

# St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

17 March 2024

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

9.30am – Sung Mass

*In Lent we omit the Gloria*

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ. If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me: wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

6.00pm – The Cross of Christ – a Devotion for Choir and Congregation.

1. Everyone is welcome to this evening's Passiontide devotion at 6pm.
2. Tuesday 19 March: Vacancy-in-See meeting: Cuthbert House at 6pm.
3. Donations towards Easter flowers will be gratefully received.
4. Palm Sunday – 24 March – The Bishop of Beverley's Chrism Mass at St Aidan's, Grangetown at 6pm. All welcome.
5. Holy Week: Monday 25 – Wednesday 27: Mass at 10am | Evening Prayer at 5.30pm. Maundy Thursday 28: Mass at 6.30pm. Good Friday 29: Liturgy at 1pm.
6. Confessions before Easter: Tuesday 26 March at 3pm in the Lady Chapel or by appointment.
7. Sunday 31 March: Easter Day: Churches Together Sunrise Service at the Amphitheatre at 6am (BST).

*This week's scripture readings at Mass*

Tobit 13.1b-7 | Matthew 10.16-23

2 Samuel 7.4-16 | Romans 4.13-18 |  
Matthew 1.18-end

Ezekiel 34.11-16 | Matthew 18.12-14

Genesis 17.3-9 | John 8.51-69

Jeremiah 20.10-13 | John 10.31-end

Ezekiel 37.21-end | John 11.45-end

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's services and prayer intentions

*[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]*

Monday 18 March

ST PATRICK *(transferred)*

*Intention: Church of Ireland*

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 19 March

ST JOSEPH

*Intention: Parents*

6.00pm Mass

*Celebrant: Canon Peter Brown*

Wednesday 20 March

ST CUTHBERT

*Intention: Durham Cathedral*

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 21 March

*Thomas Cranmer*

*Intention: Schools*

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 22 March

Lent Feria

*Intention: Those in need*

Saturday 23 March

Lent Feria

*Intention: Our Preparation for Holy Week*

10.00am Mass

Sunday 24 March

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PALM SUNDAY**

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

Procession & Sung Mass at 9.30am

Chrism Mass at 6pm at St Aidan's

Churchwardens: Mrs J Mulley (456-7461)

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING Jeremiah 31.31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### PSALM Psalm 51.1-13

**R** A clean heart create in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out my offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

For I acknowledge my faults  
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
So that you are justified in your sentence  
and righteous in your judgement. **R.**

I have been wicked even from my birth,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
Behold, you desire truth deep within me  
and shall make me understand wisdom  
in the depths of my heart. **R.**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the bones you have broken may rejoice. **R.**

Turn your face from my sins  
and blot out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy spirit from me. **R.**

## **SECOND READING** Hebrews 5.5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **GOSPEL** John 12.20-33

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**