

# St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

17 August 2025

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

9.30am – Sung Mass

*Gospel Acclamation:* Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord: and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

1. Thank you to the clergy who have covered services while Father Mark has been on Annual Leave.

2. During the green season of Ordinary Time, if you have any particular favourite hymns you would like to sing, please mention these to Kris.

3. 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.

4. 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.

*This week's scripture readings at Mass*

Judges 2.11-19 | Matthew 19.16-22

Judges 6.11-24 | Matthew 19.23-30

Judges 9.6-15 | Matthew 20.1-16

Judges 11.29-39 | Matthew 22.1-14

Ruth 1.1, 3-6, 14-16, 22 | Matthew 22.34-40

Ruth 2.1-3, 8-11, 4.13-17 | Matthew 23.1-12

Tuesday is the Feast of St Oswin who was a seventh century King of Northumbria. Oswin proved a popular ruler, who worked as successfully with Saint Aidan as King Oswald had. He died in August 651 and was always popularly regarded as a martyr. He was later buried at Tynemouth.

Almighty and merciful God, who brought your Martyr blessed Oswin to overcome the torments of his passion, grant that we, who celebrate the day of his triumph, may remain invincible under your protection against the snares of the enemy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This week's services and prayer intentions

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

Monday 18 August

St Helen

*Intention: St Helen's, West Auckland*

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 19 August

St Oswin

*Intention: National Health Service*

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 20 August

St Bernard

*Intention: Benedictines*

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21 August

Feria

*Intention: Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle*

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 22 August

Our Lady, Mother and Queen

*Intention: Those in need*

Saturday 23 August

St Rose of Lima

*Intention: Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham*

10.00am Mass

Sunday 24 August

## ST BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Churchwardens: Mrs J Mulley (456-7461)  
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## **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 23.23-29

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

### **PSALM** Verses from Psalm 82

God standeth in the congregation of princes : he is a Judge among gods.  
How long will ye give wrong judgement : and accept the persons of the ungodly?  
Defend the poor and fatherless : see that such as are in need and  
necessity have right.  
Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth : for thou shalt take all heathen  
to thine inheritance.

### **SECOND READING** Hebrews 11.29-12.2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **GOSPEL Luke 12.49-56**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**