

St Theresa of Child Jesus Church, Totton

Our Lady of the Assumption, Lyndhurst

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10th December 2017 – Advent Week II

Sat 9th Dec Mass at Totton at 6pm , Mass for Our Parishioners.

Sun 10th Dec Mass at Lyndhurst 9am,

Sun 10th Dec Mass at Totton at 10.30am, Mass for Our Parishioners.

Mon 11th Dec Mass at 9.30am, Holy Souls

Tue 12th Dec Mass at 9.30am, Holy Souls

Wed 13th Dec Mass at 9.30am, Holy Souls

Thu 14th Dec Mass at 10am Lyndhurst, Holy Souls

Fri 15th Dec NO SERVICE

**ADVENT II
PEACE
(SHALOM)**

17th December 2017 – Advent Week III

Sat 16th Dec Mass at Totton at 6pm , Holy Souls

Sun 17th Dec Mass at Lyndhurst 9am, Holy Souls

Sun 17th Dec Mass at Totton at 10.30am, Holy Souls

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. 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

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

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Christmas Mass Times 2017 – Lyndhurst Our Lady`s

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

Christmas Mass at 9am

Christmas Mass Times 2017 – Totton St. Theresa`s

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

Christmas Day at 10.30am

St. Stephen`s Day – Tuesday 26th December – Mass at 10am at St.Theresa

Hymns – Advent II

Opening Hymn: Come Lord Jesus Come

Offertory Hymn: Gifts of Bread and Wine

Recessional: O Jesus Christ remember me

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. Ring at 023 8086 2270 or totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel : Most glorious Prince of the heavenly armies, St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in our battles against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. Come to the assistance of men whom God has created to His likeness and whom He has redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of the devil. Holy Church venerates you as her guardian and protector, to you the Lord has entrusted the souls of the redeemed, to be led into heaven. Pray to the God of peace to crush Satan beneath our feet, that he may no longer retain men captive and do injury to the Church. Offer our prayers to the Most High, that without delay they may draw His mercy down upon us , take hold of the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and Satan and cast him into the bottomless pit, so that he may no longer seduce the nations.

CAFOD World Gifts: CAFOD gifts are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose to send a goat, build a business or help a refugee child. You can order gifts online at cafod.org.uk/world_gifts or call 0808 1400014 or catalogues are available at the back of the church. Many Thanks.

CAFOD: I have received a letter from CAFOD on 28th November 2017 thanking all Parishioners at ST. Theresa of the Child Jesus for donating **£686.70 (Including £315.64 – Boxes)** towards Harvest Fast Day 2017. With God`s help, our support and efforts, they will be able to improve crops in el Salvador.

THE POPE TWEETS @pontiff: We all possess God-given talents. No one can claim to be so poor that they have nothing to offer others. No child of God can be discarded in His eyes. He entrusts a mission to each one of us. We are all beggars before the love of God, a love that gives meaning to our existence and that offers us eternal life.

Catholic Youth: Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than 15th January. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

Reflection – Advent II: This Sunday readings remind us that the past, present and future comings of Jesus into the world are the fulfilment of the saving plan of God. Scripture readings deal with coming home – Babylonian exiles coming home, the *shalom* or perfect peace of coming home, our going home with Jesus at his Second Coming, and Jesus, the Saviour, “coming home” into our lives during Advent. Readings focus on the absolute necessity of our readying ourselves by repentance and reparation for Christ’s coming. Isaiah assures his people that the Lord will restore their homeland to them and care for them as a shepherd cares for the sheep. Psalm 85 also speaks of the return of *shalom* (perfect peace), and pardon to the people. Second reading gives an answer to those who scoff at the expectation of the Second Coming of Christ, explaining that God’s way of reckoning time is different from ours and that God has His own reasons for delaying Christ’s second coming. Peter gives us the assurance that Jesus is sure to come again although we do not know when.

Hence, while we wait, we should be leading lives of holiness and godliness. Gospel tells us that the restoration of the fallen world has already begun, starting with the arrival of John the Baptist, the messenger and forerunner of the Messiah. John speaks of one, more powerful than he – Jesus Christ – who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit. Each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, and now we live in the Spirit each day, waiting for the return of our Lord. Thus, we become John the Baptist’s successors, preparing for Christ’s return which will bring a new and perfect world.

Confirmation: The Bishop has now confirmed that the Confirmation Date for New Forest will be **Sunday 29th 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** . 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.