

## ADVENT I (C)



(Missal page 33)

### THE PARISH MASS

The Introductory Rites

*When the bell rings we stand*

**WAKE, O wake! with tidings thrilling**  
**The watchmen all the air are filling,**  
**Arise, Jerusalem, arise!**  
**Midnight strikes! no more delaying,**  
**'The hour has come' we hear them say-**  
**ing.**  
**Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?**  
**The Bridegroom comes in sight,**  
**Raise high your torches bright!**  
**Alleluia!**  
**The wedding song swells loud and**  
**strong:**  
**Go forth and join the festal throng.**

**Sion hears the watchmen shouting,**  
**Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,**  
**She stands and waits with eager eyes;**  
**See her Friend from heaven descending,**  
**Adorned with truth and grace unending!**  
**Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.**  
**Now come, thou precious Crown,**  
**Lord Jesu, God's own Son!**  
**Hosanna!**  
**Let us prepare to follow there,**  
**Where in thy supper we may share.**

**Every soul in thee rejoices;**  
**From men and from angelic voices**  
**Be glory given to thee alone!**  
**Now the gates of pearl receive us,**  
**Thy presence never more shall leave us,**

**We stand with Angels round thy throne.**  
**Earth cannot give below**  
**The bliss thou dost bestow.**  
**Alleluia!**  
**Grant us to raise, to length of days,**  
**The triumph-chorus of thy praise.**

*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 light the first candle on our Advent  
Wreath*

*Priest:* Jesus said, 'Keep awake,  
for you do not know on what  
day your Lord is coming.'

*People:* **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The first candle is lit and this response is used*

*Priest:* Jesus is the light of the world.  
*People:* **A light no darkness can ever  
put out.**

*We sing:* **Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and  
sadness,  
changed for gladness on that  
Day.**

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#### Monday 2nd December

*Sick:* Arthur Jones, Barrie Shipgood, Derrick Norris,  
*Years Mind:* Herbert Atkinson, Thomas Creed, John Wright,  
Fred Baker.  
*Church:* Alice & Paul Warren.  
*Local Community:* Chapel Street (B)  
*General:* For Peace

#### Tuesday 3rd December

*Sick:* Mary Wilkinson, Mary Robinson, Alan Baker,  
*R.I.P.* Heather Jones  
*Years Mind:* Vera Robinson, Albert Vernon Groves,  
*Church:* Janet Watkinson.  
*Local Community:* Charles Street (G)  
*General:* For the Faithful Departed

#### Wednesday 4th December

*Sick:* David Stanton, Mavis Clegg, Brian Finnegan  
*Years Mind:* Ivy Teasdale.  
*Church:* Jonathan Wearn.  
*Local Community:* Cherry Street (G)  
*General:* For the spread of the Gospel

#### Thursday 5th December

*Sick:* Freddie Wiles, Ngozi Aliu, Michael Bolger.  
*Years Mind:* Harold Painter Pr, Albert Lister  
*Church:* Rachel Webster  
*Local Community:* Church Mews (B)  
*General:* For Christian Unity

#### Friday 6th December

*Sick:* Carole Dyson, Paul Warren, Will Hanley.  
*Years Mind:* Sophia Harker, Cecil Probert, Muriel Bennett,  
Donald Campbell, Rosie Ashworth.  
*Church:* Christine White  
*Local Community:* Church Street (B)  
*General:* For all Children

#### Saturday 7th December

*Sick:* Barbara, Alan Watford.  
*Years Mind:* Eva Rumney Addey, Edith Marsden,  
Robert McGarvie, Kenneth H Keen.  
*Church:* Mary Wilkinson.  
*Local Community:* Claycliffe Terrace (G)  
*General:* For joy in faith

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

**Choir:** Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Kyrie eleison.

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

**Choir:** You come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christe eleison

**People:** **Christe eleison**

**Choir:** You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: Kyrie eleison

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

**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.

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.

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**

### Blessing of New Lectionaries

*The congregation is seated and prepared to hear the Word of God.*

*The priest facing the congregation and standing close to the Ambo receives the Volumes at the hands of Readers*

**Priest:** The word of God, proclaimed in the sacred Scripture, enlightens our minds and hearts. When the Scriptures are read in the liturgical assembly, God speaks to us and calls us to respond in faith and love.

In the First Letter of Peter we read:

‘... love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for, “All flesh is like grass and its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains for ever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.’

The blessing of new books of sacred Scripture, these new Lectionaries (and Books of the Gospels) is important to the life of the Church, for they contain within them God's living word. We ask God to bless these books and all of us who will listen to the word of the Lord.

