



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

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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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Psalter week 3. Year A

Sat. 22nd Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 6.00.pm.
Sun. 23rd Feb. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am.
Sun. 23rd Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 10.30.am.
Christopher Cornish RIP
Mon. 24th Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Tue. 25th Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Wed. 26th Feb. Mass. Our Lady's 10.00.am.
Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)
Wed. 26th Feb. Mass. St. Theresa's 7.00pm.
Thu. 27th Feb. Mass. Our Lady's 10.00am.
Fri. 28th 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: The Lord, who is the first to care for us, teaches us to care for our brothers and sisters and the environment which he daily gives us. This is the first ecology that that we need.

ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS on 26th February, Ash Wednesday. Masses at 10am at Our Lady Lyndhurst and 7.00 pm at St Theresa's. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. It is a day of fasting and abstinence.

CAFOD Lent family fast day Friday 6thMarch

This Lent CAFOD's family fast day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Please consider eating a simple meal and put what you save in the CAFOD collection envelope. Through CAFOD's global Church family your support can help those living in poverty overseas so many thanks for your donation.

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 propaedeutic 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.

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.

Sunday 23rd February 2020 – Mass for Nigerians **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.

Hygiene guidelines at Mass

Ensure everyone maintains good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings. The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt the spread of the virus. We should be doing this all the time for 'flu but don't.

Ask anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from taking Holy Communion from the Chalice and receive the Host on the hand only. (We should be doing this anyway, every 'flu season.)

Ensure Ministers of the Eucharist sanitise their hands before and after distributing Communion. (We should be doing this anyway as a matter of course.) This can be done by washing hands discreetly before proceeding to the sanctuary - or using good quality hand gel discreetly.