

# St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

31 August 2025

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

9.30am – Sung Mass

*Gospel Acclamation:* Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me: for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.

1. Sunday 31 August: Solemn Evensong and Benediction at St James the Great, Darlington at 6pm for the Dedication Festival of the Church. This will be Father Michael Way's last Sunday as Priest in Charge.

2. Saturday 6 September: The Saint Cuthbert Pilgrimage Festival at Durham Cathedral. 11am Solemn Mass and Procession to St Cuthbert's Shrine. Celebrant: The Bishop of Beverley | Preacher: Father George Westhaver, Principal of Pusey House, Oxford.

3. Great North Run: Vigil Mass at St Michael's at 6pm on Saturday 6 September | Sunday 7 September: Mass (BCP) at 8am at St Michael's | Mass at St Hilda's at 6pm.

4. Saturday 20 September at 12 noon: Canon Peter Brown celebrates fifty years of Priestly Ordination. Solemn Mass at St Ignatius', Hendon. Preacher: The Bishop of Blackburn. All welcome.

5. Concerts at St Hilda's on Saturday 4 October and Saturday 18 October.

6. Saturday 11 October: 10am-3pm Children's Ministry Course at Christ the King, Bowburn with the Bishop of Beverley.

7. Save the Date: The Bishop of Beverley will visit the Benefice to induct Father Mark as Vicar on Saturday 22 November. There will be Mass at St Hilda's for St Cecilia's Day at 12 noon and Evensong and Benediction at St Michael's at 3pm on the Eve of Christ the Universal King.

*This week's scripture readings at Mass*

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end | Luke 4.16-30

1 Thessalonians 5.1-6, 9-11 | Luke 4.31-37

1 Thessalonians 2.2-8 | Matthew 16.13-19

Colossians 1.9-14 | Luke 5.1-11

Colossians 1.15-20 | Luke 5.33-39

Colossians 1.21-23 | Luke 6.1-5

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This week's services and prayer intentions

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

Monday 1 September

St Giles

*Intention: Vocations to the Religious Life*

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2 September

Martyrs of Papua New Guinea

*Intention: Church in Papua New Guinea*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 3 September

St Gregory the Great

*Intention: Anglican Centre in Rome*

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 4 September

Translation of St Cuthbert

*Intention: Durham Cathedral*

11.00am Mass (BCP)

2.45pm Funeral Service at South Shields

Crematorium | Catherine Gregan RIP

Friday 5 September

St Teresa of Calcutta

*Intention: Those in need*

Saturday 6 September

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*Intention: Great North Run Competitors*

11.00am Mass and Procession

at Durham Cathedral

6.00pm Vigil Mass for Trinity 12

at St Michael's

Sunday 7 September

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

Mass (BCP) at 8.00am at St Michael's

Sung Mass at 6.00pm

## **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

### **PSALM Verses from Psalm 112**

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord : he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth : the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

A good man is merciful, and lendeth : and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved : and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings : for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

### **SECOND READING Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### **GOSPEL Luke 14.1, 7-14**

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**