

THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST &  
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE GOLDTHORPE

PARISH MASS  
& BAPTISM  
of  
SOLOMON OZIOMA LEAVER



10.30am SUNDAY 1st JUNE 2025

**Monday 1st June 2025**

Sick: Arthur Jones, Barrie Shipgood, Derrick Norris, Dorothy.  
Years Mined: Geoffrey Kenigern Boslock *P*, Sarah Bunting,  
James Yates, Albert Oliver.  
Church: Andrew Hainey  
Local Community: Sankey Square (G)  
General: For Peace

**Tuesday 2nd June**

**Sick:** Mary Wilkinson, Mary Robinson, Brenda Goodwin.  
**Years Mined:** Harry Moore, George Roe, Hilda Bellwood  
**Church:** Kevin Hall.  
**Local Community:** Sharon Gate (G)  
**General:** For all Aid Workers

**Wednesday 3rd June**

<u>Sick:</u>	David Stanton, Bob Pennington, John, Steve Webb
<u>Years Mind:</u>	Alice Louise Dundas.
<u>Church:</u>	Sid & Maureen Hall,
<u>Local Community:</u>	Rohan Close (G)
<u>General:</u>	For the Sick

**Thursday 4th June**

<u>Sick:</u>	John Freeborn, Gordon Wordsworth
<u>Years Mind:</u>	
<u>Church:</u>	Denis & Angela Hays.
<u>Local Community</u>	Sheaf Crescent (B)
<u>General:</u>	For Christian Unity

**Friday 5th June**

<u>Sick:</u>	Will Hanley, Josephine Mellor, Enid Green, Janet Newsome.
<u>Years Mind:</u>	Alban Cooke, Wilfrid Clifford Webster, Nancy Wilson.
<u>Church:</u>	Barbara Hillyer
<u>Local Community:</u>	Smithy Croft (B)
<u>General:</u>	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection

**Saturday 6th June**

<u>Sick:</u>	Barbara, Rena Shaw, Mary Haigh
<u>Years Mined:</u>	Henry Paul Lindley Wood.
<u>Church:</u>	Arthur Jones.
<u>Local Community:</u>	South Drive View (B)
<u>General:</u>	For the Mission of the Church.

## 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

# The Order of Mass

## The Introductory Rites

*When the Bell rings we stand to sing the Introit Hymn:*

Hail the risen Lord, ascending  
To his holy Father's side,  
Angels lost in awe and wonder  
Now acclaim the Lord who died  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Christ triumphant, glorified!

He who once, from royal splendour,  
Came to share our state of blame,  
Now ascends in clouds of glory  
To the heights from which he came.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Christ for evermore the same!

He will grant his praying servants  
From the riches of his power,  
Grace to live as risen people  
In this present watching hour.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
God on us his blessings shower.

Now he bids us tell his story,  
Where the lost and fearful roam:  
He will come again triumphant,  
And will lead his people home.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Maranatha! Come, Lord, come!

*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 then the Priest addresses the Parents and Godparents*

*Priest:* What name have you given your child?

*Parents:* **Solomon Ozioma**

*Priest:* What do you ask of God's Church for Solomon?

*Parents:* **Baptism.**

*“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  
**EASTER VI**  
(C)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### June 2025

Tues 3rd	9am Sue Ellis' funeral		Goldthorpe
	11am Vintage and Collectibles Roadshow		Goldthorpe Hall
Sat 7th	10am Coffee Morning	(CW)	Bolton Church
???	Disco	(SP/KL)	Goldthorpe Hall
Fri 13th	11am George Neil Speight's funeral		Goldthorpe
Mon 16th	7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation		Doncaster
Fri 20th	7pm Thurnscoe MVC Charity Concert		Goldthorpe
Sun 22nd	3.30pm S. Wilfrith's Moorends do!		Moorends
Mon 23rd	7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation		Swinton
Sat 28th	10am Coffee Morning	(SC/PB)	Goldthorpe Hall
	6pm Musical Soiree	(I.B.)	The Brooks

