

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR



**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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Octave of Christmas Year B Psalter week 1	The Epiphany of the Lord Year B Psalter week 2
Fri 25 th Nov. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Virginia Offor RIP Nativity of the Lord FOR ALL PARISHIONERS	
Sat 26 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am St Stephen Sat 26 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Sat 2 nd Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm St Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Sun 27 th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Sun 3 rd Jan. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Second Sunday of Christmas
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Mon 28 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am The Holy Innocents	Mon 4 th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Tue 29 th Dec Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am St Thomas of Canterbury	Tue 5 th Jan Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Wed 30 th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Wed 6 th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am The Epiphany of the Lord
Thur. 31 st Dec Mass Our Lady's 10.00am	Thur. 7 th Jan Mass Our Lady's 10.00am
Fri 1 st Jan. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Fri 8 th Jan. 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.

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.

God's Blessing upon you all for the New Year 2021

Many thanks to Our Lord and Saviour for enabling us to celebrate His Birthday in our Parish with so much joy. Also, thanks to all who helped with the preparations for the Christmas celebrations, those who cleaned and decorated the Church so beautifully. Thanks to the Special Ministers of the Eucharist, the Readers collectors and altar servers, flower arrangers and church cleaners for their diligent support throughout the year. Thank you to everyone in the parish for your prayers and commitment, your love of God and your support. A special thank you to those whose faith, good works and service is known only to God. On a personal note, I wish to thank you all for your generous gifts to me in the Christmas offering, your personal gifts and cards. I ask God our loving Father, the Baby Jesus and God the Holy Spirit to bless and reward all of you abundantly. May you continue to have a wonderful celebration of God's presence in your lives through this Christmas season and happiness in the New Year.

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>

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

May the joyous expectation of the coming of the Saviour who became man, like us, fill our hearts with hope and peace. If the [#pandemic](#) has forced us to be more distant, Jesus, in the crib, shows us the way of tenderness to be close to each other, to be human. Let us follow this path.

CAFOD

Thank you so much for your support this year. I hope in these difficult times the resources shared below support you and the community. We know that it has been a difficult time for our churches, and we are truly grateful that you did not forget our brothers and sisters across the world. The need this year has been huge and challenging across the world. But thanks to you we have been able to continue our international work. Through CAFOD you have supported some of poorest communities most impacted by the virus. You have reached people in more than 33 countries, with over six million people receiving health and prevention advice and more than half a million people receiving safe hygiene supplies and services to prevent and reduce infection. Many more poor and vulnerable families have been supported with food supplies when there was no way to earn a living in the face of lockdown.

Your care for others meant that we were able to continue support in countries like Yemen, Syria, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Brazil where communities were already facing the toughest of challenges before the arrival of the virus.

Please do pass on this information to your parishioners, with our heartfelt thanks. Kayode Akintola, who works for CAFOD in Sierra Leone, West Africa, recorded a [message of thanks](#) for all of our supporters, which you might like to view or share in your newsletter, on your parish website or via social media.

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 31st 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/SnNvSzdzeEtIMGVmOHROVXVJU nNsUT09

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.

Day of Prayer for those in Safeguarding Ministry

Next Sunday, 27th December, we rejoice to keep the Feast of the Holy Family. It is also our annual diocesan Day of Prayer for those in the ministry of Safeguarding. It is a day when we pray for children and vulnerable adults, for the victims of abuse and for all who work in the ministry of safeguarding. Just as Mary and Joseph created a safe home -environment for Jesus, so too on this day, let us offer the Rosary and pray that the Church in all her contexts will be a safe haven for our children and for the vulnerable. Let us thank God too for the work of our diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Ruth Attfield and her team, and for our Safeguarding Commission and its members under the chairmanship of Dr. Richard John. Above be we pray for all those across the Diocese who volunteer and serve so generously in our parishes as safeguarding representatives. Here is an intercession that could be used on the day:

On this Feast of the Holy Family,
we pray for children and vulnerable adults,
for the victims of abuse and
for all who work in the ministry of safeguarding:
that as Mary and Joseph created a safe home -environment for Jesus,
so too the Church in all her contexts will be
a safe haven for our children and for the vulnerable.
V/. Lord in your mercy R/. Hear our prayer.