May the word of God proclaimed in this place unfold for us the mystery of Christ and achieve your salvation within the Church.

**All:** **May the word of the Lord take root in our hearts and bring forth a rich harvest. Amen.**

*All pause for a moment of silent prayer,*

**Priest:** Everlasting God, when he read in the synagogue at Nazareth, your Son proclaimed the good news of salvation for which he would give us his life.

✠ Bless these Lectionaries (and Book of the Gospels). As they contain your words of life, strengthen by them the faith of your people who, with conviction and boldness, put into practice in their lives what they hear in your word. We ask this through the Word-made-flesh, Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The celebrant sprinkles the books with holy water. The Lectionaries are taken to the Ambo, the Book of the Gospels is placed on the Altar.*

### The Liturgy of the Word

*We sit for The First Reading*

**“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  
**1st Sunday in  
Advent (C)**

## NOTICES

### Thank you

To all those who supported the Christmas Fair at Goldthorpe yesterday

### Christmas Disco

At 7pm on Friday 6th December we are holding a Christmas Disco in Goldthorpe Parish Hall tickets are available this morning from Sandra Pennington and cost £6 for adults and £3 for children with supper included.

### Big clean at Bolton

On Saturday 7th December, rather than a Coffee Morning we are having a big clean at Bolton church. All are welcome and there is something for everyone to do so please come along and help.

### Christmas Tree lights

We are offering the opportunity for people to sponsor the Christmas Tree lights again this year. If you would like to sponsor a light in memory of a loved one or ones please fill in a form and return to either Malcolm Addis or Fr Schaefer. The cost is £3 per person or couple. Thank you.

### Christmas Party

At 6.30pm on Sunday 29th December there is a Christmas Party at Walter & Iraina Brook's in Hickleton. Tickets are available and cost £6 for adults and £3 for children with a Pie and Pea Supper.

### New Lectionary

The Lectionary (our daily readings in church) has been revised and the new readings begin from Advent Sunday. We have bought new books and if you would like to contribute towards them please see our church treasurers. The books are on view at the back of church.

### Hamper Raffle

Our Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets are available from today please help by ensuring you sell them to all your friends and take some for yourself.

### Confirmation Classes forms and date

If you would like to be Confirmed there will be a Confirmation at Goldthorpe on Wednesday 15th January at 7pm. Classes will continue at 5pm on Sunday for 1 hour and each week thereafter. Please complete a Form which are available this morning and return it to Fr Schaefer.

### Christmas Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the decorating of our churches at Christmas, please the church treasurer.

### Sick List

We are renewing the Sick List at Goldthorpe please add any names to the list at the back of church

### Food Bank

We are collecting items for the Salvation Army Food Bank and there is a basket at the back of church. 'Thank you.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

O Lord, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are the God of my salvation.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgement;  
to the humble he teaches his way.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

All the Lord's paths are mercy and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and commands.

The Lord's secret is for those who fear him;

to them he reveals his covenant.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

*The Second Reading follows*

A Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and

Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*We stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**  
Show us, O Lord, your mercy,  
and grant us your salvation.  
**Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

✠A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Luke 21:25-28,34-36*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. 'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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 in your mercy

*People:* **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*

**Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown, when thou camest to earth for me; but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee.**

**Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming thy royal degree; but of lowly birth didst thou come to earth, and in great humility. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee.**

**The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest in the shade of the cedar tree; but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God, in the deserts of Galilee. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee.**

**Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should set thy people free; but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn, they bore thee to Calvary. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee.**

**When the heavens arches shall ring, and her choirs sing, at thy coming to victory, let thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee."**

Day	Service/Event	Intention
Monday 2nd December 2024 <i>feria</i>	8am Mass at Goldthorpe 6.30pm W.I. Carol Service at Goldthorpe	For Peace
Tuesday 3rd December S. Francis Xavier	10.30am Mass at Bolton Church Hall 12.30pm Heather Jones' funeral at Goldthorpe 7pm Mass at Goldthorpe	For the faithful Departed
Wednesday 4th December S. John Damascene.	9am Mass at Goldthorpe 6pm Vestry Hour at Goldthorpe	For the Spread of the Gospel
Thursday 5th December <i>feria</i>	10am Mass at Hickleton 11.15am Sylvia Peirson's funeral at Goldthorpe	For Christian Unity
Friday 6th December S. Nicolas	10.30am Mass at Goldthorpe 7pm Christmas Disco at Goldthorpe church hall	For all children
Saturday 7th December <i>feria</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe 10am Big Clean at Bolton. Outside Christmas Trees erected. Goldthorpe at 10am , Bolton thereafter.	For Joy in Faith
Sunday 8th December 2024 ADVENT II (C)	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 10.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe 5pm Confirmation Class at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection and for our Parish

