

NOTICES

Thank you

To all those who have been busy this week getting our churches cleaned and decorated for Christmas and who will be continuing the job this week.

Giving Envelopes

The Planned Giving envelopes are ready for collection from Anne Rae at Goldthorpe or Dave Shevill at Hickleton. If you do not have them already and would like some please ask.

Flowers

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers which decorate our churches at Christmas please see Mavis Clegg at Goldthorpe, Christine White at Bolton and Dave Shevill at Hickleton. Thank you to those who have already been generous.

Christmas Lights

Thank you to those who have paid for our Christmas lights in memory of loved ones. From today it is no longer possible for us to take any more names. Your loved ones will be prayed for at the Masses throughout the Christmas Octave and their names displayed in Goldthorpe church.

Christmas Greetings

BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION DO NOT LEAVE CARDS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AS THEY WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY.

Jam, Pickles and Preserve

Please find enclosed a new list of produce from Mrs Briscoe's kitchen. If you would like anything please return this form to her along with your money and you will receive your goods in time for Christmas

People in need.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer or practical help at this time, please contact one of the clergy. Many people have volunteered to help where they can and all of us have the ability to pray for one another in this time of uncertainty.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

To ensure your safety and that of those around you please follow these simple instructions:



- Please sanitize your hands on entering and leaving church
- Please scan the QR code at the back of church using your NHS Covid 19 App. OR.....
- Please make sure you have been 'signed in' for 'track and trace'
- Please Socially distance, using those seats which are marked appropriately unless you are next to someone from the same household or bubble
- Please wear a facemask at all times inside the church
- Holy Communion will be in 'one kind' and has to be received on the hand
- Please hold any conversations outside church
- Please use the exits marked
- Please take this booklet away with you.
- Please let Fr Schaefer or the wardens know immediately if you develop symptoms

(Missal page 61)

THE PARISH MASS

The Introductory Rites



When the bell rings we stand.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Be it unto me according to thy word

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

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And the Word was made flesh.
and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord thy grace into our hearts that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his +Cross and Passion, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Entrance Antiphon:

Priest: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

We bless the Crib

Priest: Let us pray
Blessed are you, Lord God, King of all creation: we praise you for your love. We thank you because you have loved us so much that you sent your only Son to bring us eternal life. +Bless this crib that we have prepared, and let it be a reminder to us of the Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary. Father, we praise you through Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

The Crib is sprinkled and censured

Priest: + In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: **And with your spirit.**

The Mass is introduced along with its intention and theme and we are invited to call to mind our sins using these or similar words

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord have mercy

People: **Lord have mercy**

Priest: You are the Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ have mercy

People: **Christ have mercy**

Priest: You are the Word made flesh, the splendour of the Father:
Lord have mercy

People: **Lord have mercy**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis follows

People: **Gloria to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

The Breaking of the Bread

People: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

We kneel

Priest: +Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Communion Sentence

Priest: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*We come forward to receive Holy Communion
The Post Communion prayer
We stand*

Priest: Let us pray.
Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen

Any Notices etc may follow now.

The Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Bow down for God's blessing

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

People: Amen.

Priest: May God who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

People: Amen

Priest: and may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven

People: Amen

Priest: and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever

People: Amen

Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended

People: Thanks be to God

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect or prayer for the day

Let us pray
O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for The First Reading
A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 97

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down
upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit.**

+A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John

John 1:1-18

Glory to you, O Lord

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have

come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily now follows

We sit

We stand for

The Profession of Faith (Creed)

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.**

I confess one Baptism for the

**forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the +Resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

The Bidding Prayers now follow

Response

Priest: Lord hear us

People: **Lord graciously hear us**

Priest: +Rest eternal grant unto them
O Lord

People: **and let light perpetual shine
upon them**

Priest: May they rest in peace

People: **Amen**

People: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the
Lord is with thee. Blessed
art thou among women and
blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus. Holy Mary,
Mother of God pray for us
sinners now, and at the hour
of our death.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people respond each time

Blessed be God for ever.

We stand

Pray, my Brothers and Sisters that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of
his name, for our good and the good
of all his holy Church.**

The prayer over the Offerings

Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness of divine worship.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just**

The Preface follows, at the end of the preface we say

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We Kneel

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words of Consecration the priest says:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: **Save us saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and
Resurrection,
you have set us free.**

At the conclusion of the prayer:

Through him, and with him, and in him
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is
yours, for ever and ever.

People: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

We stand

Priest: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine
teaching, we dare to say:

People: **Our Father, who art in
heaven, hallowed be thy
name; thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass
against us; and lead us
not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray,
from every evil, graciously
grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your