

St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

18 May 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Intention: Our Parish and People

9.30am – Sung Mass

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

6.00pm – Evensong

1. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after this morning's Mass at 10.20am.
2. Monday 26 May: Walsingham National Pilgrimage: Mass at noon: Principal Celebrant: The Bishop of Oswestry. Sermon and Procession at 2.30pm: Preacher: Bishop Christopher Cocksworth, Dean of Windsor.
3. Wednesday 28 May: We will celebrate Mass for the Ascension of the Lord at 10am.
4. Thy Kingdom Come: Novena of Prayer on the Lord's Prayer – from Ascension Day until Pentecost (Sunday 8 June). More information at thykingdomcome.global

This week's scripture readings at Mass

Acts 14.5-18 | John 14.21-26

Acts 14.19-28 | John 14.27-31

Acts 15.1-6 | John 15.1-8

Acts 15.7-21 | John 15.9-11

Acts 15.22-31 | John 15.12-17

Acts 16.1-10 | John 15.18-21

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Godric of Finchale (or St Goderic) (c. 1065-1070 – 21 May 1170 was an English hermit, merchant and popular medieval saint, although he was never formally canonised. He was born in Walpole in Norfolk and died in Finchale in County Durham. Some of the earliest surviving English songs have been attributed to him.

This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]

Monday 19 May

St Dunstan

Intention: Canterbury CNC

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 20 May

St Bernadine of Siena

Intention: Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 21 May

St Godric

Intention: Christian Unity

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 22 May

St Rita of Cascia

Intention: Spiritual Directors

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 23 May

Easter Feria

Intention: Those in need

Saturday 24 May

Easter Feria

Intention: Free Churches

10.00am Mass

Sunday 25 May

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Intention: Our Parish and People

Sung Mass at 9.30am

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A Forward in Faith Parish in the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Beverley

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COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 11.1-18

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

PSALM Verses from Psalm 148

O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel,

even the people that serveth him.

SECOND READING Revelation 21.1-6

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

GOSPEL John 13.31-35

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

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**