

# St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

27 July 2025

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

9.30am – Sung Mass

*Gospel Acclamation:* Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons: by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' Alleluia.

1. Monday 28 July: Planning Meeting for the Cathedral St Cuthbert Festival in Castle Eden at 12 noon.
2. Tuesday 5 August: Meeting of the Chapter of Our Lady and St Cuthbert at St Michael's: Mass at 10.00am | Midday Prayer and Benediction at 12 noon. Meeting postponed from July. All welcome.
3. Tuesday 5 August: Society of Mary Mass at Our Lady of Jesmond at 7pm. All welcome.
4. Thursday 14 August: Eve of the Assumption: Solemn Sung Mass at 7pm at St Michael's.
5. Saturday 16 August: Patronal Festival at St Helen's, Auckland, followed by lunch. All welcome.

*This week's scripture readings at Mass*

Exodus 32.15-24, 30-34 | Matthew 13.31-35

Exodus 33.7-11, 34.5-9, 28 |

Matthew 13.36-43

Exodus 34.29-end | Matthew 13.44-46

Exodus 40.16-21, 34-38 | Matthew 13.47-53

Leviticus 23.1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 |

Matthew 13.54-end

Leviticus 25.1, 8-17 | Matthew 14.1-12

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Collect for the Feast of Martha, Mary and Lazarus on Tuesday 29 July:*

God our Father, whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in learning, argument and hospitality: may we so rejoice in your love that the world may come to know the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion, and your power to bring life out of death; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

This week's services and prayer intentions

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

Monday 28 July

Feria

*Intention: Christian Unity*

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 29 July

Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus

*Intention: Our family and friends*

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 30 July

Feria

*Intention: Social Reformers*

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 31 July

St Ignatius of Loyola

*Intention: Jesuits*

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 1 August

St Alphonsus Liguori

*Intention: Those in need*

Saturday 2 August

St Eusebius of Vercelli

*Intention: Biblical Scholars*

10.00am Mass

11.30 Wedding Blessing at the Roker Hotel

Sunday 3 August

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Evensong and Solemn

Benediction at 5.00pm at St Michael's

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## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Genesis 18.20-32

A reading from the book Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

### PSALM Verses from Psalm 138

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth : for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly : as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me : thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me : yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

## **SECOND READING Colossians 2.6-19**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters, as you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

## **GOSPEL Luke 11.1-13**

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**