

# St Theresa of Child Jesus Church, Totton

## Our Lady of the Assumption, Lyndhurst

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### 3rd December 2017 – Advent Week I

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Mass at Totton at 6pm , Holy Souls

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Mass at Lyndhurst 9am, Holy Souls

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Mass at Totton at 10.30am, Holy Souls

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at 9.30am, Deceased family members of Rene Burton Family

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at 9.30am, Deceased family members of Rene Burton Family

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at 9.30am, Holy Souls

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at 10am Lyndhurst, Holy Souls

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec NO SERVICE, Holy Souls

### 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Advent Week II

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at Totton at 6pm

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at Lyndhurst 9am,

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at Totton at 10.30am

**For All 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 ONLY after Masses or Call on **023 80862270**. Or write E-mail: [totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Please help me to get to know you and your spiritual needs.

**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](mailto:totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LATEST NEWS!** The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a **weekly e-news**. Go to [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and add your email address to receive these updates.

## **Christmas Mass Times 2017 – Lyndhurst**

Christmas Eve – Carols 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm

Christmas Mass at 9am

## **Christmas Mass Times 2017 – Totton**

Christmas Eve – Carols 8.00pm followed by Mass at 8.30pm

Christmas Day at 10.30am

St. Stephen`s Day – Mass at 10am

**Announcements on Weekend Masses:** If you have any announcements to be made in the church or newsletter we would like to have it by Thursday evening.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** In 2010 the then Coalition Government put a faith-based admissions cap of 50% on new free schools, which in practice has prevented the Church from opening any new ones. The Conservative party manifesto of 2017 promised to remove this cap, but now (yet another policy change!) the Secretary of State for Education seems about to reverse the pledge. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine, to urge that this policy reversal does not go ahead.

**Advent 1 Reflection:** The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne – to save and shepherd His people. Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today – as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves. And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours – to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father. The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift – especially the Eucharist and penance – to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end – if we let Him.

**1<sup>st</sup> Week in Advent:** The first candle is lit on the first week in Advent. It is called Prophecy Candle and reminds that Jesus was coming was prophesied hundreds of years before he was born. The candle represents Christ's Royalty as the kings of kings.

**Prayer:** Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come that by thy protection that we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins, and be a redeemer to deliver us, Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns in the unity of the holy spirit ever in God world without end, Amen.

**Thank you for your support:** You have raised £ 174.00 at Quiz Evening Sat Oct 14<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Bazaar on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov £1151.70. Thank you very much.

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**Confirmation:** The Bishop has now confirmed that the Confirmation Date for **New Forest** will be **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 3pm** in the Cathedral. This Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop. Your Son or Daughter is 12 or above please fill this form and hand over to **Fr. Innaiah next week**. The preparation for Confirmation will start soon.

**Name of your Son or Daughter:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Your e-mail & Mobile No:**

**Please watch this space.**