



**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church. Totton
Our Lady of the Assumption & St. Edward the
Confessor Church. Lyndhurst**

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Psalter week 4.

Sat. 22nd December. Mass. St. Theresa's 6.00.pm
Sun. 23rd December. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am
Sun. 23rd December. Mass. St. Theresa's 10.30.am.
The Nativity of the Lord
Mon. 24th December. Mass. Our Lady's
Carols at 6.30.pm. Holy Mass 7.00 pm
Mon 24th December. Mass. St Theresa's
Carols at 8.30.pm. Holy Mass 9.00. pm
The Nativity of the Lord
Tue. 25th December. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am
Tue 25th December. Mass. St Theresa's 10.30.am
Wed. 26th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am
St Stephen
Thu. 27th December. Mass. Our Lady's 10.00 am.
St John
Fri. 28th December. No Service.

Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Psalter week 1.

Sat. 29th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 6.00.pm.
Sun. 30th December. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am.
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sun. 30th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 10.30.am.
Mon. 31st December. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Tue. 1st January. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Wed. 2nd January. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Thu. 3rd January. Mass. Our Lady's 10.00.am.
Fri. 4th January. No Service.

+Please pray for the following members of our community who are ill or housebound: Bella Calder, Claire Sorrell, Tony Wright, John Tobin, Christopher Brown, Peggy Crooke, Greg Borkowski, Jay Dosanjh, John Vidal, Clara Nolan. For all those in nursing homes or hospital and other Parish Family members who are ill or need our prayers.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

Fr. Gerry and Stephen wish a very happy, blessed and joyful Christmas tide to all our parishioners their family members and relatives and all our visitors to our parish during this Holy season. If you are going away for the Christmas Celebrations and holiday period, we wish you a blessed and holy Christmas. We wish you safe journeys to and from your destinations and an enjoyable and relaxed time. If you are staying at home, we look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period.

The Christmas offering is your personal gift to Fr. Gerry and makes up part of his personal income for the coming year. Envelopes are in the boxes for those in the Gift Aid scheme. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Christmas Crib:

The crib offerings will be sent to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. Keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

Fr. Brian Croughan at Winchester, former parish priest of St. Theresa's Totton, wishes to thank all of you who sent to him Christmas cards. He wishes all of you A Merry Christmas!

Mass times for The Nativity of the Lord:

Our Lady Lyndhurst

First Mass of Christmas.

Monday, 24th December.

Carols at 6.30.pm. Holy Mass 7.00 pm.

Christmas Day

Tuesday, 25th December. Mass 9.00.am.

St. Theresa`s Totton

First Mass of Christmas

Monday 24th December

Carols at 8.30 pm Holy Mass 9.00pm

Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December Holy Mass at 10.30am

Advent Wreath:

Fourth Candle - The Candle of Love

During Advent, we have lit the Candles of: Hope, Peace, and Joy.

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her, she was filled with love.

From hope, peace, and Joy grows Love.

(A person lights the Fourth Candle the Candle of Love)

We light the Candle of Love to remind us that when Jesus is born in us, we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the love we find in Jesus Christ.

God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

Lyndhurst Food Bank and Christmas presents for St James Society:

Thank you for your generosity in bringing food and gifts. I trust some of you took part in our reverse the Advent Calendar (which ends on the 24th December) and you gave extra to our Food Bank. I am sure they will be most appreciated. Thanks go also to Henry for delivering your food and gifts.

Vocations

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life.

To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call

01329 318 869

BOXING DAY:

26th December. Feast of St. Stephen.

There seems to be two theories on the origin of Boxing Day and why it is celebrated. The first is that centuries ago, on the day after Christmas, members of the merchant class would give boxes containing food and fruit, clothing, or money to trades people and servants. The second thought is that Boxing Day comes from the tradition of opening the alms boxes placed in churches over the Christmas season. The contents thereof which were distributed amongst the poor, by the clergy, the day after Christmas.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: 30th December: The birth of Christ took place in circumstances of poverty, without many of the comforts we would consider basic, and yet we know that this was a family that shared every value that counts for anything. It doesn't matter whether we are single parents, aunts, uncles, foster parents or grandparents, we look to the Holy Family and follow their example in making our own homes places of peace and happiness, places where true values flourish.

The Feast day is also marked by our Annual Diocesan day of prayer for those in the ministry of Safeguarding. It is a day when we pray for children and vulnerable adults, for the victims of abuse and for all who work in the ministry of safeguarding. Just as Mary and Joseph created a safe home-environment for Jesus, so too on this day y, let us pray that the Church in all her contexts will be a safe haven for our children and for the vulnerable. Let us thank God too for the work of our diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, for the members of the Safeguarding Commission and for all who serve so generously in our parishes as safeguarding representatives.

Im Memoriam:

Again, this year at Our Lady, 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. Place the name on a star (provided) to hang on the wreath in memory of a loved one.