



**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church. Totton
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4th Sunday of Lent Year B Psalter week 4	5th Sunday of Lent Year B Psalter week 1
Sat 13 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm	Sat 20 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
Sun 14 th Mar. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am	Sun 21 st Mar. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am
Sun 14 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Anish George RIP	Sun 21 st Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am
Mon 15 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Monica Grant RIP	Mon 22 nd Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Tue 16 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Naula Fox RIP	Tue 23 rd Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Wed 17 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am St Patrick Cajetan and Virginia Offor RIP	Wed 24 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Thur. 18 th Mar. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am	Thur. 25 th Mar. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am The Annunciation of the Lord
Fri 19 th Mar. No Mass	Fri 26 th Mar. 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 prayer.

Pope's Intentions March 2021 **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Pope's tweets. All of us have spiritual infirmities that we cannot heal on our own. We need Jesus' healing, we need to present our wounds to him and say: "Jesus, I am in your presence, with my sin, with my sorrows. You can set me free. Heal my heart". [#Lent](#)

Clergy Assistance Fund – Obligatory Collection this weekend

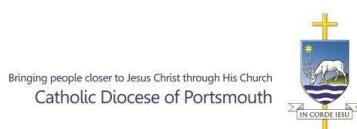
The Second Collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund is Sunday 14th March 2021.

The Clergy Assistance Fund supports the invaluable work of the Clergy Support Team. The Team is responsible for looking after our clergy, from supporting newly ordained priests to settle into their ministry, to providing ongoing support and formation for those in active ministry, to caring for our clergy through illness or in a time of need.

This is a mandatory collection and an important one for our Diocese and Clergy. As you may know, as a charity, we are responsible for generating all our funding needs.

Please promote the collection in your parish newsletter, at Mass and through your parish communication channels. Attached is an image you can use at the end of livestreamed Mass and some suggested content you can use to promote the collection if you wish.

In addition to the usual methods of giving, an online page has been set up to support the collection and can be accessed here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-assistance-fund>



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Many thanks and God bless,



Mothers' Day 2021



Next Sunday, 14th March 2021, is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It's mid-Lent Sunday: traditionally, Laetare Sunday ('Rejoicing Sunday') from the words of the Introit Laetare Jerusalem, 'Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her; be joyful all who were in mourning'. As Pope Innocent III said: Today is the middle of Lent, so some relaxation ought to be provided, lest the faithful break down under the severity of their Lenten fasts. So rose vestments can be used, flowers too. Simnel cakes were often baked for the day. But next Sunday in England is also Mothering Sunday – and we wish all mothers a very happy day! In mediaeval England, today was a holiday from work when people went home to the mother church in which they were baptised. As families gathered, they gave gifts to their mothers, hence Mothering Sunday, a day we pray for our mothers too. Please remember to say a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary next Sunday for your mother and grandmother. Here are some prayers from the Book of Blessings. As intercessions, they could be added to the Bidding Prayers:

1. For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord. R.
2. For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. R.
3. For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord. R.

Why a Fire at the Easter Vigil?



Bishop Philip writes...

In this short series of catechises on aspects of the Easter liturgy, we come this week to the Easter Fire. Click on the picture for a short video message from me.

If you attend the Easter Vigil, I think you'll agree with me, that one of the most impressive features is the Service of Light at the beginning, the Lucernarium to give it its technical term. No lights are on in the church; it's completely dark, except for the New Fire, which is blazing brightly. The Easter Vigil is one of the oldest Christian liturgies; it goes back to the mid-2C. St. Augustine calls it the "Mother of all Vigils," the culmination of the entire Church Year. The Lucernarium or Service of Light at the beginning imitates the ancient practice of lamp-lighting at sunset. The New Fire represents the glory, triumph and light of Christ's Resurrection coming forth from the tomb and giving light to the world.

The Liturgy begins with the priest and ministers gathering around the fire, one minister carrying the Paschal Candle, and the priest blessing the New Fire: Sanctify this new fire, we pray, and grant that by these paschal celebrations we may be so inflamed with heavenly desires, we may attain festivities of unending splendour. The priest then prepares the Easter Candle and lights it saying: May the Light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. So many souls in today's society are spiritually adrift. As we thank God for the gift of our Christian faith, let us pray that the Light of Christ may truly touch the hearts of many today so that they can find their way to salvation through His Church.

Right to Life UK

You have likely heard that governments are currently deciding on whether to make permanent the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in England, Wales and Scotland.

To ensure that politicians are aware of the negative impact of 'DIY' home abortions, the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group will be hosting a parliamentary event on Tuesday 23 March where experts will cover the latest evidence on how 'DIY' home abortions are placing women at risk. Speakers will include former Global Director of Clinics Development at Marie Stopes International, Kevin Duffy and Dr Calum Miller, who works as a doctor in the NHS along with being a Research Associate at the University of Oxford, where his research focuses on abortion policy.

Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MPs asking them to attend this event. This tool can be accessed [here](#).

Year of St. Joseph – Year of the Word



During this continuing Year of the Word – the God Who Speaks – we are also keeping a Year of St. Joseph. This is a happy coincidence and I recommend prayerful reflection on the passages in the Gospels that speak of St. Joseph. One of these is Matthew 1: 18-25, the so-called 'Annunciation to Joseph.' A powerful line to reflect on from this gospel is verse 24: "When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do." There is a lot behind this: think of how he must have felt. Think of what must have been going through his mind. Imagine the prayers he must have offered to God, and then the resolution to act.

For more on the Year of St. Joseph, go to: www.yearofstjoseph.org. Meanwhile, here is the prayer said daily in the Cathedral before the midday Mass:

Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.