

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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THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, GOLDTHORPE

24th-25th December 2020

MIDNIGHT MASS

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 54)

THE PARISH MASS

The Introductory Rites



When the bell rings we stand.

Entrance Antiphon:

Priest:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

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 censed

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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: **Glory 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,
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 night

Let us pray
O God, who have made this most sa-
cred night radiant with the splendour of
the true light, grant, we pray, that we,
who have known the mysteries of his
light on earth,
may also delight in his gladness in
heaven.

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 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep
shadow a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence as men
rejoice at harvest time, as men are
happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders, the rod of
his oppressor, these you break as on
the day of Midian. For all the footgear of
battle, every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt, and consumed by fire.



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: The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

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

Priest: Let us pray.
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: **Amen**

Any Notices etc may follow now.

The Blessing using these or other words

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**

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this. The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95

Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.
Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.
Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.
Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth.
Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.

With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth.
Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to Titus
Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!
Priest: The Lord be with you
People: **And with your spirit.**

+A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
Luke 1:26-38

Glory to you, O Lord

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and

she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.' 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,**

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

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**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

May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 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.**