

**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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<b>Third Sunday of Easter Year B Psalter week 3</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B Psalter week 4</b>
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am	Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am <b>Sr Ifeoma Chukwu (Thanksgiving)</b>	Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am <b>St Anselm</b>	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Thur. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am	Thur. 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am <b>St Catherine of Siena</b>
Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr. No Mass <b>St George</b>	Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr. 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.

**CAFOD** Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

## **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>

## **Pope's Intentions Apr 2021**

### **Fundamental Rights**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### **Pope's tweets**

Even death trembles when a Christian prays, because it knows that everyone who prays has an ally who is stronger than it: the Risen Lord. The breath of faith is [#prayer](#): we grow in faith inasmuch as we learn to pray.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

With the lifting of lock down on the horizon and the successful roll out of the Covid-19 vaccination programme Bishop Philip is inviting you to reserve a place on our pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage is from 19th – 23rd July 2021.

Last year we had to postpone our plans due to the pandemic and are this year very much looking forward to meeting with our very patient pilgrims at the airport on Monday 19th July to fly to Tarbes, France to begin our much-awaited pilgrimage. We do still have some places available and would encourage all of you who have told us you would like to join us but are waiting to see what happens with regard to COVID-19 to send your booking forms and deposits to us asap to avoid being disappointed.

This year we are due to fly from Bournemouth direct to Tarbes, France a much shorter travelling distance and stay as in previous years at the Hotel La Solitude, where we can enjoy en-suite rooms and full board for the duration of our stay. We have exciting plans for our pilgrimage and if you too would like to join us then please complete a booking form and return it to us. Further details can be obtained by **emailing**

[lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or phoning 07780 221686.

## **Praying for our Seminarians**

Our Seminarian to keep in your prayers this coming month is Jack Ryan, who is in his first year the Venerable English College, Rome. His parish is St Margaret Mary's in Park Gate. He writes...

I was raised a cradle Catholic, going through the 'normal' sacramental formation within the context of a Catholic family. This, coupled with serving the Mass, and attending Catholic schools, conforms to a well-trodden path introducing a young person into Catholic life.

As a teenager, attending Mass, regular periods of Adoration, working with the S.V.P. and getting involved in other areas of Parish & Chaplaincy life were all really helpful to me in my discernment. I have also enjoyed good relationships with several clergy in our Diocese, and within my own family, and they have all helped me along the way and are good friends.

It is all well and good thinking you know what your vocation is, but it is for the Church to discern if it is a true vocation. This process ultimately ends with candidacy but starts with a discernment conference and the propaedeutic year, which I undertook at Shrewsbury Cathedral. The propaedeutic year is one centred on prayer, giving the foundation necessary for Seminary life, and one day Priestly life. Bishop Philip in his homily at the diocese's last ordinations remarked to Fr. Matthew King and Deacon Anthony Fyk: 'This is why before anything else I urge you: be men of prayer.' So, it is equally fundamental to start Priestly formation with a year of prayer. The time in Shrewsbury was a great introduction to the prayer of the Church, life in community and life in a Parish context.

During the first lockdown last year, Bishop Philip decided that I was to study in Rome for my seminary formation. This came as a great surprise, but I have enjoyed it immensely. Rome is a completely different place due to Covid, and empty Churches and piazzas are not something that I have gotten used to. Covid has come with a few challenges, especially with learning Italian, but overall, it has been an amazing experience. I have been inserted into a long tradition by joining the Venerable English College. Indeed, the college has been training Catholic priests to return to England and Wales since 1579! The lives and deaths of the 44 martyrs of the college show that this has not always been an easy task. In my free time, I enjoy going for long walks, and visiting the many museums and churches dotted around Rome.

As we all continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and a return to normality, I ask your prayers for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. Especially around this time of year, when those who are considering the Priesthood are writing their applications and undertaking interviews. Please pray also for Fr. Stephen Wang, who has recently been appointed as the new Rector of the College, beginning the next academic year. Please also pray for Mgr. Philip Whitmore, our current Rector.