

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

(Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth) Reg Charity No: 246871,

Parish Priest: Fr. Gerry Onyejuluwa, MSP. Serving the Parishes of Totton & Lyndhurst

Parish Office: 20 Beaumont Road, Totton SO40 3AL, Hants.

Tel: 023 8086 2270, E-mail: [totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Rev. Stephen Short. Parish Deacon.

Totton Parish Safeguarding Rep: Mrs. Lynda Szymanski 02380292058.

Lyndhurst Parish Safeguarding Rep: Adrian Forest. 02380283427.

Parish Secretary/Administrator Steve Bowler (Thursday 9 – 1pm)

**Mass times for St Theresa's and Our Lady's**

<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time - Psalter week 2</b>	<b>All Saints - Psalter week 3</b>
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am <b>Marcio Douglas Soares &amp; Sherla Capelini Medina 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</b>	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am <b>All Saints</b>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am <b>All Saints</b>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>Ss Chad &amp; Cedd</b>	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov. Mass St. Theresa's 9.00am Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am <b>All Souls</b>
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>St Martin de Porres</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>Ss Simon &amp; Jude</b>	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>St Charles Borromeo</b>
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am <b>Rev. Fr. Francis Ighorurhie RIP</b>	Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct. NO MASS	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 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, Clara Nolan, Eve Barry, 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.

### **Coronavirus guidelines when attending Mass Reminder**

**Masks must be worn by law. Sanitise your hands when you enter the Church.**

**Holy Communion: wait for the steward to invite you out; keep a 'social distance' from the person in front of you; Holy Communion only on the hand for the safety of others;**

**Observe the one-way system in operation.**

**End of Mass: when you have made your thanksgiving, do not gather in the church or porch:**

**If you wish to catch up with others (naturally) then please do so outside the church building! (but remember the 'Rule of 6').**

**All these 'rules' for the safety of others, especially the most vulnerable.**

### **Pope's intention Oct 2020 - The Laity's Mission in the Church**

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

### **Pope's Tweets**

Prayer is the centre of life. If there is prayer, even a brother, a sister, becomes important. Those who adore God, love His children. Those who respect God, respect human beings.

To all believers, and to men and women of good will, we say: let us become creative artisans of peace, let us build social friendship, let us make our own the culture of dialogue.

### **As Catholics, should we be self-shielding?**

Currently, the coronavirus pandemic seems to be worsening. Government messages stress the need for COVID-safety, that we wear face masks in shops and on public transport, that we practice a strict regime of sanitising and cleansing, that we take care when outside and that we maintain strict social distancing. "Wash your hands; use a tissue for coughs; don't touch your face; avoid close contact with people who are unwell." Other protective measures are in place such as the rule of six and a three-tier lockdown, a system of restrictions varying from place to place that depends on the incidence of cases. Rightly, we do our best to be COVID-safe and to protect our health and the health of others. But as Catholics, what about protecting our spiritual health? Our first response to the pandemic should be earnest prayer to the Lord for a speedy end to the crisis, prayer for the sick and those who care for them, and for those who have died. It's always the right time to nurture further our relationship with the Lord, that is, to grow in prayer and develop our spiritual life. In this Year of the Word, why not read the Bible a bit more, perhaps next Sunday's Gospel? October is the month of the Rosary: why not offer the Rosary for the sick, the housebound, those in care-homes or in hospital? Pope Francis has just released an amazing Encyclical Letter called *Fratelli Tutti*: why not download it and read it? If you do not do so already, why not start reciting daily some of the Liturgy of the Hours (available online), e.g. Night Prayer, Morning Prayer and/or the Office of Readings? Let us not forget: our spiritual health is as important as our physical health, if not even more so. As Catholics, we live in an affluent, secular, consumer culture. Even though there are many things to admire about modern life, we know only too well that there is also a darker side to the world, one that is dangerous to our faith and well-being, and so we need to take great care. We need to be self-shielding. We need to be prudent in order to find the Way to Life. Let's not be doe-eyed, but let's respond generously to the graces the Lord is giving us at this time, even in the midst of suffering. Let us turn to Him in prayer and seek the protection of His Blessed Mother.

Last Sunday, 18th October, was Universal Mission Sunday, when the Church invited us – and continues to invite us – to pray for the universal mission of the Church on every continent. This intention is of course especially urgent in England and Wales, and also in our Diocese of Portsmouth. What are we doing to pray for and to reach out to the millions of people across our diocesan area in order to offer them the Good News of Christ? It is also an important intention worldwide. *Missio*, the pontifical aid society, works assist with this mission. It seeks to ignite God’s love by helping missionaries work alongside communities globally that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. *Missio* exists to enrich today’s global Catholic community by training tomorrow’s generation of priests and sisters, and by giving hope to the world’s poorest children . This last Sunday was Mission Sunday when in normal times a special second collection is taken to support *Missio*. You can find out more information about *Missio* [here](#).

## Celebrating Harvest Fast Day in Lyndhurst



19th October 2020

Jo Lewry, Community Participation Coordinator for CAFOD Portsmouth, shares how **Henry from Our Lady of the Assumption in Lyndhurst supported Harvest Fast Day...**

Many thanks to all our CAFOD Parish volunteers for all they did to promote the Harvest fast day. Their work in parishes ensures that parishioners know how their generous donations are supporting those who lives have been devastated by coronavirus around the world.

Many thanks to **Henry Roseninge** who encouraged parishioners at **Our Lady of the Assumption** to donate to the Harvest appeal. He told me “the local honey, walnuts and cakes were given out with the CAFOD Fast Day envelopes yesterday to all the Mass attenders at **Our Lady Church in Lyndhurst**. It was done in the spirit of sharing the harvest, spreading the word, and encouraging donations.” What a lovely idea, thank you so much **Henry**.

Maureen Thompson from Emsworth also shared the Harvest liturgy that they used at their online Sunday gathering in an article she wrote for our blog. [Read it here](#). Thank you so much Maureen.

### **SPUC - Help stop DIY abortions**

“Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October is the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of people have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see; [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)”

### **Sign the petition to save the right to save lives**

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. We must protect this vital work. Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition here: <https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>

### **Bamenda**



As we approach Bamenda Sunday, Sr. Jethro at Njinikom Hospital in Bamenda recently sent news to Jo Overton, Co-Chair of our Bamenda-Portsmouth Committee. The photo shows some of the internally displaced mothers who have benefited from the funds raised by the parish of St. Colman`s and St. Paul`s, Portsmouth. Sr. Jethro writes...

Back here we started circulation after one month of being locked in. The situation is just zig-zag with little clarity about the future. Concerning the corona pandemic, we have engaged in a massive campaign and screening since August and the results actually show that it is dying out. The most challenging moments were June and July when we recorded 18 positive case. Since then till date, we have not registered any positive case again.