



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

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Psalter week 3. Year A**

Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass. St. Theresa's	6.00.pm.
Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass. Our Lady's	9.00.am.
Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass. St. Theresa's	10.30.am.
Mon. 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass St. Theresa's	9.30.am.
Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass St. Theresa's	9.30.am.
Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass St. Theresa's	9.30.am.
Thu. 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass. Our Lady's	10.00am.
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec. No Mass.	

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent –Psalter week 4. Year A**

Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. Mass. St. Theresa's	6.00.pm.
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. Mass. Our Lady's	9.00.am.
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. Mass. St. Theresa's	10.30.am.
Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec. Mass. St. Theresa's	9.30.am.
Tue. 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass Our Lady's	7.00pm.
<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	
Tue. 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass. St Theresa's	9.00pm
Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass. Our Lady's	9.00.am
<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>	
Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass. St. Theresa's	10.30.am.
Thu. 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass. Our Lady's	10.00am.
<b>St Stephen</b>	
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec. No Mass.	

**Collection for Christmas flowers**

**+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, Eve Barry, Ray & Mary Templeman, Chris Phelan, and Mary Taylor. For all those in nursing homes or hospital and other Parish Family members who are ill or need our prayers.

**St Theresa's Parish Christmas Bazaar**

Heartfelt thanks to you all for your support for our Christmas Bazaar. It was a successful day and the magnificent sum of **£1588.77** was raised. Special thanks to the organising team especially Theresa & Edna, also those who helped by manning the stalls serving the refreshments, yourselves for donating items to sell and for attending the day. Thank you all.

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** There will be a meeting for children and parents on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Hall at 11.30am. Please make every effort to attend.

**Christmas Flowers**

The retiring Collection Next Sunday will be for the Christmas flowers to enhance the beauty of our churches over the Christmas period.

**Pope Francis' Intentions Dec 2019**

**The Future of the Very Young**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**Pope's Tweets:** Let us ask the Lord, in this time of Advent, to revive in us faith in Christ who comes to save us, to help us be always faithful to our vocation as missionary disciples. Today in the world many Christians are persecuted and give their lives for their faith. Martyrdom is the breath of the life of a Christian, of a Christian community. There will always be martyrs among us: this is the sign that we are following the way of Jesus.

### **Christmas Mass Times 2019**

#### **Tuesday 24th December.**

Our Lady's. Carols at: 6.30.pm.

Holy Mass: 7.00.pm

St Theresa's. Carols at: 8.30.pm.

Holy Mass 9.00.pm

#### **Christmas Day. Wednesday 25th December.**

25th December. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am

25th December. Mass. St Theresa's 10.30.am

### **Advent Penitential Service with Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theresa's**

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm till 8.00pm: There will be a short Penitential Service, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament with Confessions. I have requested the gracious presence of another priest to help me with confessions. It will be a great way of celebrating Advent and prepare for the birth of Our Lord.

### **Saving Energy and Recycling at Home**

*In his 2015 encyclical letter Laudato Si, Pope Francis asks us to review what we are each doing to protect the Earth. With Christmas approaching, where might we start? A good start, according to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, is with saving energy and recycling at home.*

It may not seem that we can do much, but 'the might of the ocean is made up of single drops of water'. Whatever the degree of commitment to reducing our carbon footprint or considering the environment, there is always an interest in reducing energy and water bills and this can be achieved by learning new habits. Additionally, here in the UK, local authorities are implementing rules which encourage us to consider how we dispose of our rubbish – the items we no longer want. What can we do to help? To start with, you might want to measure your carbon footprint at home and then measure it again in six months, 12 months and so on, to see the effect of your actions. The aim is to reduce our impact on the environment in many different ways. What about the following?

- Always carry a re-usable bag with you so that it's ready for your shopping
- Use public transport or cycle or use a low emission car or car share whenever possible
- When rebuilding or refurbishing, use eco-friendly materials and building techniques
- Go on eco-friendly holidays
- Change to a green electricity supplier
- Use eco-friendly cleaning products
- Consider everything you buy and use and be aware of its impact on the environment whether through manufacturing, mining, deforestation or pollution.

**CAFOD** Jo Lewry, *Portsmouth Community Partnership Co-ordinator* writes...

Many thanks for your generosity and support over the year for the Lent and Harvest fast days, and especially for the Cyclone Idai appeal in March. Cyclone Idai swept across Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi – leaving a trail of destruction in its wake. Huge swathes of Southern Africa were battered by one of the worst storms to hit the region, which brought with it torrential rains and winds of up to 90 mph. Millions of people lost their homes, their crops and their businesses. You helped us to raise over £2 million.

**This Christmas 2019, our Crib offerings** in the Diocese will be donated to the Friends of the Holy Land. (In alternate years, the collections are sent to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre). These offerings remind us that the Christian community in the Holy Land represents a physical link between the modern world and the life and times of Christ – they are the 'living stones' of our faith. Since 1998, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has organised a group called the Holy Land Co-ordination. It is chaired by Bishop Declan Lang of Clifton. Recently, Bishop Declan issued the following statement: *"As Bishops of the Holy Land Coordination have consistently highlighted, we all have a responsibility to oppose the continued construction of illegal settlements, which not only fuels human rights violations, but imperils any chance of a two-state solution. We stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as it strives for justice and peace amid these increasingly difficult circumstances and look forward to reiterating this support in person during our forthcoming visit to Christian communities in Palestine."*

### **VOCATIONS** Our **Seminarian to keep in your prayers this month**

David Bateman who is in his third year at Oscott Seminary, Birmingham. He is a parishioner of the Cathedral Parish in Portsmouth. David says this about his vocation. "I have thought about the sacred Priesthood since the age of 9, and on what seems like a long journey I am now in my third year of formation. I became a Catholic at the age 17. I didn't go to university, instead after college I joined my brother and became a builder. I did this for 5 years until I met with the Bishop and we both decided that it was time to stop thinking about Priesthood and do something about it. I left my Job, family and friends to join seminary. I am extremely happy with where I am now, and I am proud to be a seminarian for the diocese of Portsmouth. To find out more about vocations visit.

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you". To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869