

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Totton

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Our Lady of the Assumption &
St Edward the Confessor Church, Lyndhurst
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Third Sunday Advent	Fourth Sunday Advent
Year B Psalter week 3	The Nativity of the Lord
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Sat 16th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm	Sat 23rd Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
Bernard Morgan RIP	
Sun 17th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am	Sun 24th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am
Kirsty (Welfare)	The Nativity of the Lord Parishioners Mass Our Lady's 7.00pm
Sun 17th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am	Sun 24th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am
Work of Poitiers Care Food Bank	The Nativity of the Lord Parishioners
	Mass St. Theresa's 9.00pm
Mon 18th Dec. NO MASS	Mon 25th Dec. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am
	The Nativity of the Lord Parishioners
	Mon 25th Dec. Mass Theresa's 10.30am
	The Nativity of the Lord Parishioners
Tue 19th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Tue 26th Dec. No MASS
Marie Duffy, John & family	
(Private Intention)	
Wed 20th Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Wed 27th Dec. No MASS
Maureen and John Wagstaff	
(Private Intention)	
Thu 21st Nov. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am	Thu 28th Nov. No MASS
Adoration & Rosary at 5pm	
Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm	
Fri. 22nd Dec. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Fri. 29th Dec. No MASS

Please pray for Clara Nolan, Max Durham, Marie Duffy, Deacon Anthony Cairns, Malcolm Davies, Peter Szymanski, and Chris Phelan 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.

**CONFESSIONS** There is confession every Saturday at St Theresa's Church, Totton, from 5.20pm until 5.50pm.

**Totton parish – building fund** collection this week

The Requiem Mass for the late Briony Burch will be on 4 January 2024, 11.15 am at St Theresa's Church, Totton, followed by Cremation at 1pm at Test Valley Crematorium, Ridge Lane Romsey, SO51 6AB.

<u>Parish Penitential Service</u>. There will be a Parish Penitential Service on Monday 18th December at 6pm at St Theresa's, Totton.

## **Christmas 2023 Mass Times**

Sunday 24th Dec

Our Lady's Carols 6.30pm Holy Mass 7.00pm St Theresa's Carols 8.30pm Holy Mass 9.00pm

## Monday 25th Dec Christmas Day

Our Lady's Nativity of the Lord 9.00am St Theresa's Nativity of the Lord 10.30am

**Poitiers Care Food Bank.** We will be offering a Mass this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec for the work of Poitiers care and there will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards where we will be pleased to receive food donations. The need to reach out to the needy is growing every day particularly at this time of year. Last week 81 deliveries were made to 139 adults and 110 children. Edna will also be providing a "birthday cake" to celebrate her birthday!!!

Stella Maris Seafarers Christmas Chocolate Appeal 2023 Can you help us give Christmas chocolates to Seafarers this December? What do you want for Christmas? Whatever it is, it is highly likely it will have come to this country by sea. Did you know there will be about 400,000 Seafarers working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends? Theirs is a tough, relentless life, long hours, boring, noisy, temperature extremes, dangerous and exhausting. Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we are planning to collect hundreds of chocolate Christmas presents for seafarers visiting our Southern Region ports in the days before Christmas. We need to prepare now. Can you help us by donating chocolate gifts? Your gift may be the only present a seafarer receives this Christmas.

**1st Holy Communion & Confirmation 2024**. Please can you let Fr. Henry know as soon as possible if you wish for your children to be enrolled on the programmes for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation.

This Sunday 17th December is the 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B. Scott Hahn reflects:

The mysterious figure of John the Baptist, introduced in last week's readings, comes into sharper focus today. Who he is, we see in today's Gospel, is best understood by who he is not. He is not Elijah returned from the heavens (see 2 Kings 2:11), although like him he dresses in the prophet's attire (see Mark 1:6; 2 Kings 1:8) and preaches repentance and judgment.

<u>Counters required</u> Are you able to spare a couple of hours to join the counting rota? The more people we have the less burden on others, so if you are interested, please let Fr. Henry know? Thank you