

St Theresa of Child Jesus Church, Totton

Our Lady of the Assumption, Lyndhurst

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24th December 2017 – Advent Week IV

Sat 23rd Mass at 6pm Totton, People of the Parish

Sun 24th Mass at Lyndhurst at 9am

Sun 24th Mass at Totton at 10.30am, David Burton R.I.P

Sunday 24th Dec– Christmas Eve Mass with Christmas Carols at Lyndhurst at 6.30pm

Sunday 24th Dec– Christmas Eve Mass with Christmas Carols at Totton at 8.00pm

Monday 25th Dec– Christmas Day Mass at Lyndhurst 9am

Monday 25th Dec- Christmas Day Mass at Totton 10.30am

Tuesday 26th Dec – St.Stephen`s Day Mass at Totton 10am,

Wednesday 27th Dec Mass at Totton 9.30am , David Burton R.I.P

Thursday 28th Dec Mass at Lyndhurst 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. 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 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

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

Christmas Help at Lyndhurst: Sun 24th December: after 9.00am Mass. Building crib, placing flowers into position.

Christmas Offerings: Your Christmas offerings are your gift to your Parish Priest Fr. Innaiah. As Christmas is a family feast celebrated in the context of a family, Fr. Innaiah thank you for all the kindness and generosity that you have shown during the year. May our Parish family be blessed at this Joyous Season? I wish all of you A Blessed and Merry Christmas & Joy filled New Year 2018.

Christmas Blessings & Christmas Wishes: Deacon Stephen & Fr. Innaiah would like to wish you Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year 2018. May Infant Jesus – Our Saviour and Christ Jesus bless you and your family.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: If you are going away for the Christmas Celebrations and holiday period, We 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.

HE POPE TWEETS @pontifex : Go out to meet Jesus, spend time with Him in prayer, and entrust your whole life to His merciful love. Every stranger that knocks at our door is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ. May the Lord grant us the wisdom to seek that which is worthwhile and to love, not with our words but with our actions.

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Christmas Gift from Bishop Philip to all parishioners. Please collect after Mass the book "Rediscover Jesus An invitation" by Matthew Kelly, New York Times bestseller author.

THE CRIB COLLECTION this year goes to Christians in the Holy Land via the 'Friends of the Holy Land' (the Diocese alternates this with the 'Knights of the Holy Sepulchre'). All money goes to the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank and Gaza, and to help with education, employment, health and housing costs. For more information see: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

A CHURCH TIMELINE for 2018AD – A brief note by Fr. David Sillince

- 18AD** – Jesus is (probably) aged 22 and has no doubt thought up ever more baffling questions and answers.
- 118 AD** – Opening of the Pantheon in Rome, the 'Temple of the Gods', now the church of St. Mary and the Martyrs.
- 218AD** – Persecution of Christians in Rome by the effeminate and insane Emperor Heliogabalus, himself high priest of the Syrian sun-god Elagabal. His reign fortunately ends in 222 when he is murdered by his grandmother and aunt.
- 318AD** – Excommunication of Arius, a presbyter of the church in Alexandria, who denied the full deity of the pre-existent Son of God, making the Son the created agent through whom the universe itself was created. "There was a time when he was not". This teaching, the Arian heresy, was rebutted by the Council of Nicaea (325); Christ was "begotten, not made".
- 418AD** – The Council of Carthage in N. Africa reinforces St. Augustine's teaching that we all sin through the sin of Adam, and our salvation depends on God's will, over against Pelagius, who maintained that we do not have sinful tendencies, and work out our own salvation or damnation.
- 518AD** – The Patriarch of Antioch in Syria, one of the oldest Christian places in the world, where believers were first called "Christians", has to leave the city through unrest, never to return; the Patriarchate spent centuries in Iraq and Turkey and is now located in Damascus.
- 618AD** – Lawrence, second archbishop of Canterbury after Augustine, intends to leave the city after the king of Kent reverts to paganism but has a vision of St. Peter, rebuking him for thinking of deserting.
- 718AD** – St. Boniface begins his evangelising work in northern Europe, which will continue until his death in 754.
- 818AD** – The first clear statement of the doctrine that the material elements of bread and wine in the Eucharist are "by divine power changed into the very body that was born of Mary".
- 918AD** – Norwegian Vikings sack the city of York, where Christianity is struggling to recover.
- 1018AD** – At the Synod of Pavia in N. Italy, Pope Boniface VIII declares that "the sons and daughters of clergy, whether from free-women or slaves, whether from legal wives or concubines, are the property of the Church".
- 1118AD** – Foundation of the Knights Templar (of the Order of the Temple of Solomon) as part of St. Bernard's plan to restore the Holy Land to the Christian faith.
- 1218AD** – Death of Peter Waldo, a kind of proto-Protestant St. Francis of Assisi, stressing radical poverty, public preaching and dedication to the Bible. His movement, originating in Lyons in 1173, was condemned by the Catholic Church, but the 'Waldensians' still have a presence in Italy and elsewhere.
- 1318AD** – The Franciscan Blessed Odoric Mattiuzzi (of Pordenone) leaves Italy to embark on the most ambitious preaching tour ever, a circuit taking in Armenia, Persia, Iraq, India, Java, Borneo, the Philippines, China, Mongolia and Tibet. He returns to die in his bed in 1330.
- 1418AD** – End of the Council of Constance, whose high watermark was to end the Papal Schism of two (and eventually three) contenders, and whose low point was the burning of the Czech reformer Jan Hus who had gone there under a safe conduct.
- 1518AD** – Taking his cue from Martin Luther, the Swiss reformer Zwingli begins in Zurich his attack on Church practices, leading to his replacing the Mass with a new liturgy.
- 1618AD** – The so-called 'Defenestration' (Throwing Out of the Window) of Prague: three agents of the Catholic Emperor are ejected thus from the third floor of a palace by Protestant opponents. Crying to Our Lady for help, they land unharmed on a pile of manure. The event sparked off the deadly Thirty Years' War in central Europe (to 1648).
- 1718AD** – Death of Wu Yushan, one of the first three native Chinese priests, and a famed water-colour painter.
- 1818AD** – A German priest psychiatrist is the first to propose the notion that the insane are 'unfree' and therefore not responsible for their actions, thus introducing the insanity plea into law.
- 1918AD** – The Catholic Church introduces its Code of Canon Law, thus presenting the general principles of membership and the structure of the institution in one volume, replacing a series of disconnected decrees. The Code was revised in 1983.
- 2018AD** – Church history waits to be made – by you?