers this coming week. Please collect a form this weekend, fill it and hand over to me.

Maryfield Convent Residential Care Home, Hampshire, RG27 9LA The Dominican Sisters of Malta have been providing quality care and comfort to the elderly at Maryfield for over 50 years. Mass is celebrated daily in convent chapel. We are small, eighteen single rooms, presently we have a vacancy. Fees are very competitive. To arrange a visit or if you would like further information, please call: 01256 762394, speak to Trish Davies.

Come and celebrate Youth Sunday with Bishop Philip at the Cathedral: Bishop Philip would like to invite young adults from around Portsmouth Diocese to join him at St John's Cathedral on Sunday 26th November: the Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday. He will be celebrating the 6pm Mass, after which there will be a social with food, and talks from inspiring guest speakers in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Isaac Withers from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales; Former President of Birmingham University, will speak on "Being a Catholic Student" and The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) will speak on "Discipleship on Campus" This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to network, connect to events locally and further afield, and communicate the things that they want to see happening in the Diocese. Register by contacting your University Catholic Chaplaincy, or emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The event costs £7 to attend and is open to ages 16+.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE: A month of remembrance and prayer for those who have gone before us. Please take the opportunity to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends in the envelopes provide in the porch. We will remember them. All the sacrifices millions of men and women made on our behalf so we have a better today. **"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor do the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them"**

November visit to Lyndhurst Cemetery: I invite you to visit to Lyndhurst cemetery on Sunday, 19th November. We shall meet in the cemetery chapel at 2.30 p.m. for a short service, remembering our loved ones who have died and especially those buried at Bolton's Bench. We will follow this by a prayerful visit and blessing of the graves. Early this year the cemetery chapel has been updated with wonderful lighting and a heating system upgrade and so now offer us a more comfortable setting for us. Refreshments will be available after the service.

Annual Skittles Event: Churches Together Lyndhurst have arranged the annual skittles evening and ploughman's supper on; Friday, 17th November, at 7-00 pm to be held at the Baptist Church, Chapel Lane. Tickets are available from Yvonne at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children, which includes a ploughman's supper.

St Theresa's Christmas Bazaar : Saturday, 18th November. Church Hall, 12.00 - 2.00pm. Raffle tickets are on sale after Masses. There are number of stalls, cakes, gifts, etc. This is our parish and community event aiming at to raise funds to church. Please spread the word and invite as many friends as possible.

THIS SUNDAY is Remembrance Sunday; there will be the customary silent commemoration during the Intercessions.

PARISH DIARIES for 2018 and Christmas Cards are available in the porch.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI & SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, in honour of the 50th anniversary of the death of St. Pio of Pietrelcina ('Padre Pio'), October 30 – November 6, 2018, led by Fr. Des Connolly SMM. Price £875 per person including estimation of flight cost, and with half-board. For further information contact Gill 01732 886666 or Fr. Connolly (023) 8029 2337, fatherdes@icloud.com

Reflection: November: the month for contemplating the Four Last Things – Death and Judgement, Heaven and Hell. So on Saturday my newspaper said: "Heaven and Hell have no place in the Church". Let me explain. Each Saturday we are offered a religious article by a 'professional', but there is also a contribution by an amiable former Tory MP who writes on all sorts of things from Catalonia to rearing llamas in Derbyshire (!), but cannot resist launching into the religious field despite a very shaky knowledge of Church history. He calls himself a "Protestant atheist", a handy title: if there is a Last Judgement, he can wave his Protestant flag, and if not ... well, it doesn't matter then, does it?

Like many English, he sees religion as a totally private thing. The prevailing word is "my". This is the absolute antithesis of Catholicism, which is based on "our": our faith is personal but is lived within a community of persons. He naturally cannot bear meddling priests, who stand in the way of private judgement, and he has no time for the saints, although in Catholic understanding we, to quote the Offertory prayer of All Saints, "sense their concern for our salvation".

To our friend, Heaven and Hell are merely concepts devised by the Church to threaten us or to dangle a carrot before us to induce good behaviour.

Now it must be said there is some truth in this: think of old style Catholic hell-fire missions (although the most common modern culprits are fundamentalist pastors).

It is still possible to read very unhelpful statements about our 'spiritual destiny', often from quite eminent places. Recently I read (and I do not reveal the source) that when we die we go to one of three places: to Heaven, if we are in a state of sainthood, to Hell, through our own wilful bad choices, or to Purgatory, to be equipped for the life of Heaven. I do not find that very helpful. It makes us sound like objects being passed through a coin sorting machine, or vegetables on some factory conveyor belt being sifted for quality.

But we are not objects, we are people in a relationship with God, one in which God always inspires, and we can respond. "All is gift." It is true that we cannot save ourselves. We can only accept, or reject, the divine gift offered to us.

Alas, this has sometimes been presented in a very mechanical way. Yet it is God's way to work with us: "grace perfects nature", as they say. Just last Sunday, the Post-Communion prayer said: "as we have been nourished by your gift of these heavenly sacraments, **may we be made ready** to receive what they promise". Luther hated the idea of "works", as if they earned us Heaven as a reward. He even chopped the Letter of St. James out of the Bible for stressing the role of works, and his embarrassed followers had to put it back in again.

But works are our good deeds done **as a response to good**. They make our relationship with God 'fluent'. They are not an end in themselves; "At the evening of our life," said Saint John of the Cross, "we shall be judged on our love". This is the significance of often misunderstood word 'merit': God enables us, and we respond. Or not. Hence Jesus' words: "To those who have more shall be given, from those who have not, even what they have will be taken away". If we do not exercise this God-given gift, it withers. But if we seek only to be good, then we become 'do-gooders' for our duration in this world. And then.... what? **Father David Sillince'**

AT ST. JOSEPH'S ASHURST [SO40 7DU]: Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Thursday December 14, 7pm.

An Advent Reflection, in preparation for the celebration of the Nativity, Saturday December 16, 10.30am-3.30pm. Bring packed lunch; £20 suggested donation would be gratefully received.

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Children Christmas Party 2nd December Saturday 2 to 5pm: Children Christmas Party will be in Our St. Theresa's Church Hall on Saturday 2nd December from 2-5pm. Please collect short form, complete it and hand over to Chris, Father or leave it in the basket provided. Parents needs to stay and enjoy the party together with your children.

SVP Christmas Party 3rd December Sunday 2 to 5pm: SVP Christmas Party will be in Our St. Theresa's Church Hall on Sunday 3rd December from 2-5pm. Please meet John Mills or other members of SVP.