

# St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

24 March 2024

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PALM SUNDAY**

9.30am – Procession & Sung Mass

*The Service begins in the Visitors' Centre*

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above all names.

6.00pm – Chrism Mass at St Aidan's, Grangetown

1. Donations towards Easter flowers will be gratefully received.
2. Confessions before Easter: Tuesday 26 March at 3pm in the Lady Chapel or by appointment.
3. Wednesday 27 March: Meetings with the Church Architect and the Archdeacon of Sunderland.
4. Sunday 31 March: Easter Day: Churches Together Sunrise Service at the Amphitheatre at 6am.
5. Please note that the clocks go forward by one hour at 1am on Sunday 31 March.
6. The Octave of Easter: Mass on Wednesday 3 April at 10am | Saturday 6 April at 10am.
7. Save the Date: Saturday 27 July: The Northern Provincial Festival at York Minster at 11am. Celebrant and Preacher: The Bishop of Beverley.

*This week's scripture readings at Mass*

Isaiah 42.1-9 | Hebrews 9.11-15 | John 12.1-11

Isaiah 49.1-7 | 1 Corinthians 1.18-31 |

John 12.20-36

Isaiah 50.4-9a | Hebrews 12.1-3 | John 13.21-32

*Gospel:* John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

*Gospel:* John 18 & 19

*Gospel:* Matthew 27. 57-end

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This week's services and prayer intentions

Monday 25 March

**MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Intention: Persecuted Christians*

10.00am Mass & Homily

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 26 March

**TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Intention: Council of Christians and Jews*

10.00am Mass & Homily

3.00pm Confessions in the Lady Chapel  
(or by appointment)

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27 March

**WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

*Intention: Peace of Jerusalem*

10.00am Mass & Homily

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 28 March

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Intention: Unity of the Church*

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament, Stripping of the Altars, Passion Watch and Compline

Friday 29 March

**GOOD FRIDAY**

*Intention: Devotion to the Lord's Passion*

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm The Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

Saturday 30 March

**HOLY SATURDAY**

*Intention: Holy Souls*

10.00am Morning Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 31 March

**EASTER DAY**

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

**Sung Mass at 9.30am**

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## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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** *Isaiah 50.4-9a*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### **PSALM** from *Psalms 22*

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not: and in the night-season also I take no rest.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he will have him.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

### **SECOND READING** *Philippians 2.5-11*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **PASSION** *Mark 15*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have

you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**