

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

31st December 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY (B)



(Missal page 70)

THE  
PARISH  
MASS

The Introductory Rites

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

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that Mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall:  
With the poor and mean and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew:  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.

For he is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless;  
Tears and smiles like us He knew:  
And He feeleth for our sadness,  
And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him  
Through his own redeeming love,  
For that Child so dear and gentle,  
Is our Lord in heaven above:  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall we see him: but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high,  
Where like stars his children crowned,  
All in white shall wait around.

*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.

*Choir:* Lord Jesus, you are mighty God  
and Prince of Peace:  
Kyrie eleison.

*People:* Kyrie eleison

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Monday 1st January 2024

**Sick:** Anna Overton, Sandra Buxton, Horace Tucker,  
Mary Robinson, Janet Lancaster, George Jobson,  
**Years Mind:** Francis Darmon, Mary Cadman, John Wilson,  
Reg Chadwick, Adam Smith, Eddison Watkinson  
**Church:** Jean Shevill  
**Local Community:** Straight Lane (G)  
**General:** Of Our Lady and for the New Year

Tuesday 2nd January

**Sick:** Heather Jones, Arthur Jones, Cath Pilling, Scarlett,  
**Years Mind:** Harry Woodland, Ronald Wordsworth,  
Horace Adams, Olive Chadwick  
**Church:** Jean and Barry Shipgood  
**Local Community:** St Andrew Square (B)  
**General:** For Peace

Wednesday 3rd January

**Sick:** Mary Wilkinson, Carol & Bill Lyons, Sue Swift,  
Anita, Margaret & Keith Falkingham, Elizabeth  
MarSDen, Vin Middleton, Freda Lancaster  
**Years Mind:** John Saikled & George Nicholls  
**Church:** Jean Shirley  
**Local Community:** School Street (B)  
**General:** For the homeless

Thursday 4th January

**Sick:** Barrie Shipgood, Beryl Bentley, Janet Newsome,  
**Years Mind:** Agnes Crossley, Minnie Philips,  
Annie Booth, Mary Porthouse  
**Church:** Emilia Simmonds  
**Local Community:** Sheaf Crescent (B)

Friday 5th January

**Sick:** Angela Coleman, Nathan Mitchell, Carole Dyson  
Janet Canham, Ludovic Bizeki, Bob, Fr Schaefer  
**Years Mind:** Henry John Lindley Wood, John Murray  
Fred Broadhead, Annie Popple  
**Church:** Avril and Joe Skit  
**Local Community:** South Drive (B)  
**General:** For children as they start a new

Saturday 6th January

**Sick:** Annabell, Bob Cartwright, Sean Workman,  
Barbara Wroe, Alice Warren, Jayne Wallington,  
**Years Mind:** Johnny Hays, Win Adams  
**Church** Julie & Stephan Sommefeldt  
**Local Community** Station Road (B)  
**General:** Our Parish 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

*Choir:* You are the Son of God and Son of Mary: Christe eleison

*People:* **Christe eleison**

*Choir:* You are the Word made flesh, the splendour of the Father: Kyrie eleison eleison.

*People:* **Kyrie eleison eleison.**

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

*People:* **Amen.**

*The Gloria in excelsis now follows*

**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 day*

Let us pray  
O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy

of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 Genesis  
*Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3*

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless.' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 127*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
**O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

THE PARISHES OF  
GOLDTHORPE, HICKLETON &  
BOLTON UPON DEARNE

## Parish Intercession List



Week commencing  
**The Holy Family  
(B)**

**“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.

Day	Service/Event	Intention
Monday 1st January 2024 <b>Mary Mother of God</b>	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	Of Our Lady and for the New Year
Tuesday 2nd January <i>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory</i>	10.30am Mass at Bolton Church Hall  7pm Mass at Goldthorpe	For Peace
Wednesday 3rd January <i>Feria</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe	For the Homeless
Thursday 4th January <i>Feria</i>	10am Mass at Hickleton	For those impacted by War
Friday 5th January <i>Feria</i>	10:30am Mass at Goldthorpe	For children as they start a new school team
Saturday 6th January <i>Feria</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe 9:30am Focal Ministry Team meeting at Goldthorpe Hall	For our Parish Ministry team
Sunday 7th January <b>The Epiphany</b>	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 10.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Manifestation of the Lord to the Gentiles and for our Parish

## NOTICES

### HAPPY and HEALTHLY 2024 to all

**YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU** Given the events of the last couple of weeks, the Focal Ministry Team will be meeting at 9:30 on the 6th Jan. This meeting is open to everyone who wishes to support our parish. If you have 10 minutes, an hour or a day a week to offer; something you've always wanted to try or just want a job.....

