

"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 IV (A)

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

21st December 2025

ADVENT IV Year A



THE PARISH MASS

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When the bell rings we stand

**LO! he comes with clouds descending
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Deeply
wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture, With what rapture,
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:**

**O come quickly! O come quickly! O
come quickly!
Alleluia! 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
we light the fourth candle on our Advent Wreath*

Priest: Jesus said, 'Anyone who does
what my Father in heaven wants
is my brother or sister or mother.'

People: I am the servant of the Lord.
Let it be to me according to his
word.

The fourth 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 22nd December 2025

Sick: Dorothy, Derrick Norris, Janet Newsome, Janet Watkinson,
Will Hanley, Rena Shaw, Mary Haigh, John Freeborn.
Years Mind: Harry Dainty, John Reginald Darnon,
Jack Stevenson
Church: Matthew Scott.
Local Community Lowfield Meadows (B)
General: For the spread of the Gospel

Tuesday 23rd December

Sick: Brenda Goodwin, Ann Stones, Jennifer Spink, Diane, Ian
Years Mind: Edward 1st Earl Halifax
Church: Jean Shirley
Local Community Lowfield Road (B)
General: That we may be ready

Wednesday 24th December

Sick: Arthur Jones, Bob Pennington, David Stanton,
Mary Wilkinson, Josephine Mellor.
Years Mind: Harry Heptonstall, Dorothy Brown, Harry Needham,
Arthur Vernon Williams *Pf*, Hilda Mary Firth,
Freda Wilcox, Ron Wilmet
Church: Avril & Joe Skitt.
Local Community Magdalene Gardens (G)
General: Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

Thursday 25th December

Sick: Barbara, Mary Robinson, Gordon, Gemma Bloor,
Terry Hays, Bp Alan Chesters
Years Mind: Edith Bail, Giles Lindley, Aloysious Owcarzak,
Elizabeth Clifford, Anthea Hopwood, Catherine Hall
Church: Julie & Stefan Sommerfeldt
Local Community Main Street (G)
General: Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

Friday 26th December

Sick: Beverley, Hannah Rebecca, Enid Green.
Years Mind: George Robert Dale, Louisa Margaret Davis,
Harry Camplon
Church: Donna & Ian Stott
Local Community Manor Avenue (G)
General: Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

Saturday 27th December

Sick: Tina Feeney, Barbara Smith, Willow Brown.
Years Mind: Hugh Robert Roddam, Herbert Leslie Bennett,
George Hickling, Gladys Turner.
Church: Joan Sykes
Local Community Manor Way (B)
General: Thanksgiving for the Incarnation and for our Parish

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 Liturgy of the Word

We sit for The First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah
Isaiah 7:10-14

In those days: The LORD spoke to Ahaz:
'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it
be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.'
But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will
not put the LORD to the test.' And Isaiah
said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it
too little for you to weary men, that you
weary my God also? Therefore the Lord
himself will give you a sign. Behold, the
virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
shall call his name Emmanuel.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6

Let the LORD enter; he is the king of
glory.

**Let the LORD enter; he is the king of
glory.**

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

**Let the LORD enter; he is the king of
glory.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the
LORD?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

**Let the LORD enter; he is the king of
glory.**

Blessings from the LORD shall he
receive,
and right reward from the God who
saves him.

Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**Let the LORD enter; he is the king of
glory.**

**Mary's gift, beyond all telling,
was to give Christ room.
She gave God a human
dwelling
in a mother's womb.
Who could guess the final
story?
- cross and glory; empty tomb!**

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.
Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ
your Son was made known by the
message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross be brought
to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2025

