

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

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4th Sunday Advent Psalter week 4	Octave of Christmas Psalter week 1
Sat 19 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm	Sat 26 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm St Stephen
Sun 20 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am	Sun 27 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sun 20 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Michael Smith RIP	Sun 27 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Mon 21 st Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Kevin Ford RIP	Mon 28 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am The Holy Innocents
Tue 22 nd Dec Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Tue 29 th Dec Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am St Thomas of Canterbury
Wed 23 rd Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Wed 30 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Thu 24 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 6.30pm Mass St Theresa's 8.00pm Nativity of the Lord	Thu 31 st Dec. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am
Fri 25 th Nov. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Nativity of the Lord FOR ALL PARISHIONERS	Fri 1 st Jan. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Mary, The Holy Mother of God

✝ 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

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

Fr. Gerry and Deacon Stephen wish a very happy, blessed and joyful Christmas tide to all our parishioners their family members and relatives and all our visitors to our parish during this Holy season. If you are going away for the Christmas Celebrations and holiday period, we wish you a blessed and holy Christmas. We wish you safe journeys to and from your destinations and an enjoyable and relaxed time. If you are staying at home, we look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period. Fr Gerry gratefully thanks Parishioners for their Christmas cards and gifts.

The Christmas offering is your personal gift to Fr. Gerry and makes up part of his personal income for the coming year. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Pope's Intention December 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

#Prayer during the time of **#Advent** helps us to remember we are not more righteous or better than others, but that we are all sinners who need to be touched by God's mercy.

I ask God to inspire, in the hearts of all, respect for the life of our brothers, especially the most fragile and helpless, and to give strength to those who receive them and care for them, even when this demands heroic love.

St Anne's School

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2022

St Anne's School is holding a consultation on its admissions arrangements for September 2022.

Please see www.st-annes.uk.com and then go to admissions. The consultation will run until 31st January 2021.

As required by regulations the governing body of St Anne's Catholic School, SO15 2WZ will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2020 – 2021. The consultation period runs for a minimum period of 6 weeks from 14th December 2020 until 31st January 2021.

Copies of the proposed arrangements are available below "Admissions_Policy_and_SIF_2022_2023 v4".

https://www.st-annes.uk.com/storage/secure_download/SnNvSzdzeEtIMGVmOHROVXVJUUnNsUT09

Comments on the arrangements should be sent to the clerk to the governing body by 31st January 2021 by emailing admissions@st-annes.uk.com and the subject CONSULTATION.

Response will be collated and the governing body will consider all comments received before determining its admission arrangements by 28 February 2021.

Prayer to St. Joseph

In Patris Corde, Pope Francis says that "every day, for over forty years, following Lauds, I have recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph." It is a splendid prayer for us all to say, especially during these days of late-Advent:

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,
whose power makes the impossible possible,
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.
Take under your protection
the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you,
that they may have a happy outcome.
My beloved father, all my trust is in you.
Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,
show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

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.