



**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
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3rd Sunday Advent Psalter week 3	4th Sunday Advent Psalter week 4
Sat 12 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm	Sat 19 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
Sun 13 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Daniel Onyejuluwa – Quick recovery	Sun 20 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am
Sun 13 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Rosa for her intentions	Sun 20 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am
Mon 14 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am St John of the Cross	Mon 21 st Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Tue 15 th Dec Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Tue 22 nd Dec Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Wed 16 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Wed 23 rd Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Thu 17 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am	Thu 24 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 7.00pm Mass St. Theresa's 9.00pm
Fri 18 th Nov. NO MASS	Fri 25 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Nativity of the Lord

✠ 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.

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>

<u>Christmas Mass Times 2020</u>			
Thursday 24th December			
Our Lady's.	Carols:		6.00pm
	Mass:		6.30pm
St Theresa's.	Carols:		7.30pm
	Mass:		8.00pm
Friday 25th December, Christmas Day			
Our Lady's.	Mass:		9.00am
St Theresa's.	Mass:		10.30am

IMPORTANT

Christmas Mass – you will need to let us know what Mass you want to attend in order for us to ensure we can comply with the Corona virus restrictions. Therefore, please let the stewards know when you attend Mass this week and next. Thank you

Room for all – If the lockdown is lifted and we are able to gather for Masses please make every effort to provide space at Mass for visitors and “occasional Catholics” as well as our usual parishioners. For those who visit us at Christmas it is our only opportunity to show them Christ’s love – let’s not leave them out in the cold.

Jingling Bells Sunday 13 December 2020 1500-1600h carols in St Edmunds Catholic parish church The Avenue Southampton. All welcome, especially angels and shepherds or fancy dress. Donations on the day or online to Basics Bank at www.eastleighbasicsbank.org.uk. For tickets, please book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/Jingling-Bells-tickets-131093264483>.

Survey of people and Parishioners



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

Some months ago, I asked clergy to share their thoughts in relation to three questions that I posed about the state of our Diocese, to inform the development of the long term plans and priorities: what they thought was good about the diocese, that we should celebrate; what might be identified as the challenges across our diocese; and what we may need to put in place to develop further our mission. We now want to understand better **what you the people and parishioners of our Diocese think** and what you consider is important as we journey in faith together. This will help us all to develop plans and priorities for the Diocese so that we can truly be faithful missionary people in a flourishing and vibrant Diocese that brings the joy and hope of the Gospel message to our communities and the wider world. The online questionnaire will run over Christmas and into the New Year and we will be promoting this opportunity through parish newsletters and websites, parish groups and in the notices at the end of the Mass. Already we have had several hundred replies. The survey 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. 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. The link can also be found on the [diocesan website](#) and there is a paper version for those unable to access the digital version: leave a message with name and address for Chris Smith our Director of Communications on 02394 216496. We will publish the results in the Spring.

New Diocesan Newsletter

We have just sent to the printers the first edition of our new quarterly Diocesan Newsletter. We will then begin distribution to parishes in the week after Gaudete Sunday in time for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and for Christmas. Make sure you pick up a 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. There are a couple of interviews with inspiring people and clergy and 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 am grateful to Chris Smith for his design and editorial work, Fr. PJ Smith for organising production and distribution and to all who have sent in articles and made contributions.

Advent

Bishop Philip writes...We are now in 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.

Here are some ideas to help you keep this busy but beautiful season special.

Ideas and suggestions for Advent and Christmas 2020

- The O Antiphons – Each week in Advent, I'll film a brief reflection and publish in e-News.
- Advent Wreath Project – I am inviting every family and household in the diocese to make an Advent wreath and keep the Sundays of Advent holy by coming together and following the prayers. More details: [HERE](#).
- Why not join the on-line retreat with Cardinal-elect Raniero Cantalamessa and Chris Stefanik? You will have seen the advert for this in the e-News. To join in you can click the link [HERE](#)
- Scott Hann reflection on the Sunday Gospel - this is a weekly feature in the e-News.
- The God who speaks – As we continue our journey in this 'Year of the Word' why not check out The God who Speaks website for Advent ideas: [HERE](#).

I am very grateful to our schools for all the help they are giving to our Advent preparations:

- Advent Service from a different school each week – Each edition of e-News during Advent will feature an [Advent service](#) from one of our Schools.
- Carol Service – knowing that we will not be able to gather in churches or school halls this Advent for our usual Advent carol services I am going to send out via e-News a carol service from Oaklands secondary school Waterlooille.
- Children's Nativity – I will distribute this via e-News on 22nd December – it will also be available on our diocesan website. I suggest that each household comes together, young and old and shares in the wonderful story of the nativity, reminding us that Jesus really was born for us!