

# St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

17 May 2026

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

9.30am – Sung Mass

*Gospel Acclamation:* Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord: I will come back to you and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia.

6pm – Come and Sing Evensong

1. Sunday 17 May at 10.20am: Annual Parochial Church Meeting.
2. Rehearsal for Evensong this afternoon at 4.30pm.
3. Thy Kingdom Come novena of prayer from Thursday 14 – Pentecost Sunday 24 May. Prayer booklets available at the back of Church.
4. Monday 25 May: National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Principal Celebrant: The Bishop of Richborough. Preacher: the Archbishop of Southwark.
5. Sunday 7 June at 3pm at Durham Cathedral: Installation of the Right Reverend Rick Simpson as the Bishop of Durham.

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

*Collect for the Feast of St Dunstan:*

Almighty God, who raised up Dunstan to be a true shepherd of the flock, a restorer of monastic life and a faithful counsellor to those in authority: give to all pastors the same gifts of your Holy Spirit that they may be true servants of Christ and of all his people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*This week's Scripture readings at Mass*

Acts 19.1-8 | John 16.29-end

Acts 20.17-27 | John 17.1-11

Acts 20.28-end | John 17.11-19

Acts 22.30, 23.6-11 | John 17.20-26

Acts 25.13-21 | John 21.15-19

Acts 28.16-20, 30-31 | John 21.20-25

This week's services and prayer intentions

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

Monday 18 May

Easter Feria

*Intention: Salvation Army*

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 19 May

St Dunstan

*Intention: Archbishop of Canterbury*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 20 May

St Bernadine of Siena

*Intention: Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham*

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21 May

St Godric of Finchale

*Intention: Religious Communities*

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 22 May

St Rita of Cascia

*Intention: Those in need*

Saturday 23 May

Easter Feria

*Intention: Spiritual Directors*

10.00am Mass

Sunday 24 May

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

*Intention: Our Parish and People*

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Churchwardens: Mrs J Mulley (456-7461)  
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## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **COLLECT**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING Acts 1.6-14**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **PSALM Verses from Psalm 68**

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered : let them also that hate him flee before him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name jah, and rejoice before him.

He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows : even God in his holy habitation.

Thy congregation shall dwell therein : for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

## **SECOND READING** 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## **GOSPEL** John 17.1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**