### July 2025

Sat 5th	10am Coffee Morning	(CW)	Bolton Church
Sat 19th	10am Focal Ministry Meeting		Goldthorpe Hall
Sun 20th	12:30 Goldthorpe PCC Meeting		Goldthorpe
Wed 23rd	7pm Hickleton PCC Meeting		Goldthorpe
Thurs 24th	1pm Bolton PCC		Bolton church
Sat 26th	10am Coffee Morning	(SC/PB)	Goldthorpe Hall
Fri 25th	BBQ	(Fr S)	Goldthorpe Vic- arage

### August 2025

Sat 2nd	10am Coffee Morning	(CW)	Bolton Church
	1pm Marriage Blessing		Goldthorpe
???	Art Festival???	(WB)	Hickleton Church
Sat 30th	10am Coffee Morning	(SC/PB)	Goldthorpe Hall

### September 2025

Sat 6th	10am Coffee Morning	(CW)	Bolton Hall
Sat 20th	Heritage Open Day	(DH)	Goldthorpe
	Heritage Open Day	(AH)	Hickleton
TBA	Quiz Night/Irish Bingo	(GW)	Hickleton Club
Sat 27th	10am Coffee Morning	(SC/PB)	Goldthorpe Hall
Sun 28th	HARVEST FESTIVAL		All churches
Mon 29th	Harvest Supper	(Fr S/GW)	Hickleton Club

### October 2025

Sat 4th	10am Coffee Morning	(CW)	Bolton Hall
Wed 15th	7pm Deanery Synod		Wentworth
Sat 25th	10am Coffee Morning	(SC/PB)	Goldthorpe Hall
???	Irish Bingo	(JS)	Goldthorpe Hall

### November 2025

Sat 1st	10am Coffee Morning	(CW)	Bolton Hall
Sun 2nd	ALL SAINTS DAY		
Mon 3rd	10am Requiem ALL SOULS		Hickleton
	7pm Solemn Requiem ALL SOULS		Goldthorpe
Sun 9th	Remembrance Sunday		
Sun 16th	12:30 Goldthorpe PCC Meeting		Goldthorpe

*The celebrant then addresses the parents in these or similar words:*

<b>Priest:</b>	You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?
<b>Parents:</b>	<b>We do.</b>

*Then the celebrant turns to the godparents:*

<b>Priest:</b>	Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?
<b>Godparents:</b>	<b>We are.</b>
<b>Priest:</b>	Solomon, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead and I invite your parents (and godparents) to do the same.

*He signs the child on the forehead, in silence.*

*Then he invites the parents (and the godparents) to do the same.*

### The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace (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 (the glory) of God the Father. Amen (Amen).**

### The Collect

*Priest:* Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human  
race is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*We sit for the readings.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles *Acts 7:55-60*

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*The Responsorial Psalm* *Ps 97(96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9. □1a, 9b*

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

**The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.

Justice and right are the foundation of his throne.

**The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.  
All you angels, worship him.

**The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

For you indeed are the Lord,  
most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

### NOTICES

#### TODAY

Coffee is served after Mass in the Parish Hall and all are welcome to give thanks for Solomon's new life in Christ.

#### Lent Collection Boxes.

It is time to return your Lent Collection boxes together with our Lent lunches we hope to send a generous donation to the work of Mission Direct. Thank you to those who worked hard throughout Lent to provide the lunches and to those who came along and supported them.

#### Thank you

To all those who week by week bring their coppers along to put into the Treasure chest at Goldthorpe. Malcolm Addis has emptied it and had all the money counted which came to £120. We have sent a donation to an international cleft palate charity by request.

#### Charity Concert

On Friday 20th June (CHANGE OF DATE) at 7pm Thurnscoe Male Voice Choir are holding a Charity Concert at Goldthorpe. Tickets are not needed there is a retiring collection.

