

## LENT II (A)

5th March 2023



(Missal page 118)

### THE PARISH MASS

The Introductory Rites

*When the bell rings we stand to sing the first Hymn*

**My God, how wonderful thou art,  
Thy majesty how bright,  
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,  
In depths of burning light!**

**How dread are thine eternal years,  
O everlasting Lord,  
By prostrate spirits day and night  
Incessantly adored!**

**How wonderful, how beautiful,  
The sight of thee must be,  
Thine endless wisdom, boundless  
power. And awful purity!**

**O, how I fear thee, living God,  
With deepest, tenderest fears,  
And worship thee with trembling hope,  
And penitential tears!**

**Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,  
Almighty as thou art,  
For thou hast stooped to ask of me  
The love of my poor heart.**

**No earthly father loves like thee,  
No mother, e'er so mild,  
Bears and forbears as thou hast done  
With me thy sinful child.**

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**Father of Jesus, love's reward,  
What rapture will it be  
Prostrate before thy throne to lie,  
And gaze and gaze on thee.**

*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 confess our sins*

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

*Choir:* You were sent to heal the contrite  
of heart. Lord have mercy

*People:* **Lord Have mercy**

*Choir:* You came to call, you came to call  
sinners. Christ have mercy

*People:* **Christ have mercy**

*Choir:* You are seated at the right hand of  
the Father, to intercede for us.  
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.**

#### Monday 6th March 2023

Sick: Anna Overton, Sandra Buxton, Horace Tucker,  
Mary Robinson, Anne Graham.  
Years Mind: George Edward Waldron Johnston pr,  
Madeline Johnston, Annie Turnock.  
Church: Judith Lane.  
Local Community: Lady Croft (B)  
General: For a Holy Lent

#### Tuesday 7th March

Sick: Heather Jones, Arthur Jones, Connor.  
Mary Antcliffe, Claire Asquith, James Hughes,  
Lilian Kershaw.  
Church: Kevin Leaver  
Local Community: Lawnwood Drive (G)  
General: For Bolton PCC

#### Wednesday 8th March

Sick: Mary Wilkinson, Anita, Sue Swift.  
Years Mind: Frances Woods, Elnor Kitchenner.  
Ryan Leaver.  
Church: Leadley Street (G)  
Local Community: For Peace  
General:

#### Thursday 9th March

Sick: Barrie Shipgood, Annabelle Crampton, Beryl Bentley,  
Janet Newsome.  
Years Mind: Kerry & Paul Lemon.  
Church: Lesley Road (G)  
Local Community: For Christian Unity  
General:

#### Friday 10th March

Sick: Angela Coleman, Nathan Mitchell, Carole Dyson  
Janet Canham, Ludvic Bizeki.  
Years Mind: Edward Smith, Margaret Bass, Kathleen Hincliffe,  
Lena Stiffin.  
Church: Carole Lyons  
Local Community: Lincoln Gardens (G)  
General: For those in need.

#### Saturday 11th March

Sick: Dot Tucker, Stephen White, Christian Thompson.  
Years Mind: Michael Woodland, George Lily.  
Church: Rosalie Mace  
Local Community: Lindale Gardens (G)  
General: For the Focal Ministry Team

#### Daily

For the dead  
For our families  
For Peter Bishop of Sheffield  
For Stephen Bishop of Beverley  
For the Unity of Christ's Church  
For our Church Wardens and PCC members  
For the growth of our Christian Family  
For the poor, the sick and those with no hope  
For any who need our prayers  
For ourselves

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

*People:* **Amen.**

*The Collect or prayer for the day*

Let us pray.

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for The First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis  
*Genesis 12:1-4*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm  
*Psalm 32(33):4-5, 18-20, 22*

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

**May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

**May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

**May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

*Second Reading*

A Reading from the second letter of S.

Paul to Timothy

*2 Timothy 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*We stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

*Choir:* Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

*Choir:* From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”  
1 Thessalonians Ch5 vv17-18.*

In this leaflet it is hoped that, as a parish, we will find some direction and focus for our prayers that through praying together for the same things and the same people we may find a common purpose in responding to the needs of our world and our parish and place ourselves more readily into the hands of God.

It is hoped that either weekly or daily we can take some time together to pray wherever we are for the needs of our Church, our World, our parish, the individuals we come across and the departed. For, 'all things are possible for God'.

If you would like anyone or anything added to this prayer list, please hand it to the vicar in writing, the list will be revised weekly.