Sun 21st	3.30pm Carols & Christingle 6pm Nine Lessons & Carols	(CW)	Bolton church Hickleton
Tues 23 rd	10.30am Brian Perry's funeral		Goldthorpe
Wed 24 th	4pm Crib Service 6pm Carols around the tree 9pm Vigil Mass Midnight Mass	(Fr S / SC) (GW) (Fr B / CW)	Goldthorpe Hickleton Club Bolton Goldthorpe Hickleton
Thurs 25 th	9am Parish Mass 9.30am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass		Bolton Goldthorpe Goldthorpe
Fri 26 th	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Sat 27 th	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Sun 28 th	9am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass		Hickleton Bolton Goldthorpe
Mon 29 th	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Tues 30 th	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Wed 31 st	10am Mass		Goldthorpe

January 2026

Thurs 1 st	10am Mass		Hickleton
Fri 2 nd	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Sat 3 rd	10am Mass		Goldthorpe
Sun 4 th	EPIPHANY		
Sat 24 th	10am Focal Ministry Meeting		Goldthorpe Hall
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 10am Goldthorpe PCC		Bolton Church Hall Goldthorpe
Sat 28 th	10am Coffee Morning		Goldthorpe Hall
Sun 29 th	PALM SUNDAY		

April 2026

Sun 5 th	EASTER DAY		
Sun 12 th	11.45am Bolton APCM		Bolton
Mon 13 th	7pm Hickleton APCM		Hickleton Club
Sat 25 th	10am Coffee Morning		Goldthorpe

The Second Reading follows

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel — which means, God with us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit.**

✱A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 1:18-24

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel

of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' —which means, God with us. When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.

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

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

*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 Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these
gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled
with his power the womb of the Blessed
Virgin Mary. 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

Day	Service/Event	Intention
Monday 22 nd December 2025 <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	8am Mass at Goldthorpe	For the spread of the Gospel
Tuesday 23 rd December <i>O Emmanuel</i>	10.30am Mass at Bolton Church Hall 10.30am Brian Perry's funeral at Goldthorpe 7pm Mass at Goldthorpe	That we may be Ready
Wednesday 24 th December CHRISTMAS EVE	4pm Crib Service at Goldthorpe 6pm Carols around the tree at Hickleton 9pm Vigil Mass of Christmas at Bolton 12midnight. Midnight Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Thursday 25 th December CHRISTMAS DAY	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 9.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Friday 26 th December S. Stephen	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Saturday 27 th December S. John the Evangelist	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation and for our Parish
Sunday 28 th December 2025 THE HOLY FAMILY (A)	9am Parish Mass at Hickleton 10.30am Parish Mass at Bolton 10.30am Parish Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation, Resurrection and for our Parish

NOTICES

Today

At 3.30pm we will be holding a Christingle Service at Saint Andrew's, Bolton upon Dearne. All Welcome.

At 6pm we will be holding a traditional service of 9 Lessons and Carols at Saint Wilfrid's, Hickleton

Christmas Raffle

The Hamper Raffle at Hickleton will be drawn at the Carol Service today. Tickets are still available.

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.

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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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: **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: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

We come forward to receive Holy Communion

We sing the Communion Hymn

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow his eyes as
flame**

**"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden
Mary,
Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!**

**"For know a blessed mother thou
shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers
foretold
Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her
head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she
said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his
holy name."
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!**

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was
born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the
world will ever say:
"Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!**

We stand for the Post Communion prayer

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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

**Down from His glory, ever-living story,
My God and Saviour came, and Jesus
was His name;
Born in a manger, to His own a
Stranger,
A Man of Sorrows, Tears and Agony.**

***Oh, how I love Him! How I adore Him!
My Breath, my Saviour, my All in All!
The great Creator became my Saviour.
And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him***

**What condescension, bringing us
redemption,
That in the dead of night, not one faint
hope in sight,
God, gracious, tender, laid aside his
splendour,
Stooping to woo, to win, to save my
soul!**

**Without reluctance, Flesh and Blood
His substance,
He took the form of man, revealed the
hidden plan.
Oh, glorious myst'ry, Sacrifice of
Calv'ry,
And now I know Thou wert the great I
Am!**