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### December 2024

Sun 1st	Patronal Festival 5pm Confirmation Class		Bolton Goldthorpe
Mon 2nd	6.30pm W.I. Carol Service	(Fr S)	Goldthorpe
Tues 3rd	12.30pm Heather Jones' funeral	(Fr S)	Goldthorpe
Thurs 5th	11.15am Sylvia Peirson's funeral	(Fr S)	Goldthorpe
Fri 6th	7pm Christmas Disco	(SP/KL)	Goldthorpe Hall
Sat 7th	10am Big Clean 10am External Christmas Tree erection	(CW) (AH)	Bolton church Goldthorpe & Bolton
Sun 8th	5pm Confirmation Class		Goldthorpe
Mon 9th	11am Michael Burke's funeral	(CW)	Bolton
Tues 10th	10.30am Linda Eades' funeral	(Fr S)	Goldthorpe
Fri 13th	12noon Carrfield School Production 12.15pm Peter Buck's funeral	(FrS) (CW)	Goldthorpe Bolton
Sun 15th	Decorating Church 5pm Confirmation Class	(AH)	Goldthorpe Goldthorpe
Tues 17th	7am Flower Market Run	(SC/MC/PB/AH)	Leeds
Wed 18th	10.50am Ronald Neale's funeral	(Fr S)	Ardsley
Thurs 19th	Christmas flower arranging 6pm Christmas songs and games	(SC/PB) (CW)	Goldthorpe Bolton Hall
Fri 20th	12.15pm Doreen Hale's funeral	(CW)	Bolton
Sat 21st	7pm THMV Choir Concert	(Fr S)	Goldthorpe
Sat 21st	Decorating Church	(AH)	Hickleton
Sun 22nd	4.30pm Carols by Candle light 6pm Nine Lessons & Carols	(CW) (Fr S)	Bolton church Hickleton
Tues 24th	4pm Crib Service 6pm Carols around the tree 9pm Vigil Mass	(Fr S / SC) (GW) (Fr B / CW)	Goldthorpe Hickleton Club Bolton
Wed 25th	Midnight Mass 9am Parish Mass 9.30am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass		Goldthorpe Hickleton Bolton Goldthorpe
Thurs 26th	10am Mass		Hickleton
Fri 27th	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Sat 28th	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Sun 29th	9am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass 5pm Confirmation Class 6.30pm Christmas Pie & Pea do		Hickleton Bolton Goldthorpe Goldthorpe
Mon 30th	10am Mass	(IB)	Walter & Iraina's
Tues 31st	10am Mass		Goldthorpe Goldthorpe

### 2025

### January 2025

Wed 1st	10am Mass for Mary Mother Of God		Goldthorpe
Sat 4th	10am Coffee Morning	(CW)	Bolton Hall

**O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
there is room in my heart for thee.**

*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*

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings  
we make, gathered from among your  
gifts to us, and may what you grant us to  
celebrate devoutly here below gain for  
us the prize of eternal redemption.  
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**

*At the end of the preface we sing*

**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*

*After the words of Consecration the priest says:*

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.

*People* **We proclaim your death, O  
Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection 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.**

*We stand for The Lord's Prayer*

*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 the sign of peace

*We share the sign 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 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 Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

*We come forward to receive Holy Communion*

*We sing the Communion Hymn*

**Keep on looking, go on seeking, don't stop hoping, He will come.  
Keep awake now watch and pray now trust and see that He will come.  
Shake off slumber, dawn is breaking, come with full expectancy!  
Years of longing, years of hoping, all fulfilled when he will come.**

**Blessed angels, saints and sinners, all rejoice to see this day.  
Poor or wealthy, high or lowly, all must help to clear His way.  
Down among us He has chosen**

**here to taste our cup of life;  
who would guess that He'd be coming here to share both joy and strife?**

**Hearts will wonder, eyes must open, ears shall catch his ev'ry word:  
Words of thunder, words of wisdom, words like these were never heard.  
Through the ages we've been waiting, countless prayers above did fly;  
Now he's coming here among us: here to live and here to die.**

*We stand for the Post Communion prayer*

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

*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

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May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again, sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemers coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich

reward of eternal life when he comes in majesty

*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 our final Hymn*

**Hark! A herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'**

**Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven;**

**So when next he comes in glory,  
And earth's final hour draws near,  
May he then as our defender  
On the clouds of heaven appear.**

**Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run. Amen.**