



**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church. Totton
Our Lady of the Assumption & St. Edward the
Confessor Church. Lyndhurst**

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Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) Psalter week 3.

Sat. 15th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 6.00.pm
Bill Meany (RIP)
Sun. 16th December. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am
Edward Jarvis (RIP)
Sun. 16th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 10.30.am.
Mon. 17th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am
Tue. 18th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Wed. 19th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am
Penitential service St Theresa's. 7.00pm
Thu. 20th December. Mass. Our Lady's 10.00 am.
Fri. 21th December. No Service.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Psalter week 4.

Sat. 22nd December. Mass. St. Theresa's 6.00.pm
Sun. 23rd December. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am
Sun. 23rd December. Mass. St. Theresa's 10.30.am.
Mon. 24th December. Mass. Our Lady's
Carols at 6.30.pm. Holy Mass 7.00 pm
Mon 24th December. Mass. St Theresa's
Carols at 8.30.pm. Holy Mass 9.00pm
CHRISTMAS DAY
Tue. 25th December. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am
Tue 25th December. Mass. St Theresa's 10.30.am
Wed. 26th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am
Thu. 27th December. Mass. Our Lady's 10.00 am.
Fri. 28th December. No Service.

+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, John Vidal, Clara Nolan. For all those in nursing homes or hospital and other Parish Family members who are ill or need our prayers.

St. THERESA'S PARISH BAZAAR!

Heartfelt thanks to you all for your support for our Christmas Bazaar. It was a successful day and the magnificent sum of £1465.26 was raised. Special thanks to the organising committee Theresa, Edna, Briony, also those who helped by manning the stalls serving the refreshments, yourselves for donating items to sell and for attending the day
Thank you all.

The Christmas offering is your personal gift to Fr. Gerry and makes up part of his personal income for the coming year. Envelopes are in the boxes for those in the Gift Aid scheme.

Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEKEND CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms Road, Lymington, SO41 8NH, Tel. 015 9068 1874 3pm Sunday 16th December, followed by tea & mince pies.

Christmas cards are now on sale from the repository. 2019 diaries are available too, contains the Order of the Mass.

Advent Wreath:

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and we light the Candle of Joy.

In their old age, God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's Joy. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

(A person lights the Third Candle, the Candle of Joy here)

Joy is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

Advent Penitential Service with Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Theresa`s

Wednesday, 19th December 7.00pm till 8.00pm:
There will be a short Penitential Service, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament with Confessions. I have requested the gracious presence of another priest to help me with confessions. It will be a great way of celebrating Advent and prepare for the birth of Our Lord.

FOOD BANK: Please keep up your food bank support, as demand is sure to increase over the winter. Your food donations are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Mass times for The Nativity of the Lord:

Our Lady Lyndhurst

*Monday, 24th December. First Mass of Christmas.
Carols at 6.30.pm. Holy Mass 7.00 pm.*

Christmas Day

Tuesday, 25th December. Mass 9.00.am.

St. Theresa`s Totton

*Monday 24th December First Mass of Christmas
Carols at 8.30 pm Holy Mass 9.00pm*

Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December Holy Mass at 10.30am

Im Memoriam:

Again, this year at Our Lady, we will have a wreath dedicated to our departed loved ones, friends and parishioners who have made past Christmases memorable with their presence for us. Let us quietly remember them at this time of Christmas celebration with our prayers. Place the name on a star (provided) to hang on the wreath in memory of a loved one.

Poitiers Care

All the volunteers at The Poitiers Care Food Bank send Christmas Greetings and a big thank you to our parishioners in Totton and Lyndhurst. Based at The Montford Retreat Centre at St Joseph's we have delivered over 3000 bags of food to our brothers and sisters in need around Southampton and locally.

We are in URGENT need of volunteers especially for stacking shelves on a Monday morning, some lifting and storing of goods, and drivers/co-drivers Friday morning. Come and talk to Brian Arthur (07796 161047) or Chris Millar (07788 525182) and be part of our wonderful team living out Jesus's teaching.

Vocations

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Live Simply so that others may simply live: In this season of Advent, we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus in the company of our loved ones on Christmas Day. It is a time of gift giving and receiving that marks our care and love for each other. This year why not mark your care and love for our brothers and sisters in the poorest parts of the world by contributing to CAFOD's work to transform their lives through safe water, better nutrition and access to education. You will find CAFOD World Gifts leaflets in our churches or go to www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk and order online.

Nativity Scenes:

Kevin Stratford estate agent in Lyndhurst has given Our Lady's use of his empty shop window over the Christmas period. To place in the window a variety of differing styles of Nativity cribs some from different parts of the world. If you are passing the shop window? Take a look.