



**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
Charity No: 246871)

Parish Priest: Fr. Gerry Onyejuluwa, MSP. Serving
the Parishes of Totton & Lyndhurst
Parish Office: 20 Beaumont Road, Totton SO40 3AL,
Hants.

Tel: 023 8086 2270, E-mail
totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Rev. Stephen Short. Parish Deacon.
Totton Parish Safeguarding Rep:
Mrs. Lynda Szymanski 02380292058.
Lyndhurst Parish Safeguarding Rep:
Adrian Forest. 02380283427.
Parish Secretary/Administrator
Steve Bowler (Thursday 9am – 1pm)



5th Sunday of Lent Year B Psalter week 1	Palm Sunday Year B Psalter week 2
Sat 20 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm Souls of all the faithful departed	Sat 27 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord For all the dead
Sun 21 st Mar. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Souls of my parents by Ann McConnell	Sun 28 th Mar. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord For souls in purgatory
Sun 21 st Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Souls of departed friends By Ann	Sun 28 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Christopher Cornish RIP
Mon 22 nd Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Souls of departed forgotten by Ann	Mon 29 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am For souls in purgatory
Tue 23 rd Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am For all the dead by Ann McConnell	Tue 30 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Wed 24 th Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am For all the dead	Wed 31 st Mar. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Thur. 25 th Mar. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am The Annunciation of the Lord For all the faithful departed	Thur. 1 st Apr. Mass Our Lady's 6.30pm Maundy Thursday Thur. 1 st Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 8.00pm
Fri 26 th Mar. No Mass	Fri. 2 nd Apr. Mass Our Lady's 3.00pm Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion Fri. 2 nd Apr. Mass St Theresa's 3.00pm

† 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.

Death in our parish family: With heart full of sorrow but total trust in God's love and mercy, we announce the passing on into eternal glory of **Mrs Cheryl Ann Robinson.**

Her funeral Mass comes up on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 12.30pm at St Theresa's Totton. Please let us pray for her happy repose and for consolation and healing for her family.

Easter Services 2021

<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	Lyndhurst	6.30pm
	St Theresa's Totton	8 .00pm
<u>Good Friday</u>	Lyndhurst	3.00pm
	St Theresa's Totton	3.00pm
<u>Holy Saturday</u>	St Theresa's Totton	7.00pm
<u>Easter Sunday</u>	Lyndhurst	9.00am
	St Theresa's Totton	10 30am

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

To experience [#Lent](#) in hope means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who calls us to account for our hope (1 Pt 3,15)

Easter Collection

The Easter Sunday Collection traditionally supports our parish priests, in recognition for 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 Easter, please visit:

Totton: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/totton-easter-sunday-collection>

Lyndhurst: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/lyndhurst-easter-sunday-collection>

Next Tuesday - National Day of Reflection

The Prime Minister has asked for a National Day of Reflection on the first anniversary of the first lockdown next Tuesday, 23rd March 2021. The President and Vice President of the Bishop's Conference, Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop McMahon, have developed this theme asking all Catholics to hold this day not only as one of Reflection but of Prayer, with an encouragement for all our people to pay a visit to churches and pray for the many needs, hopes and sorrows that have emerged over the last year. They have issued a Statement which we can access over the internet.

Invitation to Chrism Mass by Bishop Philip

I want to invite you to join us online for the Chrism Mass! It will take place in the Cathedral on **Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 11 am**. The Chrism Mass is one of the main diocesan events of the year. The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: The Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. The blessing of the Holy Oils is celebrated in the Cathedral during which all the priests make a renewal of their commitment to priestly service. However, for health and safety reasons in light of COVID, we will limit in-person attendance to the Chapter, Deans and Coordinating Pastors, who will represent the priests and religious of the Diocese, to two deacons serving on behalf of the deacons of the Diocese, and a small group from the Cathedral parish who will represent the faithful. Nevertheless, even if you can't be there in person, please do join us online. Do reserve the date in your diary: we look forward to welcoming you online and your joining in with your prayers.

The Easter Candle

Bishop Philip writes...

In this short series of catechises on aspects of the Easter liturgy, we come this week to the Easter or 'Paschal' Candle. One of the great signs of Easter is the Paschal Candle, the Easter Candle. In every church, you'll find one: a large, wax candle, ornately decorated, usually next to the font. It's blessed at the Easter Vigil and during Eastertime placed next to the altar or the lectern, and lit for Mass and other services. It's also brought out at Confirmations, at First Holy Communions and at funerals, where it is placed next to the casket. The Easter Candle symbolises Christ, risen from the dead. He has overcome the darkness of Satan, sin and evil. He is the Light of the World. So, the Church uses candles not to create atmosphere but to symbolise Christ our Light. To give off light, a candle has to burn up its own body-mass, its wax. So too Christ offers Himself up for us and for our salvation, above all on the cross of Calvary, and we too are meant to imitate His self-offering in our own daily lives.

It's always worth looking closely at the decorations on the Easter Candle. When it is blessed at the Vigil, five grains of incense are inserted into it in the form of a Cross: they represent the five wounds Jesus suffered in His hands, feet and side. The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, an Alpha and an Omega, are placed above and below the Cross formed by the grains of incense. These indicate that Time belongs to Him: Jesus is the beginning and the end of Time. Then you'll also see that on either side of the Cross is marked the numbers of the current Year. In today's secular culture, it's really important we proclaim the death and resurrection of Christ, its meaning and importance for human beings. Without the Light of Christ, our lives have no meaning. There's no ultimate Truth. Our moral value-systems crumble. There's no eternal life, no immortality, no heaven to look forward to, and our hearts are restless, yearning for a happiness that can never be fulfilled. But we believe that Christ has died for us - and that He is risen for us. He has broken the prison - of Death and risen victorious from the underworld. *Lumen Christi* the deacon sings at the Easter Vigil. *Deo gratias* is most appropriately our response.

Becoming a Dementia-Friendly Church

<https://portsmouthdiocese.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=04bcc8430c87c5529461e65e6&id=46c729f812&e=67b88cd11e>

During the recent safeguarding training sessions that the clergy undertook, there was a discussion of the important issue of dementia and attention was drawn to a very helpful resource-pack produced by Churches Together in Bristol.

Welcome to this Resource Pack which aims to bring together a variety of tools and information which may be of use in helping churches to become more dementia friendly. Churches Together in Greater Bristol (CTGB) are committed to supporting a regional, strategic approach to developing dementia friendly churches in the Bristol area. This pack has been compiled by a small group of people working under the CTGB umbrella whose aim is to ensure that every denomination will have its own person who will champion the cause of dementia within their own churches and also to facilitate learning from each other's experience. This steering group became aware that there are numerous local examples from churches around our region of innovative and compassionate approaches to including and supporting people living with dementia. It was also recognised that although there are good reasons for churches taking different approaches to supporting people living with dementia, there are also some common key steps to becoming more dementia-friendly and CTGB has committed itself to promoting and supporting the implementation of these.