



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

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Psalter week 1. Year A

Sat. 8th Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 6.00.pm.
Susan Vanni RIP
Sun. 9th Feb. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am.
Sun. 9th Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 10.30.am.
Theresa Lolo Ezinne Onyejuluwa RIP
Mon. 10th Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Eddy Chika Umeh RIP
Tue. 11th Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Obiora Okeke RIP
Wed. 12th Feb. No Mass.
Thu. 13th Feb. No Mass.
Fri. 14th Feb. No Mass.

**Optional collection this weekend for
Racial Justice**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Psalter week 2. Year A

Sat. 15th Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 6.00.pm.
Sun. 16th Feb. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am.
Sun. 16th Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 10.30.am.
Mon. 17th Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Tue. 18th Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Wed. 19th Feb. Mass. St Theresa's 9.30.am.
Thu. 20th Feb. Mass. Our Lady's 10.00am.
Anthony John Cook RIP
Fri. 21st Feb. No Mass.

+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, Miss Fahim, Alaric Rosman and Mary Taylor. For all those in nursing homes or hospital and other Parish Family members who are ill or need our prayers.

**Pope Francis' Intentions Feb 2020
Listen to the Migrants' Cries**

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Pope's Tweets: There is a poverty that we must accept, that of our own being, and a poverty that we must seek instead - a concrete one - from the things of this world, in order to be free and to be able to love.

Please note There will be no weekday Masses ON Wednesday or Thursday as Fr. Gerry will be away on a Clergy Residential course.

Racial Justice Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Racial Justice – the theme is “You are at the heart of the Church” It will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to Racial Justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities. To support the Church in its work with travellers, a second collection will be taken this weekend. Your Contributions will help make a difference. Thank you.

Diocesan Day of Reparation for the Sins of Sexual Abuse

I'd like to invite the whole Diocese to join me at the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent, 1st March 2020 for a Day of Prayer and Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse by members of the Church - Bishop Philip.

Our Seminarian to keep in your prayers this month:

Ambrose Chou: Near the end of my second year at university I was walking past the local university Church I decided to pop in; a decision I would soon realise was a turning point in my life. There happened to be Adoration on and as I was kneeling in front of the Blessed Sacrament and praying (for the first time in ages), I felt an overwhelming sense of utter love. It was as though someone was lifting me up and embracing me, the real me with all my brokenness. I looked around because it felt like someone was giving me a hug. But no one was there, just a lady kneeling at the front. I suddenly realised it was God, and that I was loved by many people. But it was not like any other love I had felt before, it was a pure love. God's love. Near the end of university, I decided to apply for the priesthood, where I went to a discernment weekend, and a few weeks later I was accepted and went to Spain for a propadeutic year... but I still don't speak very much Spanish!

Now I am at St Mary's Seminary, Oscott in my second year and preparing to receive the ministry of Lectorate near the end of March. I ask you to join me this month in my prayer intention - for all those who are discerning their vocation."

To find out more about vocations contact Fr. John Cooke at: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

The Rite of Election

The Rite of Election, which normally takes place on the Saturday after Ash Wednesday, takes place this year in the Cathedral on Saturday 29th February at 1100h – and I want to invite you to come and join us for it! The *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion*, to give it its full title, is the liturgy in which those adults who are preparing for Baptism this Easter, and those who are being received into full communion with the Catholic Church, are presented to the Bishop for the Church's blessing. For the 'catechumens' (those under catechesis for Baptism) especially, this Rite is important: it's the moment in their formation when they are formally 'elected' or chosen by the Bishop, on the testimony of their godparents and others, to become members of the Church. Their names are inscribed in the Book of the Elect to signify that they have heard the Lord calling them by name and that they wish to respond publicly to His call.

Sunday 23rd February 2020 – Mass for Nigerians (Notice for Newsletters)

INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS

Bishop Philip and the Nigerian Catholic Priests, Religious and Laity in Portsmouth Diocese invite everyone to a Thanksgiving Eucharistic Liturgy. This will take place on Sunday, 23rd February 2020, at 3.00pm at St. John's Cathedral. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Members of the Nigerian Community and their friends are all invited and encouraged to attend. This celebration will encourage the sharing of the community's identity, unity, diversity, rich cultural values and heritage. It will also serve as an inaugural meeting for Nigerian Catholics all through the Diocese to participate in. The Catholic TV of Nigeria will be covering the Mass. Traditional/cultural dress is highly encouraged for the occasion. If you are attending or you wish to make further enquiries, please contact the main event organiser, Fr Daniel Agber who can be contacted at nigeriansinportsmouthdiocese@gmail.com or call him on his mobile: 07424 426845 or 07778 8666137.

A prayer for victims of Coronavirus

O God, our loving Father and Creator, we humbly ask you to receive into your arms the soul of all those who have died in China and elsewhere from the coronavirus. In your great mercy, grant consolation to the families of the departed and hope and strength to the doctors, nurses and medical staff caring for those suffering illness and diseases of every kind. Through the intercession of Our Lady, Health of the Sick, give prudence and wisdom to those in authority, insight and discovery to those seeking a cure, serenity and patience to the anxious, and health, safety and protection to us all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon Stephen Morgan of our Diocese who is attached to the seminary in Macau as the Dean of Studies, has asked me to post this appeal for help in this week's e-News. It relates to the coronavirus. The appeal is from Jinde Charities of Shijiazhuang (Hebei), which Deacon Stephen informs me is the biggest Social Service organization of the Catholic Church in Mainland China. They are appealing for medical masks; surgery masks and protective suits and they list the types needed. This for most of us is of course a long shot. But there might be someone in our Diocese who is reading this that can help or knows someone who might be able to help. The email and other contact details are in e-News, or you can contact Deacon Stephen directly on: smorgan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk