

St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

27 September 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

9.30am – Sung Mass

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord: I know them and they follow me. Alleluia.

1. Please send all requests for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Parish visiting to the Vicar via telephone or email.
2. Tuesday 29 September: Michaelmas: Patronal Festival Solemn Mass at 7.30pm at St Michael's. Preacher: Canon Grant Naylor, Vicar of St Matthew's, Carver Street in Sheffield. All welcome.
3. Saturday 3 October: Society of Mary October Devotion at All Saints, North Street in York at 12 noon.
4. Monday 5 October: Commemoration of the Jarrow March: Service at Christ Church, Jarrow.
5. Tuesday 6 October: Christmas Recording at the Glasshouse in Gateshead – entry at 1730.
6. Saturday 10 October: Visiting organists from Holland to visit St Hilda's for a recital and organ playing during the afternoon.
7. Sunday 11 October: Harvest Thanksgiving: Mass at 9.30am. Harvest produce will be gratefully received.

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This week's Scripture readings at Mass

Job 1.6-end | Luke 9.46-50

Revelation 12.7-12 | Hebrews 1.5-14 |

John 1.47-51

Job 9.1-12, 14-16 | Matthew 18.1-5, 10

Job 19.21-27 | Luke 10.1-12

Job 38.1, 12-21, 40.3-5 | Luke 10.13-16

Job 42.1-3, 6, 12-end | Luke 10.17-24

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This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]

Monday 28 September

Feria

Intention: Members of Parliament

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 29 September

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Intention: St Michael's, South Westoe

7.30pm Solemn High Mass

Preacher: Canon Grant Naylor SSC

Wednesday 30 September

St Jerome

Intention: Gideons International

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 1 October

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Intention: Schools and Nurseries

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 2 October

Holy Guardian Angels

Intention: Those in need

Saturday 3 October

Feria

Intention: Care for Creation

12 noon Society of Mary Mass
at All Saints, North Street, York

Sunday 4 October

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

Sung Mass at 9.30am

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM Verses from Psalm 25

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

SECOND READING Philippians 2.1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 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. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL Matthew 21.23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**