

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Totton

St Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, Totton
Our Lady of the Assumption &
St Edward the Confessor Church, Lyndhurst
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The Most Holy Trinity
Year A Psalter week 1
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
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Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am
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Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am
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Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
St Boniface
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
St Norbert
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun. Mass St. Theresa's 90.30am
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am
Adoration & Rosary at 5pm
Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun. No Mass

Please pray for Clara Nolan, Max Durham, Marie Duffy, Deacon Anthony Cairns and Malcolm Davies, and all those in nursing homes or hospital and other Parish Family members who are ill or in need of our prayer.

**Thursday Holy Hour St Theresa's, Totton**, every Thursday at 5.00pm, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored. Holy Rosary prayed and Benediction, concluding with Mass at 6.00pm.

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## FR GERRY ONYEJULUWA MSP WRITES TO PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS. . NEVER A TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Our life is a journey that starts with our conception and continues forever in God's presence. We are all pilgrims; this earthly city is not our home; our true home is in heaven, prepared for us before the foundation of the world. These wise words, "The longest journey begins with a single step," echo throughout the passage of our pilgrimage through this earthly life.

I knew this day would come the moment I arrived at St Theresa's Parish Totton and Our Lady & St Edward Lyndhurst parish family on 6 September 2018. That faithful day held the key to my move on the last day of the month of May 2023 to Edmonton. Moving from one place to another is part of my lot as a missionary priest. I have no option than to cooperate with the grace of God on this. Jonah thought he had a better idea until he found himself in the belly of a fish (Jonah 1). We are all on it together: the journey of life, at times, prompts us to respond to a higher call from the Lord, either in marriage, or single life, or religious life.

I am not saying Goodbye to you, but just to thank God and you for the life we shared together since 2018, and which we will continue to share as far as we remain members of God's family. I sincerely thank you for your love, your friendship, your care, and prayers. My time with you has been a time of personal growth and blessing for which I will ever remain grateful to God and to you. I say, Thank You, to you for all you have been to me. I will never forget all your prayers and support during my Daddy's demise. I find it difficult to find the words to thank every one of you for your personal acts of kindness. I say to each of you who touched my life for the better: I am deeply grateful. Yes, my being your parish priest will come to an end on Wednesday, 31 May 2023, but our mission of knowing, loving, and serving God and one another continues until we meet Him face to face in His Kingdom.

I will be moving on, while **FR HENRY NKOP MSP** will take my place. I will be taking up another ministry in the parish at Edmonton in Westminster Archdiocese. This parish remains your church and is constituted by you. Our race for the Kingdom continues until we attain it in God's presence. The most important thing for us, then, is to keep on the struggle as we pray for one another and encourage one another with our acts of kindness, forgiveness, and reconciliation, so that in the end, no one will be missing in the Kingdom of Love in heaven. I introduce to you your new parish priest, Revd Fr Henry Nkop MSP. He has come with a lot of experience, qualities, maturity, and enthusiasm, and I am confident that he will make a great parish priest. I sincerely ask you to welcome him with open arms and give him every assistance in settling in as your new parish priest. I also solicit your continued prayers and Masses for my new mission in London, as I pray for you.

One of the gifts God has given me is that I do not forget friends, because friendship is a gift from God. Let us remain friends! The door of my heart and that of the presbytery at Edmonton is open to you. I appreciate and cherish each of you.

Sincerely yours in St. Theresa of the Child Jesus & St Edward the Confessor. FR GERRY ONYEOMA ONYEJULUWA MSP.