#### Daily Prayer for our Parish

Heavenly Father grant us grace in Goldthorpe, Hickleton and Bolton upon Dearne to worship you with all our being, to show your love to all our neighbours and to proclaim your saving power to all the world and in all we do to glorify your Name grant us humble and penitent hearts and all this through the saving merits of our faith in Jesus Christ Our Lord.  
**Amen.**

THE PARISHES OF  
GOLDTHORPE, HICKLETON &  
BOLTON UPON DEARNE  
**Parish Intercession List**



Week commencing  
**LENT II**  
**(A).**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### March 2023

Tues 7th	11am Bolton PCC	Bolton Church Hall
Fri 10th	11.30am Stations / Lent Group 12noon Lent Lunch 6pm Stations of the Cross	Bolton Church Hall Goldthorpe Parish Hall Goldthorpe
Sat 11th	9.30am Focal Ministry Meeting	Goldthorpe Parish Hall
Fri 17th	11.30am Stations / Lent Group 12noon Lent Lunch 6pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Male Voice Choir Concert	Bolton Church Hall Goldthorpe Parish Hall Goldthorpe Goldthorpe
Fri 24th	11.30am Stations / Lent Group 12noon Lent Lunch 6pm Stations of the Cross	Bolton Church Hall Goldthorpe Parish Hall Goldthorpe
Sat 25th	10am Coffee Morning 12noon Joint Solemn Mass & Commissioning	Goldthorpe Parish Hall Goldthorpe
Sun 26th	12noon Goldthorpe APCM	Goldthorpe
Fri 31st	11.30am Stations / Lent Group 12noon Lent Lunch 6pm Stations of the Cross	Bolton Church Hall Goldthorpe Parish Hall Goldthorpe

### April 2023

Sat 1st	10am Coffee Morning 11am Easter Egg Hunt	Bolton Church Hall Hickleton
Sun 2nd	PALM SUNDAY	
Mon 3rd	11.30am Chrism Mass	S. Peters Barnsley
Sun 9th	EASTER DAY	
Sun 16th	12noon Bolton APCM	Bolton
Thurs 20th	7pm Hickleton APCM	Hickleton Club
Sat 22nd	9.30am Focal Ministry Group	Goldthorpe Parish Hall
Sat 29th	10am Coffee Morning.	Goldthorpe Parish Hall

### May 2023

Sat 6th	10am Coronation Coffee Morning 12noon-4pm Coronation Party	Bolton Church Hall Goldthorpe Parish Hall
Tues 9th	Deanery Synod	
Fri 12th	6pm Bolton Church Hall AGM	Bolton Church Hall
Thurs 18th	ASCENSION DAY	
Sat 27th	10am Coffee Morning 3pm Wedding	Goldthorpe Parish Hall Goldthorpe
Mon 29th	National Pilgrimage to Walsingham	Walsingham

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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:* We pray to the Lord

*People:* **Lord hear our prayer**

*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

*We sing the Offertory Hymn*

**The God of Abraham praise  
Who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of love:  
To him uplift your voice,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth we rise and seek the joys  
At his right hand.**

**There dwells the Lord our King,  
The Lord our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
The Prince of Peace:  
On Sion's sacred height  
His kingdom he maintains,  
And glorious with his saints in light  
For ever reigns.**

**Before the great Three-One  
They all exulting stand,  
And tell the wonders he has done  
Throughout the land:  
The listening spheres attend,  
And swell the growing fame,  
And sing in songs which never end  
The wondrous name.**

**The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry  
'Almighty King!'  
Who was, and is the same,  
And evermore shall be:  
Eternal Father, great I AM,  
We worship thee.'**

**The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high:  
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'  
They ever cry:  
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!  
(I join the heavenly lays)  
All might and majesty are thine,  
And endless praise.**

*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 this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your  
faithful in body and mind for the  
celebration of the paschal festivities.  
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:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your  
glory Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*We Kneel*

*After the words of Consecration the priest says:*

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.

*People:* **When we eat this bread and  
drink this cup, we proclaim  
your death O Lord until you  
come again.**

*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.**

## NOTICES

### Lent 2023

Lent gives us the opportunity for a new awareness of God in our lives, there are many extra things we can take on during Lent alongside those things we give up. On Fridays at 11.30am at Bolton there is a Lent group at 11.30. There is a Lent Lunch at Goldthorpe at 12noon on Fridays and there is Stations of the Cross at Goldthorpe at 6pm each Friday. Any money raised as a result of Lenten offerings will be distributed equally between aid for Ukraine, The Trussell Trust and DEC Earthquake Fund.

### Mass on Friday

Mass on Friday at Goldthorpe will be at 9.30am because of the funeral at 10.30am.

### Mothering Sunday

On Mothering Sunday (19th March) there is the opportunity to have a candle lit and the names of our mothers published at each of our churches. The cost £1.00 per name, please take a card and complete it returning it to one of the church wardens.

