

THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE,
BOLTON UPON DEARNE

28th December 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY (A)



(Missal page 75)

THE PARISH MASS

The Introductory Rites

When the bell rings we stand

**Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.**

Refrain:

**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:**

**Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.**

**Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in
His temple shall appear.**

**Though an Infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down:**

Priest: ✕ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

People: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your spirit.

The Mass is introduced along with its intention and theme and we are invited to call to mind our sins using these or similar words

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

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

People: Kyrie eleison

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

People: Christe eleison

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

People: Kyrie eleison eleison.

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

People: Amen.

The Gloria in excelsis now follows

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<u>Years Mind:</u>	
<u>Church:</u>	
<u>Local Community</u>	Market Street (G)
<u>General:</u>	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

<u>Sick:</u>	Brenda Goodwin, Ann Stones, Jennifer Spink, Diane, Ian
<u>Years Mind:</u>	Margaret Hayden
<u>Church:</u>	Alice & Paul Warren
<u>Local Community</u>	Market Place (G)
<u>General:</u>	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation

<u>Sick:</u>	Beverley, Hannah Rebecca, Enid Green.
<u>Years Mind:</u>	Harry Richard Woodland, Aimee Watford,
<u>Church:</u>	Ronald Wordsworth, Horace Adams, Olive Chadwick,
<u>Local Community</u>	Rachel Webster
<u>General:</u>	Mason Street (G)

<u>Sick:</u>	Tina Feeney, Barbara Smith, Willow Brown.
<u>Years Mind:</u>	John Salkeld, George Herbert Nicholls.
<u>Church:</u>	Christine White
<u>Local Community</u>	Meadow Gates (B)
<u>General:</u>	For the spread of the Gospel

<u>Sick:</u>	For the dead
<u>Years Mind:</u>	For our families
<u>Church:</u>	For Peter Bishop of Sheffield
<u>Local Community</u>	For Stephen Bishop of Beverley
<u>General:</u>	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

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Glory to God! Our hearts we raise.
To you our heavenly king!
WE give you thanks, we worship you
As we your praises sing.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
You banish this world's sin.
Have mercy as we hail your birth
And grant us peace within.

O Spirit strong and yet unseen
By eyes with self so flawed.
Give us the sight that sets us free
To make your name adored.

'All Glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good-will hence forth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'

The Collect or prayer for the day

Let us pray.
O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for The First Reading

A reading from the first book of the Prophet Sirach
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons.
Whoever honours his father atones for

sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.
Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.
O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. □ 1a

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

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Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

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

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

The Second Reading follows

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians
Colossians 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

THE PARISHES OF GOLDTHORPE, HICKLETON & BOLTON UPON DEARNE

Parish Intercession List



"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 at 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.

*Week commencing
The Holy Family (A)*

NOTICES

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 April 2026. 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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compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.

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 2:13-15, 19-23

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.' But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and

his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over

Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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 hear us

People: Lord graciously hear us.

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

Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us
You are one with us,
Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin.
Pouring Your love and goodness in.
Jesus our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance Lord of you
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ
You have come to us
Born as one with us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,

Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ
I would come to you
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks
through,
Living Lord.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

We stand

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

The prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your spirit

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just

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

Day	Service/Event	Intention
Monday 29th December 2025 S. Thomas Becket	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Tuesday 30th December 6th Day of the Octave	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Wednesday 31st December S. Sylvester	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Thursday 1st January 2026 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	10am Mass at Hickleton	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
Friday 2nd January Ss Basil & Gregory	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	For Peace
Saturday 3rd January The Holy Name of Jesus	10am Mass at Goldthorpe	For the spread of the Gospel
Sunday 4th January 2026 2nd Sunday of Christmas (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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2025

Sun 28th	9am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass 10.30am Parish Mass
Mon 29th	10am Mass
Tues 30th	10am Mass
Wed 31st	10am Mass

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January 2026

Thurs 1 st	10am Mass
Fri 2 nd	10am Mass
Sat 3 rd	10am Mass
Sun 4 th	EPIPHANY
Sat 24 th	10am Focal Ministry Meeting
Tues 27 th	12noon SSC Meeting
Sat 31 st	10am Coffee Morning

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February 2026

Sat 7 th	10am Coffee Morning
Wed 18 th	ASH WEDNESDAY
Sat 28 th	10am Coffee Morning

Bolton Church Hall
Goldthorpe Hall

March 2026

Mon 2 nd	10am Hickleton PCC
Thurs 5 th	1pm Bolton PCC
Sat 7 th	10am Coffee Morning
Sat 28 th	10am Goldthorpe PCC
Sun 29 th	10am Coffee Morning
	PALM SUNDAY

Hickleton Club
Bolton
Bolton Church Hall
Goldthorpe
Goldthorpe Hall

April 2026

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

Bolton
Hickleton Club
Goldthorpe

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: Our God has appeared on the
earth, and lived among us.

We come forward to receive Holy Communion

We sing the Communion Hymn

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The Cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word Made Flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him!
The King of Kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him!
Raise, raise the song on high!
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! joy! for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

We stand for the Post Communion prayer

Bring those you refresh with this
heavenly Sacrament, most merciful
Father, to imitate constantly the
example of the Holy Family, so that,
after the trials of this world, we may share their
company for ever.

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

Priest: May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy day, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the Gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, †and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and Remain with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb
Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Be it unto me according to thy word

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb
Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death

And the Word was made flesh.
and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb
Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord thy grace into our hearts that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his †Cross and Passion, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

We sing our final Hymn

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

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

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

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

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