

# St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

26 April 2026

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

9.30am – Sung Mass

*Gospel Acclamation:* Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

3.00pm – Scouts' Service

1. South Tyneside Scouts hold their St George's-tide Service here this afternoon at 3pm.
2. Monday 27 April at 7pm: St Mary's Horden Dedication Festival | Celebrant and Preacher: Father Mark Mawhinney. All welcome.
3. The Venerable Rick Simpson will be consecrated as the next Bishop of Durham in York Minster on Thursday 30 April at 11am.
4. Please return your Lent boxes in aid of Mission Direct.
5. Thursday 7 – Saturday 9 May: Father Mark is representing the Church of England at the General Synod of the Church of Ireland in Newcastle, Co Down.
6. Sunday 17 May at 10.20am: Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

*This week's scripture readings at Mass*

Acts 11.1-18 | John 10.11-18

Acts 11.19-26 | John 10.22-30

Proverbs 8.1, 6-11 | John 17.12-end

Acts 13.13-25 | John 13.16-20

Ephesians 1.3-10 | John 14.1-14

Acts 13.44-52 | John 14.7-14

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

*Collect for Ss Philip & James Day:*

Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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This week's services and prayer intentions

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

Monday 27 April

Easter Feria

*Intention: NSPCC*

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

1.45pm Funeral Service

*Elsie Armstrong RIP*

Tuesday 28 April

St Peter Chanel

*Intention: Local Member of Parliament*

10.45am Workers' Memorial Service  
in South Marine Park

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 29 April

St Catherine of Siena

*Intention: Vocations to the Religious Life*

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 30 April

Easter Feria

*Intention: Christian Unity*

11.00am Mass (BCP)

*Celebrant: Canon Neville Baker*

Friday 1 May

SS PHILIP AND JAMES

*Intention: Bishops*

Saturday 2 May

St Athanasius

*Intention: Society of Mary*

10.00am Mass

Sunday 3 May

**EASTER 5**

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Holy Baptism at 1.00pm

Evensong and Solemn Benediction  
at 5pm at St Michael's

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING Acts 2.42-47**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### **PSALM Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **SECOND READING 1 Peter 2.19-25**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters: It is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## **GOSPEL** John 10.1-10

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**