



**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church. Totton
Our Lady of the Assumption & St. Edward the
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(Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth) Reg
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6th Sunday of Ordinary time Year B Psalter week 2	1st Sunday of Lent Year B Psalter week 1
Sat 13 th Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm Ann McConnell (Private intention)	Sat 20 th Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm Mrs Virginia Ifeoma Offor RIP
Sun 14 th Feb. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Louis Sharpe, RIP	Sun 21 st Feb. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Ann McConnell (private intention)
Sun 14 th Feb. Mass St Theresa's 10.30am Mrs Virginia Ifeoma Offor RIP	Sun 21 st Feb. Mass St Theresa's 10.30am Theresa Onyejuluwa RIP
Mon 15 th Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Ann McConnell (Private intention)	Mon 22 nd Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Joseph Onyejuluwa RIP
Tue 16 th Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Ann McConnell (Private intention)	Tue 23 rd Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Obiora Okeke RIP
Wed 17 th Feb. Mass Our Lady's 9.30am Mrs Virginia Ifeoma Offor RIP Ash Wednesday	Wed 24 th Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Clifford Nwanokwara RIP
Wed 17 th Feb. Mass Theresa's 10.30am Ann McConnell (Private intention)	
Thur 18 th Feb. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am Ann McConnell (private intention)	Thur 25 th Feb. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am Rev. Fr. Joe Etim RIP
Fri 19 th Feb. No Mass	Fri 26 th Feb. 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 prayer.

100 Club

We congratulate those who won the 100 Club January 2021 Draw.
They are: David White, John Mills and John Percival.

Pope's Intentions February 2021

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Pope's Tweets

On the [#WorldDayOfTheSick](#) special attention goes toward those who are ill and to those who assist them. I think especially of those who suffer the consequences of the [#coronavirus](#) pandemic. I express my nearness to everyone, especially to the poorest.

LENT

On Wednesday week (17th February), we begin the great season of LENT - a wonderful time of 40 days when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter and the Passover of the Lord from death to life. It is a time of healing when we ask God to renew within us his love. We seek by God's grace to cast off the old ways and to take on the new, that is, to die with Christ - and to rise again with Him to new life. LENT is not simply about 'giving things up' or 'doing something extra.' St. Leo reminds us there are three works we are asked to perform: (1) self-denial, fasting and mortification; (2) prayer and devotion, study and reflection; and (3) charitable outreach or almsgiving. We don't do these works for their own sake, even though they are good in themselves. For instance, fasting may be good for our physical health - and almsgiving is a really practical means of helping the poor. We do these works out of love for God! We do them in order to bring about change in our inner selves and spiritual lives. We do them as a penance for our sins. We do them as a prayer for God's mercy that we may come to a deeper relationship with him.

During LENT, those who are preparing for initiation and reception into the Church will be looking forward to the Easter Vigil. Let's assist them with our prayers and support. This year because of the pandemic, we have been unable to hold the Rite of Election. So, in the next e-News, I am going to release a short video with prayers, reflections and testimonies from those being received. And during the season of LENT, I'll be releasing in e-News some **short** video catechises about some of the symbols used in the Easter Liturgy.

Pray for More Vocations

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, we read how Jesus, when He saw the crowds, had compassion for them “because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” So, He said to His disciples: “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few, so pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Mt 9: 35-38). We often hear appeals from the pulpit to pray for vocations – vocations to all states of life and ministry within the Church. I always say that in our Diocese of Portsmouth we are mostly short of people – can-do Catholics willing to offer their time, talents and treasure to enable the Church to become what she is meant to be. But we are also especially short of vocations to the priesthood and so I sincerely ask you to redouble your prayers and efforts for this intention. Maybe you could offer a Lenten work for vocations? This is the time of the year when those who are discerning their vocation tend to come forward. They often approach me, Canon Gerard Flynn, our Vocations Director or Fr. John Cooke, our Vocations Promoter. This year is exceptional because of the Covid pandemic, but at the end of April, we hope to hold our annual two-day Discernment Conference for those wishing to apply for the priesthood. Please beg the Lord of the Harvest to send us some more labourers by saying the following prayer now from the Roman Missal:

O God, who willed to provide shepherds for your people,
pour out in your Church a spirit of piety and fortitude,
to raise up worthy ministers for your altars
and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

CAFOD: Family Fast Day Friday. 26 February. This Lent the appeal is about Abdella, a young man who is walking about 10 hours a day to collect water for his family. He lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia; will you go please give generously to help the people in this area to have access to clean water in their village.

A collection will take place at the weekend Masses of the 27/28 February. If you wish to give by TEXT LENT (amount) to 70460 or envelopes will be available at church the weekend before. Thank you for your past support.

Will you go the extra mile this Lent? Could you join Abdella and [Walk for Water](#)? Could you take the challenge of 10,000 steps a day throughout Lent to raise awareness and funds? They can be walked, run or even danced if you prefer. Do you know anyone who would like this challenge? Could you join our Big Walk for Water on **Saturday 20th February** at 2pm, walking alongside Abdella as part of our virtual socially distanced event? Let's get involved in the fight against poverty. See cafod.org.uk/lent for more information and to see what you can do.

Survey – Last chance

Our online survey closes next week on Ash Wednesday! We've had a remarkable number of responses, almost 2,000 – thank you all so much. If you have not done the survey, please do consider doing it. We'd love to know what you as a parishioner, a disciple of Christ, a member of the lay faithful, think is good about our Diocese? What should we celebrate? What do you think is not so good? What do you think are the challenges we face as a Diocese? And what do you think would help to develop further our mission of *Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church*? We want to understand better what you the people and parishioners of our Diocese think to help us develop plans and priorities for the Diocese. We want to 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. This is why we have devised an online questionnaire. It has been running from before Christmas, but ends next week. The survey will take between 10 and 20 minutes of your time as there are a few areas to cover and I would like to receive as much detail as you are happy to give. The views and thoughts from people who no longer come to church are also important so please do encourage those you think might want to have a say also to complete as much of the questionnaire as is relevant to them. We will publish the results in the Spring and they will inform our thinking about priorities for the next few years. In advance, thank you for your help. Click below 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 023 9421 6496.

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