### Lourdes 2023

We are hoping to take a group of Pilgrims to Lourdes from Monday 4th September until Friday 8th September 2023. The cost is £651 for those willing to share a room or £751 for those who want a single room this does not include transfers to and from the airport in this country. This is for full board and is based on us taking 15 people. If you would like to go please add your name to the list at the back of church TODAY then we know about the viability.

### Earthquake Relief Fund

This morning we continue our collection at each of our churches for the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) Appeal Fund for those effected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. This will be ongoing for the next few weeks.

### Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage

The Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham is from 31st July until 4th August. We are planning to take our young people to this camp and in order to make full use of the funding opportunities we need to know who is wanting to come along as soon as possible. If you are aged 11-18 and are interested, please take a leaflet with you and fill in the form, handing in back to Fr Schaefer.

### Food Bank

We are collecting items for the Salvation Army Food Bank and there is a basket at the back of church. For the donation basket could we ask that they donate tins, packets, etc that are in date and do not need any refrigeration. The Salvation Army have asked for Long Life Milk in particular and non milk products for the lactose intolerant. Thank you.

### Coffee Mornings

Each Tuesday, after Mass at Bolton Church Hall there is a Coffee Morning and the chance to socialise and chat. On each first Saturday of the month we are holding a Coffee Morning at Bolton Church Hall.

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Day	Service/Event	Intention
Monday 6th March 2023 <i>Feria</i>	8am Mass at Goldthorpe	For a Holy Lent
Tuesday 7th March Ss Perpetua & Felicity	10.30am Mass at Bolton Church Hall 7pm Mass at Goldthorpe	For Bolton PCC
Wednesday 8th March <i>feria</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe 6pm Vestry Hour at Goldthorpe	For Peace
Thursday 9th March <i>feria</i>	10am Mass at Hickleton 7pm Hickleton PCC at Goldthorpe	For Christian Unity
Friday 10th March <i>feria</i>	9.30am Mass at Goldthorpe 10.30am Dennis Linskey's funeral at Goldthorpe 11.30am Stations / Lent group at Bolton Church Hall 12noon Lent Lunch at Goldthorpe Parish Hall 6pm Stations of the Cross at Goldthorpe	For those in need
Saturday 11th March <i>feria</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe 9.30am Focal Ministry Team Meeting at Goldthorpe	For the Focal Ministry Team
Sunday 12th March 2023 LENT III (A)	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 10.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for This Holy Season and for our Parish

*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.**

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

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest:* let us offer each other sing of peace

*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~~ 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:* This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

*We come forward to receive Holy Communion*

*We sing the Communion Hymn*

**Hark, my soul, it is the Lord; 'tis thy Saviour, hear his word; Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee, 'Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?**

**'I delivered thee when bound, and, when wounded, healed thy wound sought thee wandering, set thee right, turned thy darkness into light.**

**'Can a woman's tender care cease towards the child she bare? Yes, she may forgetful be, yet will I remember thee.**

**'Mine is an unchanging love, higher than the heights above, deeper than the depths beneath, free and faithful, strong as death.**

**'Thou shalt see my glory soon, when the work of grace is done; partner of my throne shalt be: say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?'**

**Lord, it is my chief complaint  
that my love is weak and faint;  
yet I love thee, and adore;  
O for grace to love thee more!**

*The Post Communion prayer  
We stand*

Let us pray  
As we receive these glorious mysteries,  
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,  
for allowing us while still on earth  
to be partakers even now of the things of  
heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
*People: Amen*

*Any Notices etc may follow now.*

The Concluding Rites

*Priest:* Bless your faithful, we pray,  
O Lord, with a blessing that  
endures for ever, and keep them  
faithful to the Gospel of your Only  
Begotten Son, so that they may  
always desire and at last attain  
that glory whose beauty he  
showed in his own Body, to the  
amazement of his Apostles.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*People: Amen.*

*Priest:* Go forth the Mass is ended  
*People: Thanks be to God*

*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.**

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  $\alpha$ Cross and Passion, we may be  
brought to the glory of His Resurrection;  
through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

*We sing the final Hymn*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our  
eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name  
we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as  
light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest  
in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring  
above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of  
goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest—to both great  
and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on  
the tree,  
Then wither and perish—but naught  
changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of  
light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling  
their sight;  
All laud we would render; O help us to  
see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth  
thee.**

## *LENT*

*Lent is the great Season of Grace  
in the Church's Year during  
which we prepare physically and  
spiritually for the great events of  
Our Lord's Passion, Death and  
Resurrection by fasting, prayer  
and works of charity. Our Mass  
takes on a more sombre tone to  
focus our minds on our own  
unworthiness of the great things  
God does for us in His Son, so  
that we may be a worthy and holy  
people devoted to Him.*