**Fellowship and Nurture Group** On Friday evenings we are continuing our Fellowship and Nurture Group for anyone who is interested about learning more about our faith or simply coming along to share in fellowship, we will meet in the Parish Hall at Goldthorpe at 7pm.

**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. Thank you.

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Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

*Second Reading*

A Reading from the letter of S. Paul to the Colossians

*Colossians 3:12-21*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*We stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia. alleluia, alleluia!  
**Alleluia, alleluia. alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

**Alleluia, alleluia. alleluia, 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**

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in

accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of

many may be laid bare.' There was a propheticess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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 or kneel.*

**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  $\times$ 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:*  $\times$ 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*

**Of the Father's heart begotten  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain,  
All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.**

**By his word was all created;  
He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
Universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
All that breathes beneath the sun,  
Evermore and evermore.**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### January 2024

Mon 1st

10am Mass (Mary Mother of God)

Goldthorpe

Sat 6th

9:30am Focal Ministry Team Meeting

Goldthorpe Hall

Wed 10th

7pm Bell Ringing Lessons

Hickleton

Sat 20th

9:30am Focal Ministry Team Meeting

Goldthorpe Hall

Sat 27th

10am Coffee Morning

Goldthorpe Hall

### February 2024

Sat 3rd

10am Coffee Morning

Bolton Hall

Wed 7th

Quiz night

Hickleton Club

Wed 14th

10am ASH WEDNESDAY

Hickleton

Wed 14th

10am ASH WEDNESDAY

Bolton

Wed 14th

7pm ASH WEDNESDAY

Goldthorpe

Friday 16th

12 noon Lent Lunch

Goldthorpe Hall

Sun 18th

12noon Goldthorpe PCC

Goldthorpe

Tues 20th

11am Bolton PCC

Bolton Church Hall

Thurs 22nd

7pm Hickleton PCC

Goldthorpe

Friday 23rd

12 noon Lent Lunch

Goldthorpe Hall

Sat 24th

10am Coffee Morning

Goldthorpe Hall

### March 2024

Friday 1st

12 noon Lent Lunch

Goldthorpe Hall

Sat 2nd

10am Coffee Morning

Bolton Hall

Friday 8th

12 noon Lent Lunch

Goldthorpe Hall

Friday 15th

12 noon Lent Lunch

Goldthorpe Hall

Sat 16th

Wedding 1pm

Goldthorpe

Friday 22nd

12 noon Lent Lunch

Goldthorpe Hall

Sat 23rd

10am Coffee Morning

Goldthorpe Hall

Mon 25th

Chrim Mass

Hexthorpe

### April 2024

Sat 6th

10am Coffee Morning

Bolton Hall

Sat 13th

9:30am Focal Ministry Team Meeting

Goldthorpe Hall

Sun 14th

12noon APCM

Goldthorpe

Wed 17th

7pm APCM

Hickleton Club

Sun 21st

12noon APCM

Bolton

Sat 27th

10am Coffee Morning

Goldthorpe Hall

### May 2024

Sat 4th

10am Coffee Morning

Bolton Hall

Thurs 2nd

Goldthorpe Polling Station

Goldthorpe Hall

Sat 25th

10am Coffee Morning

Goldthorpe Hall

### June 2024

Sat 4th

10am Coffee Morning

Bolton Hall

The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in  
fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their  
sheep, On a cold winter's night that  
was so deep:  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star,  
Shining in the east, beyond them far:  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and  
night:  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star,  
Three Wise Men came from country  
far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wheresoever it  
went:  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay:  
*[Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
Full reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Both gold and myrrh and frankin-  
cense:  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of  
naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath  
bought:  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

He assumed this mortal body,  
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
That the race from dust created  
Might not perish utterly,  
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced  
In the depths of hell to lie,  
Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived,  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sybil  
Sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealed  
In the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;  
Let the world his praises cry!  
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
Evermore and evermore.

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*

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of  
conciliation, humbly asking that,  
through the intercession of the Virgin  
Mother of God and Saint Joseph,  
you may establish our families firmly in  
your grace and your peace.  
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  
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: Our God has appeared on the  
earth, and lived among us.

*We come forward to receive Holy Communion*

*We sing the Communion Hymn*

**In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone:  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter,  
Long ago**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold him  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When he comes to reign:  
In the bleak midwinter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.**

**Enough for him, whom Cherubim  
Worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk,  
And a mangerful of hay:  
Enough for him, whom angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore.**

**Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
Thronged the air  
But only his mother  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss.**

**What can I give him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him  
Give my heart.**

*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 day, 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**

*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 +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*