

# St Theresa of Child Jesus Church, Totton

## Our Lady of the Assumption, Lyndhurst

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17<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Advent Week III – ('Gaudete') 'O Sapientia', O Wisdom

*"Make straight the way of the Lord"*

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at Totton at 6pm , Bill Meany R.I.P, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at Lyndhurst 9am, Clive Hodges R.I.P

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at Totton at 10.30am, People of Our Parish

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at 9.30am, Private Intention.

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at 9.30am

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Mass at 9.30am

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Dec Mass at 10am

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec NO SERVICE

### Hymns – Advent III

Opening Hymn: Come o Come  
Emmanuel

Offertory Hymn: Take our bread

Recessional: Holy Virgin by Gods

24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Advent Week IV

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Mass at 6pm Totton

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Mass at Lyndhurst at 9am

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Mass at Totton at 10.30am

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec– Christmas Eve Mass with Christmas Carols at Lyndhurst at 6.30pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec– Christmas Eve Mass with Christmas Carols at Totton at 8.00pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec– Christmas Day Mass at Lyndhurst 9am

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Day Mass at Totton 10.30am

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec – St.Stephen`s Day Mass at Totton 10am

**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.

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**Please pray for the following members:** Please pray for Bella Calder, Claire Sorrell, Tony Wright, Jean Taplan. John Tobin. Linda Hayes and other Parish Family members.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

**Christmas Help at Lyndhurst:** Thu 21<sup>st</sup> December: Cleaning church after 10 am Mass.

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 10.00am Flower arranging preparation.

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> December: after 9.00am Mass. Building crib, placing flowers into position.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:** If you are going away for the Christmas Celebrations and holiday period, I wish you a blessed and Holy Christmas. Deacon Stephen and I wish you safe journeys to and from your destinations and an enjoyable and relaxed time. If you are staying here we look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period.

**In Memoriam (Lyndhurst):** This year we will have a wreath dedicated to our departed loved ones, friends and parishioners who have made past Christmases memorable with their presence for us. Let us quietly remember them at this time of Christmas celebration with our prayers. Name a star to hang on the wreath in memory of a loved one.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK by Father David Sillince :** How many times have you said the Lord's Prayer? Of course, you can't say. But do you know you may have been saying it wrong, at least according to the Bishops of Italy and France, and now Pope Francis? It all hinges on those words "lead us not into temptation". Can God do that? Let us carry out a little linguistic investigation. The Catholic Church translates its texts from a Latin original, but the Bible was not originally written in Latin. It was translated into Latin by St. Jerome in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Century and his version has recently been updated. The Lord's Prayer appears in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke (Matthew's is the version we are familiar with), both of which are written in Greek, though Matthew's was originally in Aramaic, the language of Jesus. Jesus may or may not have known any Greek, but it is improbable that he knew any Latin and he certainly didn't speak English!

Both evangelists use the verb *eisenenkes* from a verb meaning 'to lead in' (or possibly 'let in'). A professor at Rome's Gregorian University has said: "that is a very literal translation which must be interpreted". As was famously said on another occasion: "he would say that, wouldn't he?" Jerome translated that as *inducas*, from which we get English words like 'induce' – as 'induce a coma' – and 'induction', as in those dreaded 'induction' sessions. Lead into what? *Peirasmon*. This primarily means 'a trial', 'a test'. Jerome translated it as *temptationem* (or *tentationem*) which certainly looks like 'temptation', but again primarily means 'a trial', 'a test'. Obviously there is a verbal link here; English 'tempt' and 'attempt' come from the same root. If we are given a 'test', we may be 'tempted' to give up.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus wakes the sleeping disciples and tells them to watch and pray, 'lest they enter into *peirasmon*'. And St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, says that God will not allow them to be *peirasthenai* (verb form) beyond what they can bear. But would God do this? Isn't temptation Satan's job? Well, it seems God did it with his Son. At the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert, we read that Jesus '*anexthe* (was lead up) by the spirit into the wilderness' [Matthew]. or more dramatically in Mark 'the spirit *ekballei* Jesus into the wilderness'. This last is a compound of *ballo* meaning to throw, from which we get our word 'ballistics' (as in 'Father David went ballistic'). The spirit threw Jesus out.

The ancient writer of the book of Job saw God and Satan as not being so far apart. God casually asks Satan: "Where have you been?" and Satan equally casually replies: "Oh, mooching about". And then Satan asks God for permission to test Job. It is a story based on the old question: if God is good, how can there be any evil? And sometimes it does seem as if God is not rushing to sort things out. A Russian priest, who had known the bitter persecution of Bolshevik times, said: "If you want God to tempt you, tempt you he certainly can". It would seem as if we are really defiant, God may actually say to Satan: "Just move over and leave this one to me". Perhaps we'd do best to going on saying the prayer the way we always have done.

**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** . 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.**