#### S. Wilfrith's Anniversary

At 3.30pm on Sunday 22nd June at Saint Wilfrith's, Moorends there is a double celebration. They are celebrating the 90th anniversary of their consecration as a church and Fr Pay, who looks after them each week because they are a vacant parish, celebrates the 50th year of his Priesthood. There is a list at the back of church for those who want to come along and we will share transport.

#### Musical Soiree

On Saturday 28th June we are holding a Musical Evening at Walter and Irena Brooks' house at Hickleton. Tickets are available from today and cost £6 each for adults and children £3. Available 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.

#### 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.

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Day	Service/Event	Intention
Monday 2nd June 2025 Ss Marcellinus & Peter	8am Mass at Goldthorpe	For Peace
Tuesday 3rd June S. Charles Lwanga	9am Sue Ellis' funeral at Goldthorpe 10.30am Mass at Bolton Church 7pm Mass at Goldthorpe	For all Aid Workers
Wednesday 4th June <i>feria</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe 6pm Vestry Hour at Goldthorpe	For the Sick
Thursday 5th June S. Boniface	10am Mass at Hickleton	For Christian Unity
Friday 6th June <i>feria</i>	10.30am Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
Saturday 7th June <i>feria</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe 10am Coffee Morning at Bolton in church	For the Mission of the Church
Sunday 8th June 2025 PENTECOST	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 10.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection and for our Parish

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are paid for in loving memory of  
GLENNIS BARNESLEY  
R.I.P.**

*The second reading follows*

*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*We stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

*Choir:* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

*People:* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you

*People:* **And with you spirit**

*Priest:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

*John 17:20-26*

*People:* **Glory to you O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, '[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the

world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*The homily now follows.*

### The Prayers of the Faithful

*After each petition:*

*Leader:* Lord hear us

*People:* **Lord graciously hear us**

*At the prayers for the departed:*

*Leader:* ✠Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

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

*Leader:* May they rest in peace

*People:* **Amen**

**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.**

*At the end of the prayers:*

*People:* **Amen.**

### The Prayer of Anointing before Baptism

*Priest:* Almighty and ever-living God, you sent your only Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil, to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness, and bring him into the splendour of your kingdom of light. We pray for this child: set him free from original sin, make him a temple of your glory, and send your Holy Spirit to dwell with him Through Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

### The Regina Coeli

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven. Alleluia!  
He whom thou wast to meet the bear. Alleluia!  
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

*Priest:* Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

*People:* **For the Lord is risen in deed. Alleluia**

*Priest:* Let us pray:

O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ has brought joy to the whole world: grant that through the prayers of the Virgin Mary his Mother we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*We sing the Hymn*

**Lord may we see your hands and side  
Touch you and feel your presence near.  
Lord could our eyes behold these clouds  
And watch you rising disappear.  
Help us to pray for your return  
To watch until you come to reign  
And be your witnesses through the world  
To speak and glorify your name.**

**Lord unto you we lift our eyes  
Help us to live as you desire.  
Bring down upon us power to win  
Through tongues of Holy Spirit fire.  
Lord breathe upon us to receive  
The grace and love your Spirit gives  
And may we know you with us now  
Because in us your Spirit lives.**



*After Holy Communion:*

The Post-Communion Prayer

*Priest:* Let us pray

*We stand*

Hear us, O God our Saviour,  
and grant us confidence,  
that through these sacred mysteries  
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole  
Church what has already come to pass  
in Christ her Head.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen**

*The notices now follow after which we stand for the blessing:*

The Blessing.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **and with your spirit.**

*Priest:* Bow down for God's blessing

*Priest:* May God, who by the  
Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son  
was pleased to confer on you  
the gift of redemption and of adoption,  
give you gladness by his blessing

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* May he, by whose redeeming work you have  
received the gift of everlasting freedom,  
make you heirs to an eternal inheritance

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* And may you, who have already risen with Christ in  
Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on  
this earth be united with him in the homeland of  
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 celebrant continues:*

*Priest:* We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of  
Christ our Saviour; may he strengthen you with his  
power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

*He anoints the child with the oil of catechumens.*

Celebration of the Sacrament.

