

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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The Epiphany of the Lord Year B Psalter week 2	The Baptism of the Lord Year B Psalter week 3
Sat 2 nd Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm Damian Agu RIP St Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	Sat 9 th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm The Baptism of the Lord
Sun 3 rd Jan. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Second Sunday of Christmas	Sun 10 th Jan. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am The Baptism of the Lord
Sun 3 rd Jan. Mass St Theresa's 10.30am Fr. Joe Etim RIP Second Sunday of Christmas	Sun 10 th Jan. Mass St Theresa's 10.30am The Baptism of the Lord
Mon 4 th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Mon 11 th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Tue 5 th Jan Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Tue 12 th Jan Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Wed 6 th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am The Epiphany of the Lord	Wed 13 th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am St Hilary
Thur. 7 th Jan Mass Our Lady's 10.00am	Thur. 14 th Jan Mass Our Lady's 10.00am
Fri 8 th Jan. No Mass	Fri 15 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

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 January 2021

Intention for Evangelization: – Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Pope's tweets

The [#prayer](#) of thanksgiving begins by recognizing that we were thought of before we learned how to think; we were loved before we learned how to love. If we view life like this, then “thank you” becomes the driving force of our day. The Son of God comes down from heaven and comes to earth to bring us to heaven! This is what we need to meditate on, contemplate, what we need to reflect on during [#Christmas](#)

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 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.

PARISH REGISTRATION One thing that we have learnt from these difficult times is the importance of keeping in touch. We are now updating our parish registration and would appreciate it if you would complete a Parish Registration Form. If you are new to the parish or have been a long-time parishioner please help us by completing a Parish registration Form. You can do this using the forms which will be available in the Church in the coming weeks (return completed forms to the office). Thank you for your help.

12 days of Christmas Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer or spiritual guidance you can use this specially dedicated prayer line for the 12 days of Christmas in the following ways:-

By e-mail: You can e-mail Fr. Tom Grufferty or Fr. Shaun Budden any time. In return you will receive prayers related to your specific needs, and also some recommended prayer ideas, available at the click of a button. These include ideas on how to relax, mindfulness and websites dedicated to prayer. Or by Phone: Ring 07905 949198 between 4-5pm from 26th December until 6th January 2021 inclusive.

Geoff and Gina Poulter have also generously offered to be available by phone for nine days, from 29th December until 6th January between 4-5 pm on 07551 182897.

Or by Zoom with friends between 5pm and 5:45 pm from Saturday 26th December to Wednesday 6th January. To gain access just click 10 minutes before 5 pm. See <http://www.laybenedictines.org/prayerline> for more information.

Daily Prayer: If you would like a regular daily prayer life you are welcome to log on to

<http://www.laybenedictines.org/> where you will find the Divine Office prayed on Zoom four times a day.

2021 Readers training and a new course on the Mass

- 1. Formation for Readers:** During the 2020 lockdown we have been able to form about 100 readers over two sets of online workshops in October and November, offering a reading practice to each one with a Diocesan Listener. We will continue offering these workshops in 2021, Year of the Word in Portsmouth Diocese. The 2021 workshops will take place **in February (6th and 13th) and in April (17th and 24th)**. Participants need to have attended both workshop 1 and workshop 2, and completed a reading practice to receive a Diocesan *Recognitio*. Sign up for the workshops here: <https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers>
- 2. Formation on the Mass:** This coming January, I invite you to join us for a **Back to Basics Course on the Mass in 6 sessions** to refresh our understanding and deepen our love for the Mass. After lockdown, some of our friends and family, and even ourselves, may find it difficult to return to the sacramental practice of our faith. Taking time to discover or rediscover what we believe in our faith, how this is celebrated in the Mass, and how we are called to live it may be just what we need at the beginning of the year, to re-ignite our love for the Mass and find the words to encourage others to practice. Each session will end with a time of prayer. They will be led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood. This course will be especially helpful to catechists, readers and parents of First Holy Communion children, but it is open to everyone. It will be taking place on **Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, from the 11th January to the 15th February.**

Sign up for the course here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwof-mrpjltEtDVpuf54s7y-BFuAraTIVe6>