

**PARISH OF HUDDERSFIELD
ALL SAINTS AND ST THOMAS**

ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Sunday 13 December 2009

***THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE SUNDAY***

THE MASS



The gathering

**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!**

**Yes, 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!**

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Mass is introduced and we are invited to confess our sins.

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe, eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

The opening prayer

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
(3. 14-18)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The response to the psalm:

Sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
(4. 4-7)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(3. 16-18)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The homily

The affirmation of faith

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended in to 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The prayer of the faithful

**Lord, in your mercy;
hear our prayer.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh,
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.**

**Stretch forth thy hand, to heal our sore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise eternal Son to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

Pray brethren, that my sacrifice
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 church.**

The prayer over the gifts

The eucharistic prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest continues the preface.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and God of might.

God of power and God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes,

in the name of the Lord Most High,

in the name of the Lord Most High,

Hosanna, **hosanna,**

Hosanna, **hosanna,**

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues the eucharistic prayer.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Dying you destroyed our death,
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus come,
Lord Jesus come,
Lord Jesus come,
Lord Jesus come,
come again in glory.
come again in glory.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen, amen.
Amen, amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave us.

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you always.
And also with you.

Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God,
bearer of our sins;
Jesus, Saviour:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer;
through this bread and wine we share
may we be your sign of peace everywhere.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,
bearer of our pain;
Jesus, healer:

Jesus, Lamb of God,
broken as our bread,
here among us:

Jesus, Lamb of God,
poured out as our wine,
shared in gladness:

This is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Those who receive Holy Communion receive communion now.
Others may wish to come forward for a blessing.*

**Come, O divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing in triumph,
and sadness flee away.
*Sweet Saviour, haste;
come, come to earth, dispel the night,
and show thy face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
Come, O divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing in triumph,
and sadness flee away.***

**O thou, whom nations sighed for,
whom priests and prophets long foretold,
wilt break the captive fetters,
redeem the long-lost fold.**

**Shalt come in peace and meekness,
and lowly will thy cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness
shall we thy Godhead see.**



**Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?**

**Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!**

**This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.**

**Through life and death, through sorrow and through sinning,
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.**



Silent prayer

The Prayer after Communion

Sit for the notices

The dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

You believe that the Son of God once came to save us;
you look for him to come again.
May his coming bring you the light of his holiness
and his blessing bring you freedom.
Amen.

May God make you steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and untiring in love
all the days of your life.
Amen.

You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as man.
When he comes again in glory,
may he reward you with endless life.
Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

At St Thomas's, no collections are taken in church during services. If you missed the basket on your way in, you will find another basket on the way out! If you are a UK taxpayer, please take a few moments to complete the white gift aid envelope. This increases the value of your offering by 25% as the church is able to reclaim the income tax you have paid on your donation.

Colin James RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colin James, a former Bishop of Wakefield. Bishop Colin was a very good friend to St Thomas's in his time as Bishop of Wakefield. Following his retirement after serving as Bishop of Winchester, he became an assistant bishop in the diocese of Bath and Wells where he ordained Fr Leslie as priest. The 6.30pm Mass on Thursday will be a Requiem for Bishop Colin.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Do buy your Christmas cards from St Thomas's this year and think about some of the other items on sale as possible Christmas presents

Confessions before Christmas

A priest will be available to hear confessions on Monday 21, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 December for half an hour before Mass each day. Alternatively, speak to one of the clergy who will make an arrangement at another time.

Services of Reconciliation

There will be services of reconciliation incorporated in the Mass on Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 of December.

Everyone should make a point of taking the opportunity to make their confession or to come to one of the two services of reconciliation before Christmas.

Christmas Eve

The Mass on Christmas Eve, 24 December, will be at 10.00am and afterwards we will put up Christmas trees and make the church ready for Christmas Day.

Services at Christmas

There will be a service for the Blessing of the Crib on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm. This service is particularly suitable for families with young children but, of course, everyone is very welcome.

At 6.30pm there will be the Vigil Mass of Christmas. This may well be convenient for those who are unable, or find it difficult, to be at Mass on Christmas Day. Some may well feel that they can come to this Mass as well as the Mass on Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day itself, Morning Prayer will be at 9.45 and Mass at 10.30.

Communion for the sick or housebound

Let Fr Leslie know if there is anyone who should receive communion at home this Christmas because they are unable to come to church.

Going away for Christmas?

Please let the churchwardens know if you are going to be away so that there is not unnecessary concern if someone is not at church over the Christmas period.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 17 December		18.30 Requiem Mass for Colin James, former Bishop of Wakefield
Monday 21 December		18.00 Confessions
Tuesday 22 December		11.45 Confessions 12.15 Service of Reconciliation and Mass
Wednesday 23 December		18.00 Confessions 18.30 Service of Reconciliation and Mass
Thursday 24 December	Christmas Eve	Mass at 10.00 followed by church cleaning and decorating

Thursday 24 December	Christmas Eve	17.00 Blessing of the Crib 18.30 Vigil Mass of Christmas
Friday 25 December	The Nativity of Our Lord	10.30 Mass
Saturday 26 December	St Stephen	10.00 Mass
Sunday 27 December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	10.30 Mass
Monday 28 December	Holy Innocents	10.00 Mass
Tuesday 29 December	Fifth Day in Christmas Octave	10.00 Mass
Wednesday 30 December	Sixth Day in Christmas Octave	10.00 Mass
Thursday 31 December	Seventh Day in Christmas Octave	10.00 Mass
Friday 1 January	Octave Day of Christmas Mary, Mother of God	12.00 noon Mass
Saturday 2 January	Ss Basil and Gregory Nazianzen	10.00 Mass with laying on of hands and anointing
Sunday 3 January	The Epiphany of the Lord	10.30 Mass 18.15 Carol Service

NOTICES

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Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	19.30

Monday 14 December
S John of the Cross

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Tuesday 15 December

Morning Prayer	08.30
MASS	12.15
Evening Prayer	18.15

Wednesday 16 December

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Thursday 17 December

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
REQUIEM MASS (Colin James, bishop)	18.30

Friday 18 December

Morning Prayer	08.30
Evening Prayer	18.15
MASS	18.30

Saturday 19 December

Morning Prayer	09.30
MASS	10.00
Evening Prayer	18.15

Sunday 20 December
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Morning Prayer	09.45
MASS	10.30
<i>ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX LITURGY</i>	<i>13.00</i>
EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION	19.30

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