*The family proceed to the Font the congregation turn and face the Font*

*Priest:* My dear brothers and sisters, we now ask God to give  
this child new life in abundance through water and the  
Holy Spirit.

Blessing over Baptismal Water.

*Priest:* Father, God of mercy, through these waters of baptism  
you have filled us with new life as your very own  
children.

*People:* **Blessed be God.**

*Priest:* From all who are baptised in water and the Holy Spirit,  
you have formed one people, united in your Son,  
Jesus Christ.

*People:* **Blessed be God.**

*Priest:* You have set us free and filled our hearts with the  
Spirit of your love, that we may live in your peace.

*People:* **Blessed be God.**

*Priest:* You call those who have been baptised to announce  
the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere.

*People:* **Blessed be God.**

*Priest:* You have called your child Solomon to this cleansing  
water and new birth that by sharing the faith of your  
Church he might have eternal life.

Bless this water in which he will be baptised.

We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith.

*Priest:* Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present this child for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit he is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his heart.  
If your faith makes you ready to accept responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus.  
This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptised.

*The celebrant questions the parents and godparents all respond to the questions:*

*Priest:* Do you reject Satan?  
*People:* **I do.**  
*Priest:* And all his works?  
*People:* **I do.**  
*Priest:* And all his empty promises?  
*People:* **I do.**

*Next, the celebrant asks for the threefold profession of faith from the parents and godparents and all present:*

*Priest:* Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?  
*People:* **I do.**  
*Priest:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?  
*People:* **I do.**  
*Priest:* Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?  
*People:* **I do.**  
*Priest:* This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
*People:* **Amen.**

### 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:* Father, I pray that they may be one  
as we also are one, alleluia.

*We come forward to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing*

*People:* ✠The Body / Blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*We sing the Communion Hymn*

**Majesty, worship His Majesty:  
Unto Jesus be glory, honour, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthems raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His Majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.**

*(Sung Twice)*



*People:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna (x3) in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna (x3) in the highest.**

*After the Dominical words:*

*Priest:* The mystery of faith.  
*All:* **Save us, Saviour of the world,  
For by your cross and resurrection you have  
set us free.**

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer*

*People:* **AMEN**

*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 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*

*Priest:* Is it your will that Solomon should be baptised in the  
faith of the Church which we have all professed with  
you?

*Parents and Godparents:* **It is.**

*He baptises the child, saying:*

Solomon Ozioma, I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
*He immerses the child or pours water onto him.*

and of the Son,

*He immerses the child or pours water onto him a second time.*

and of the Holy Spirit.

*He immerses the child or pours water onto him a third time.*

**Anointing with Chrism.**

*Then the celebrant says:*

*Priest:* God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed  
you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the  
Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.  
He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As  
Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so  
may you live always as a member of his body,  
sharing everlasting life.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Then the celebrant anoints the child on the crown of the head with the  
sacred chrism, in silence.*

**Clothing with the White Garment.**

*Priest* Solomon, you have become a new creation, and  
have clothed yourself in Christ.  
See in this white garment the outward sign of your  
Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help  
you by word and example, bring that dignity  
unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The white garment is put on the child.*

**The Lighted Candle.**

*The celebrant takes the Easter candle and says:*

*Priest:* Receive the light of Christ.

*Someone from the family (such as the father or godfather) lights the child's candle from the Easter candle. The celebrant then says:*

*Priest:* Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He is to walk always as a child of the light. May he keep the flame of faith alive in his heart. When the Lord comes, may he go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

### The 'Ephphetha'

*The 'Ephphetha' [Prayer over Ears and Mouth] may now follow. The celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the child with his thumb, saying:*

*Priest:* The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to praise the glory of God the Father.

*People:* **Amen.**

*All return to their places while we sing:*

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluia, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

### The Offertory

*The Altar is prepared, then:*

*Priest:* Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

*People:* **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.**

*Priest:* Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

*People:* **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**

*After the Preface*