

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

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

2nd Sunday Advent Psalter week 2	3rd Sunday Advent Psalter week 3
Sat 5 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm Lea Alves de Siqueira: Quick recovery	Sat 12 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
Sun 6 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Myra Andrade: Quick recovery	Sun 13 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am
Sun 6 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Innocent Nigerian Farmers brutally killed RIP	Sun 13 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am
Mon 7 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Josephat & Margaret Offor RIP St Ambrose	Mon 14 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am St John of the Cross
Tue 8 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Edward & Mary Onyejuluwa RIP The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tue 15 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Wed 9 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am St John Diego Cuahltloatzin	Wed 16 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Thu 10 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am Our Lady of Loreto	Thu 17 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am
Fri 11 th Dec. NO MASS	Fri 18 th Dec. 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 Croke, 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.

Christmas Collection Our Christmas Collection celebrates and gives thanks to our parish priests and all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese and in each parish. If you would like to give a gift to support Father Gerry in his vocation and mission this Christmas, please visit:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/totton-clergy-christmas-collection> or

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/lyndhurst-clergy-christmas-collection>

Church Funding

A general online donations platform has also been set up for our parish and can be accessed here:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/st-theresa-of-the-child-jesus-totton-catholic-parish> or

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/our-lady-of-the-assumption--st-edward-the-confessor-lyndhurst-catholic-parish>

Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church



Thank you for joining us!

This Christmas we celebrate and give thanks for all the dedication, guidance and care our priests give us throughout our Diocese and in each parish.

If you would like to give a gift to support our parish priest in his vocation and mission, please visit our parish website or click on the link below.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas,

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Clergy Christmas Collection

Next Tuesday, 8th December, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** and a great feast day for our Diocese dedicated to Mary Immaculate. Here is an extract from a sermon of St. Anselm, a Benedictine monk who was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. This reading 'Virgin Mary, all nature is blessed by you', appears in the Office of Readings for the day...

Pope's intention Dec 2020 - For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Pope's Tweets I want to assure my prayers for [#Nigeria](#). Last Saturday more than one hundred farmers were brutally killed. May God welcome them in His peace and comfort their families, and convert the hearts of those who commit similar atrocities which gravely offend His name. God's grace changes lives: He takes us as we are, but He never leaves us as we are.

Diocesan Day of Prayer and Fasting for an End to the Coronavirus Pandemic

Bishop Philip writes...

Many thanks to everyone who joined in the diocesan Day of Prayer and Fasting for an End to the Coronavirus Pandemic last Friday, 27th November. I've had a number of emails expressing gratitude and telling us what happened in their parish or area and what they did to join in. I was most impressed to see the numbers here in the Cathedral during the day, and also in the middle of the night.

This Sunday, is the **Second Sunday of Advent**, a short season of four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Advent is a time when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas and when we renew our desire for His second coming at the end of time. True, Advent can be busy. There's food to order, gifts to buy, cards to send. But spiritually, what should we be doing during this Advent season? We should be praying to God for the theological gift of hope and the renewal of that gift in our lives. We often pray to God for deeper faith and deeper charity but how often do we pray for stronger hope, the hope that comes from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts? Hope is essential to the Christian life. It's hope that gives us joy, energy, enthusiasm; it makes us smile; it puts a spring in our step; it assures us that with God the impossible can be possible, that obstacles can be overcome, that the gloom can be transformed into light. More, it is hope that enables us to glimpse the joy of our true home in heaven.

New Diocesan Newsletter coming

After numerous requests and much thought, we have decided to produce a quarterly Diocesan Newsletter. It will launch this Advent and we hope to distribute it to parishes in time for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 20th December, just before Christmas. Make sure you pick up your copy from church! This Advent/Christmas edition will incorporate a selection of news from around the Diocese, with a round-up of Christmas traditions in the various ethnic communities that are a rich part of our diocesan family and also a couple of interviews with some inspiring people and clergy. There's also a feature on the Apostleship of the Sea and the work they have been doing this last year. The newsletter will be available free online and in printed format. I'll say a bit more next week.

Tell us What You Think

To complete the questionnaire, click [here](#).

In any earthly organisation, it's important to know what people think, what they value, what they find difficult and what they think would improve things. So too - even more so - within the Lord's flock. As your Bishop, I'd like to know better what **you the people and parishioners of our Diocese** think and what is important to you as we journey in faith together. This will help me and our Framework Teams to develop plans and priorities for the Diocese so that we can truly be faithful missionary people in a flourishing vibrant Diocese which brings the joy and hope of the Gospel message to our communities and the wider world. Over the last twelve months, we have consulted our priests and deacons about what they think works and what doesn't work, what needs improvement and what we might let go of. Now it's your turn. Over the next weeks up to Christmas and into the New Year, we will be running an online questionnaire where you can share your views. It will take between 10 and 20 minutes of your time as there are a few areas to cover and I would like as much detail as you are happy to give. The views and thoughts from people who no longer come to church is also important to us so please do encourage those you think might want to have a say to also complete as much of the questionnaire as is relevant to them. It is all anonymous. We will publish the results in the Spring and as I said earlier it will inform my thinking about our priorities for the next few years. In advance, thank you for your help. Click above to begin it.