

“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

THE PARISHES OF
GOLDTHORPE, HICKLETON &
BOLTON UPON DEARNE

Parish Intercession List



Week commencing
ADVENT III (A)

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

14th December 2025

ADVENT III Year A



THE PARISH MASS

Missal page 38

When the bell rings we stand

Long ago prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new,
bear His people's burden,
freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When He comes, when He comes,
who will make Him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a Man,
born Himself of woman,
God divinely human:

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid,
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.

Journey ends: where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry.

Ring, bells, ring, ring ring!
Sing, choir, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes, Jesus comes:
we will make Him welcome.

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
we light the third candle on our Advent Wreath*

Priest: Jesus said, 'No one more
important than John the Baptist
has ever been born; yet the least
in the kingdom of heaven is
greater than he.'

People: Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The third 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 sad-
ness changed for gladness on
that Day.**

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Monday 15th December 2025

Sick: Dorothy, Derrick Norris, Janet Newsome, Janet Watkinson,
Will Hanley, Rena Shaw, Mary Haigh, John Freeborn.
Years Mind: Mary Stables, William Groves.
Church: Fr N. Pay & Carol Pay
Local Community Lincoln Gardens (G)
General: For Peace

Tuesday 16th December

Sick: Brenda Goodwin, Ann Stones, Jennifer Spink, Diane, Ian
Years Mind:
Church: Sandra & Bob Pennington
Local Community Lindale Gardens (G)
General: For a Holy Advent

Wednesday 17th December

Sick: Arthur Jones, Bob Pennington, David Stanton,
Mary Wilkinson, Josephine Mellor.
Years Mind:
Church: Joan & John Poyton
Local Community Lockwood Road (G)
General: For the sick

Thursday 18th December

Sick: Barbara, Mary Robinson, Gordon, Gemma Bloor,
Terry Hays, Bp Alan Chesters
Years Mind: Hilda Cree
Church: Anne Rae
Local Community Lower Mill Close (G)
General: For Christian Unity

Friday 19th December

Sick: Beverley, Hannah Rebecca, Enid Green,
Years Mind: Tom Andrew, George Lowe, Thomas Turner,
Betty White
Church: Thomas Roberts
Local Community Lowfield Farm Close (B)
General: For all Schools

Saturday 20th December

Sick: Tina Feeney, Barbara Smith, Willow Brown,
Years Mind: Dom Robert Pettipierre, William Ratka,
Alice Hays.
Church: Mary Robinson
Local Community Lowfield Grove (B)
General: That we may be ready

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

A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Sion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3

Come, Lord, and save us.
Come, Lord, and save us.

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets prisoners free.
Come, Lord, and save us.

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.
Come, Lord, and save us.

**John the Baptist by his
preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his
teaching news of hope restored
'Keep your vision strong and
steady,
and be ready for the Lord.'**

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.
O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2025

Sun 14 th	10am Meeting re: future times	Hickleton
Mon 15 th	1.30pm Goldthorpe School rehearsal	Goldthorpe
Fri 19 th	10am Goldthorpe Primary Christmas concert	Goldthorpe
	7pm Thurnscoe MVC Christmas Concert	Goldthorpe church & Hall
Sun 21 st	3.30pm Carols & Christingle (CW)	Bolton church
	6pm Nine Lessons & Carols	Hickleton
Wed 24 th	4pm Crib Service (Fr S / SC)	Goldthorpe
	6pm Carols around the tree (GW)	Hickleton Club
	9pm Vigil Mass (Fr B / CW)	Bolton
	Midnight Mass	Goldthorpe
Thurs 25 th	9am Parish Mass	Hickleton
	9.30am Parish Mass	Bolton
	10.30am Parish Mass	Goldthorpe
Fri 26 th	10am Mass	Goldthorpe
Sat 27 th	10am Mass	Goldthorpe
Sun 28 th	9am Parish Mass	Hickleton
	10.30am Parish Mass	Bolton
	10.30am Parish Mass	Goldthorpe
Mon 29 ^h	10am Mass	Goldthorpe
Tues 30 th	10am Mass	Goldthorpe
Wed 31 st	10am Mass	Goldthorpe

January 2026

Thurs 1 st	10am Mass	Bolton
Fri 2 nd	10am Mass	Goldthorpe
Sat 3 rd	10am Mass	Goldthorpe
Sun 4 th	EPIPHANY	
Tues 27 th	12noon SSC Meeting	Goldthorpe
Sat 31 st	10am Coffee Morning	Goldthorpe Hall

February 2026

Sat 7 th	10am Coffee Morning	Bolton Church Hall
Wed 18 th	ASH WEDNESDAY	
Sat 28 th	10am Coffee Morning	Goldthorpe Hall

March 2026

Mon 2 nd	10am Hickleton PCC	Hickleton Club
Thurs 5 th	1pm Bolton PCC	Bolton
Sat 7 th	10am Coffee Morning	Bolton Church Hall
	10am Goldthorpe PCC	Goldthorpe

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age.
Come, Lord, and save us.

