

# St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church. Totton Our Lady of the Assumption & St. Edward the

## **Confessor Church. Lyndhurst**

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent –Psalter week 2. Year A		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent –Psalter week 3. Year A		
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. St. Theresa's	6.00.pm.	Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. St. Theresa's	6.00.pm.	
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. Our Lady`s	9.00.am.	Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. Our Lady`s	9.00.am.	
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. St. Theresa's	10.30.am.	Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. St. Theresa's	10.30.am.	
Mon. 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. St. Theresa's	9.30.am.	Mon. 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. St. Theresa's	9.30.am.	
Tue. 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass St. Theresa's	9.30.am.	Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass St. Theresa's	9.30.am.	
		St Patrick		
		Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Stations of the Cross. St. Theres	a's.9.00.am	
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. St. Theresa's	9.30.am.	Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. St. Theresa's	9.30.am.	
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Stations of the Cross. Our La	ndv's. 9.30am.	Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Stations of the Cross. Our Lady's	s. 9.30am.	
Thu. 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. Our Lady's	10.00am.	Thu. 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass. Our Lady's <b>St Joseph</b>		
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Fri. 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar. No Mass.		Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar. No Mass.		
Optional collection for CAFOD				

+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 Mar 2020 Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity. **Pope's Tweets:** Lent is a time of grace, a time for recognizing that our lowly <u>#ashes</u> are loved by God and for letting God gaze upon us with love, and in this way change our lives. We were put in this world to go from ashes to life.

## **Stations of the Cross**

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.00am before Mass on Wednesdays at St Theresa's and at 9.30am on Thursdays at Our Lady's.

## Monday morning Tea and Coffee

Tea and coffee will be available after Mass at St Theresa's on Mondays at 10.00am in the hall, everyone is welcome

#### **Poitiers Care Foodbank**

We are very grateful for all the support you so generously provide as we continue to do the work of the Gospel, **BUT** we do require more drivers and navigators to build up our Friday delivery team. If you can help please contact Brian Arthur on 07796 161047 thank you

#### SVP Grand Draw

Please return your ticket stubs and money on or before 9th March- including any unsold tickets, as we have to account locally for all tickets, before sending off to Head Office. Thank you CAFOD Lent family fast day Friday 6th March 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. Over the years, generous donations have helped millions of people and this Lent our poster and short talk features the work of local health experts, like Sister Consilia from Zimbabwe. When Sister Consilia was a girl, she and her sister caught malaria. They had no choice but to walk four hours - through pouring rain and across a flooded river - to receive treatment. Determined that other girls wouldn't have to make the same treacherous journey, Sister Consilia trained as a pharmacist. She now works at a local health centre dispensing medicine and advising new mums and families.

Our Seminarian to keep in your prayers this month: Deacon Matthew King: "I'm South African by birth, having grown up in a seaside town called Amanzimtoti (say that 3 times quickly!) right on the east coast of South Africa. I'm the eldest of three, with my younger sister, who has recently given birth to her first child, and my brother, the youngest. Both my parents taught catechism in our parish, so I had a solid Catholic upbringing. After a conversion of heart, I had started visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for 5 minutes every day after work, telling Him about my day, my gripes, my discontent. It would come as a surprise to me that the idea of priesthood developed from these periods of adoration and I began attending weekday Masses in the evenings. Being a priest was something, I'd say, I was not interested in pursuing, yet He knew how to win me.

So, I began the incredible journey of formation for the priesthood, which has included a propaedeutic year at Portsmouth Cathedral, 5 years of study at the Venerable English College in Rome and now a diaconate year at Sacred Heart, Fareham. God willing, I'll be ordained a priest in April 2020. Though it may seem like I'm at the end of formation, one of the first things you learn in seminary is that formation does not end. The journey of formation continues right up until we take our last breath and finally see face to face what we now only see dimly"

Save the Date – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am as Deacon Matthew mentions above God willing, he will be ordained a Priest for our Diocese at the Cathedral. To find out more about vocations contact Fr. John Cooke at: <u>vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</u> or call 01329 318 869

#### Hygiene guidelines

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.

#### **Ideas for Lent**

Bishop Philip writes...During the season of Lent, the Church invites us by God's grace to undertake three works that, we pray, will lead to our spiritual renewal, preparing us to celebrate Easter: works of (1) prayer; (2) fasting, mortification and self-denial; and (3) almsgiving and charity. What we do is of course our personal choice, as an offering to the Lord, but sometimes people struggle to think what might be best. Here are some suggestions which may help! 1. Works of (daily) prayer: attending Mass; saying part of the Rosary; making the Stations of the Cross; prayerfully reading the Gospel of the day; reading a daily meditation (online or from a book); reading a spiritual book (lives of the saints, prayer, aspect of faith); saying Morning Prayer or another part of the Divine Office.

**2. Works of fasting:** giving up tea, coffee, chocolate or alcohol; giving up a favourite biscuit, fruit, food or sugar in a drink; not snacking between meals; fasting on Fridays; cutting back using the computer, social media or watching TV.

**3. Works of charity:** assisting a parish charitable activity; visiting someone who is sick or elderly; volunteering when an appeal is made; saving money from a work of fasting and donating it to a good charitable cause; supporting CAFOD and Caritas; a work of 'advocacy' campaigning for a just cause (e.g. writing to an MP); random acts of kindness at school, work or in the home; giving up idle conversation.

#### **100 Club February Draw winners**

Dave Macklin Geraldine Elliot Bryony Birch The Club needs more members there are entry forms on the notice board – Thank you