

St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

2 August 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

9.30am – Sung Mass

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**5.00pm – Evensong and Solemn Benediction
at St Michael's**

1. Thank you to Simon Walker for playing the organ for us this morning.
2. Thank you also to the clergy covering services this week while Father Mark is away.
3. Friday 14 August: Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7pm. Preacher: Father Stephen Coleman, Priest-in-Charge at the Grosvenor Chapel in Mayfair.
4. Saturday 15 August: Patronal Festival at St Helen's, West Auckland at 12 noon. Principal Celebrant: Father Mark Mawhinney SSC. All are welcome to lunch in the Parish Centre after Mass.
5. Saturday 5 September at 10.30am: The Saint Cuthbert Festival at Durham Cathedral. Principal Celebrant: The Bishop of Beverley. Preacher: The Dean of Durham.

Thursday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord:
O God, who before the Passion of thine only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us thy servants, that in faith beholding the light of his countenance, we may be strengthened to bear the cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This week's Scripture readings at Mass

Jeremiah 28 | Matthew 14.13-21

Ezekiel 3.16-21 | Matthew 9.35-10.1

1 Peter 4.12-end | John 16.29-end

2 Peter 1.16-19 | Luke 9.28-36

Nahum 1.15, 2.2, 3.1-3, 6-7 | Matthew 16.24-28

Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10 | Matthew 10.5-13

This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]

Monday 3 August

Feria

Intention: National Churches Trust

Tuesday 4 August

St John Vianney

Intention: Parish Priests

6.00pm Mass

Celebrant: Canon Peter Brown

Wednesday 5 August

St Oswald, King and Martyr

Intention: Durham Cathedral

10.00am Mass

Celebrant: Father Michael Thompson

Thursday 6 August

TRANSFIGURATION OF

OUR LORD

Intention: Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Celebrant: Father James Bartle

Friday 7 August

Feria

Intention: Those in need

Saturday 8 August

St Dominic

Intention: Order of Preachers

10.00am Mass

Sunday 9 August

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Churchwardens: Mrs J Mulley (456-7461)
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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 *Isaiah 55.1-5*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

PSALM *Verses from Psalm 145*

The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving unto every man : and his mercy is over all his works.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways : and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

SECOND READING *Romans 9.1-5*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14.13-21

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

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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.**