The Second Reading follows

A Reading from the Letter of Saint James
James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit.**

✠A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew

Glorify to you, O Lord

Matthew 11:2-11

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'

And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk,

lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." 'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

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

People, look east. The time is near
 Of the crowning of the year.
 Make your house fair as you are able
 Trim the hearth and set the table.
 People, look East and sing today:
 Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
 One more seed is planted there:
 Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
 That in course the flower may flourish.
 People, look East and sing today:
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
 Guard the nest that must be filled.
 Even the hour when wings are frozen
 God for fledging-time has chosen.
 People, look East and sing today:
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.

Stars keep the watch When night is dim
 One more light the bowl shall brim,
 Shining beyond the frosty weather,
 Bright as sun and moon together.
 People, look East and sing today:
 Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
 Him who cometh from the East.
 Set every peak and valley humming
 With the word, the Lord is coming.
 People, look East and sing today:
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people respond each time

Blessed be God for ever.

We stand

Pray, my Brothers and Sisters that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Day	Service/Event	Intention
Monday 15th December 2025 <i>feria</i>	8am Mass at Goldthorpe 1.30pm Goldthorpe School to Goldthorpe	For Peace
Tuesday 16th December <i>feria</i>	10.30am Mass at Bolton Church Hall 7pm Mass at Goldthorpe	For a Holy Advent
Wednesday 17th December <i>O Sapientia</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe 6pm Vestry Hour at Goldthorpe	For the Sick
Thursday 18th December <i>O Adonai</i>	10am Mass at Hickleton 1pm Advent Prayers at Bolton	For Christian Unity
Friday 19th December <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	10.30am Mass at Goldthorpe 10am Goldthorpe School Concert 7pm THMVC Concert at Goldthorpe	For all Schools
Saturday 20th December <i>O Clavis David</i>	9am Mass at Goldthorpe Decorating church	That we may be ready
Sunday 21st December 2025 ADVENT IV (A) <i>O Oriens</i>	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 10am Parish Meeting at Hickleton 10.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe 3.30pm Christingle at Bolton 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols at Hickleton	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection and for our Parish

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 PETER GREEN
 R.I.P.**

NOTICES

Christmas Greetings

Rather than sending everyone in church a Christmas Card why not take advantage of our Christmas Greeting Scheme where for just £5 you can have your greeting published, printed and distributed to everyone at church. Please see Fr Schaefer or Denis Hays with your written greeting and £5 on or before next Sunday as the cards will be published on Sunday 21st December.

Christmas Raffle

The Hamper Raffle at Hickleton will be drawn at the Carol Service on 21st December. Tickets are available today.

Choir Christmas Concert

Thurnscoe Harmonic Male Voice Choir and Barnburgh Village Singers are in concert at Goldthorpe Church on Friday 19th December, tickets are £7 for adults with concessions, see Posters at the back of church.

Flowers for church

If you would like to contribute towards the decoration of church for Christmas please see Joan Poyton at Bolton, Margaret Crofts at Hickleton and Sue Copestake at Goldthorpe. Thank you.

Christmas Tree Lights

If you would like to sponsor a light on the Christmas Tree at Goldthorpe in memory of a loved one or ones please take a form from the back of church or from Malcolm Addis and return it with the fee. Thank you.

Stewardship Envelopes

The new Stewardship envelopes are available at Goldthorpe & Hickleton, if you use them please take them, if you would like to know more please see Gordon Wordsworth or Anne Rae for further details.

Dates for the Diary.

You will notice that dates for the Diary run out at the end of 2025. If anyone has any ideas for events throughout next year please let Fr Schaefer have them as soon as possible and in writing please.

Food Bank

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

Tuesday Mornings

For the time-being the Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays at Bolton church hall are suspended, unless there is a willing volunteer or two to take the job on in the short term. Mass will be as normal Tuesday.

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 hold a Coffee Morning at Bolton Church during the Summer months and on the last Saturday of each month we hold a Coffee Morning at Goldthorpe Church Hall.

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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 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: **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.**

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: Say to the faint of heart: Be
strong and do not fear. Behold,
our God will come, and he will
save us.

We come forward to receive Holy Communion

We sing the Communion Hymn

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

We stand for the Post Communion prayer

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this
divine sustenance may cleanse us of our
faults and prepare us for the coming
feasts. Through Christ our Lord.
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 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.
Amen**

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.
Amen**

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.
Amen**

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

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the
Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit
voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart
rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His
name!
Make known His might, the deeds His
arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the
same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty
One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His
might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory
by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are
put to flight;
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His
Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy
sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the
Lord
To children's children and for
evermore**