



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 in Ordinary Time Year B Psalter week 3	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Psalter week 4
Sat 20th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm World Peace (Private Intention)	Sat 27th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
Sun 21st Jan. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am	Sun 28th Jan. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am
Sun 21st Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am	Sun 28th Jan. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am
Mon 22nd Jan. No Mass	Mon 29th Jan. No Mass
Tue 23rd Jan. Mass Theresa's 9.30am	Tue 30th Jan. Mass Theresa's 9.30am
Wed 24th Jan. Mass Theresa's 9.30am St Francis de Sales	Wed 31st Jan. Mass Theresa's 9.30am St John Bosco
Thu 25th Jan. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am The Conversion of St Paul	Thu 1st Feb. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am
Fri. 26th Jan. No Mass	Fri. 2nd Feb. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am The Presentation of the Lord

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.

Please note that there will be no Adoration and Benediction until 29th Feb as Fr Henry will be on training sessions for these Thursday evenings.

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

Optional Collection this weekend for Racial Justice

Lepra there will be an appeal next weekend 27th/28th Jan for World Leprosy Day to support the work of Lepra.

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.

MSP DAY: **The Missionary Society of St Paul of Nigeria** cordially invite you parishioners and friends to their Annual MSP Day celebration taking place on Friday 26th January 2024 with Mass at 6.30pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY. There will be Reception in the Amigo Hall immediately after the Mass of thanksgiving to which all are invited. On this Day we celebrate and thank God with all our friends! We are happy to have you join us in celebrating the New Year of the Lord! Fr Henry Jan Nkop MSP, your parish priest, is a member of the Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria. Invitations are at the back of Church. The cost to travel by train from Totton is £46.50 departing at 15.40pm and returning around midnight.

This Sunday 21st January is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and is ‘Bible Sunday,’ the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis instituted this day in 2019 saying that it “is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.” This “Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity. ... The various communities will find their own ways to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity. It is important, however, that in the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s Word”

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th January sees the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As I wrote in this newsletter last year, Christian Unity is one of my passions. I enjoy learning from Christians in the other churches, sharing our Catholic faith with them and building a sense of community. In the past year I have been blessed in a friendship with my near-neighbour, Bishop Jonathan Frost, the Anglican Bishop of Portsmouth. Indeed, you may have seen in these pages that we are planning a youth pilgrimage together to Taizé this summer. We also have plans for exploring what our communities can do together as we, your leaders, grow in friendship. Unity is central to the very nature of the Church. This year I ask you to consider on a personal level whether you have ever thought of “the ecumenical cause” as being a “non-optional dimension” of being a Catholic. So, please join with the other Christians in your community during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to celebrate what we share together – our love for Jesus and His love for all of us. Bishop Philip

Counters required 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.

CAFOD meetings You are warmly invited to come to a CAFOD meeting to find about the difference that your donations make. On Saturday 27th January the meeting is at Corpus Christi Church Hall 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham RG40 2HE from 10:30am to 1:30pm or on Saturday 3rd February at St Philip Howard Church Hall, Bishopsfield road Fareham PO14 1ND. A simple lunch will be provided at both meetings so please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo on jlwry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447