



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

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Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Psalter week 1.

Sat. 29th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 6.00.pm.
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sun. 30th December. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am.
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sun. 30th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 10.30.am.
Mon. 31st December. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Tue. 1st January. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Wed. 2nd January. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Thu. 3rd January. Mass. Our Lady's 10.00.am.
Fri. 4th January. No Service.

The Epiphany of the Lord Psalter week 2.

Sat. 5th January. Mass. St. Theresa's 6.00.pm.
Sun. 6th January. Mass. Our Lady's 9.00.am.
Sun. 6th December. Mass. St. Theresa's 10.30.am.
Mon. 7th January. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Tue. 8th January. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Wed. 9th January. Mass. St. Theresa's 9.30.am.
Thu. 10th January. Mass. Our Lady's 10.00.am.
Fri. 11th January. No Service.

**GOD'S BLESSING UPON YOU ALL FOR
THE NEW YEAR 2019.**

Many thanks to Our Lord and Saviour for enabling us to celebrate His Birthday in our Parish with so much joy. Also, thanks to all who helped with the preparations for the Christmas celebrations, those who cleaned and decorated the Church so beautifully. Thanks to the Special Ministers of the Eucharist, the Readers, collectors and altar servers, flower arrangers and church cleaners, for their diligent support throughout the year. Thank you to everyone in the parish for your prayers and commitment, your love of God and your support. A special thank you to those whose faith, good works and service is known only to God. It is good to know that there are many supporting the parish very generously. God works through and with us all and therein lays our strength as a community. We are all encouraged that despite our busy lives and many responsibilities we can still support our faith

community. On a personal note, I wish to thank you all for your generous gifts to me in the Christmas offering, your personal gifts and cards. I ask God our loving Father, the Baby Jesus and God the Holy Spirit to bless and reward all of you abundantly. May you continue to have a wonderful celebration of God's presence in your lives through this Christmas season, and happiness through the New Year 2019.

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.

On 1st January 2019 Pope Francis, will mark the annual World Day of Peace with a message titled: "Good Politics is at the Service of Peace." Pope Francis compels everyone to be engaged in the work of

advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized, to ensure the protection and fulfilment of the 'youngest and smallest.'

January Seeker Evening (Vocations)

Friday 4th January 7-9pm at the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham 41-43 Portland Street, PO16 0NF (Easy access via road, train & bus)

Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. All are welcome. To join us, please contact: Fr. John Cooke Tel. 01329 318 869

Email: jcooke@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS We are asked to pray, by our Vocations Team, this month for Paul Nwune, studying at St John Seminary for the Priesthood. Paul comes to us from Nigeria

"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts." Do you feel the Spirit of Jesus prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke.

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Christian Unity 2019:

THE TIME OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY This begins on Sunday 20th January. This is a time when all parishioners should engage in prayer for a United Christendom and meet with other Christians locally. The Time of Prayer ends on Friday, 24th January. The Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul.

This year Our Lady, Lyndhurst will be hosting the Unity service on Friday, 25th January 2019 at 7.00pm. The Prayer of Jesus, 'May they all be one', is at the heart of the Gospel. During the coming year one resolution we could all make is to do all we can to cement relations between the different churches in whatever practical ways possible. As hosts we do need your support in organising the service.

St Anne's Catholic School

Application web sites are now open for children due to attend secondary school in Sept 2019 with a closing date of 15th Jan 2019. The Website is: www.stannes.uk.com

The admissions Policy for the school year 2020/21. Details of this consultation are available to view on the Education noticeboard in the hall or on the school website under the Admissions heading. The consultation period runs for a minimum period of 6 weeks from 20/12/18 until 31/01/2019. Any comments should be sent to the Governing body by 31st January 2019.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE REFRESHMENT TEAMS:

Our thanks to all the people who make us welcome and serve us so cheerfully refreshments here at St Theresa's and every Sunday after Mass at Lyndhurst. The parish is indebted to you for giving so freely of your time and service.

S.V.P.

Our SVP team wish you all a Happy New Year and their thanks for all the support you gave them during the past year.

S.V.P Christmas Poem.

The SVP gives no gifts at Christmas. We give them all year through. We give our love and friendship. A gift we know is true. We seek the lonely housebound and those that need support but just finding them is proving harder than we thought. Our gift needs no posh wrapping and it's there for all to see. We wish we could befriend more and more but finding them is key. The gentle smile and listening ear are something that we share. We try and bring a little warmth and show that we still care. So, when the cards and trimmings have gone, there's nothing left to see. The gift we gave at Christmas is still there – it's the companionable SVP!

FOOD BANK Thank you for your continued and loyal support of our Foodbanks. The recipients were overwhelmed by your generosity.

Christmas Crib:

The crib offerings will be sent to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. Keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

Pope Francis' 2019 January Intentions

Evangelization – Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

Bishop Philip would like to invite you to join our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 25th to 30th July 2019.

Service opportunities are open to young people aged over 16 and places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment! We are also looking for Nurses to help support the assisted pilgrims.

Adult and assisted pilgrims by air from Southampton on 25th July: £645pp Youth by overnight coach on 24th July: £475pp for more information send an email or telephone 07780221686.