

St Hilda with St Thomas, South Shields

13 September 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

6pm – Mass

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. Monday 14 September: Holy Cross Day: Society of the Holy Cross Meeting followed by the Angelus and Solemn Mass at 12 noon at St Michael's. All welcome.
3. Thank you to the clergy covering services here this week while Father Mark is away.
4. Sunday 20 September: Short Meeting of the PCC at 10.30am to consider our Parish Guided Pledge.
5. Saturday 26 September: North East Walsingham Festival at St Mary's, Horden. Mass at 12 noon | Afternoon Procession and Sprinkling at 2.30pm. Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop Peter Ramsden.
6. 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.
7. Saturday 3 October: Society of Mary October Devotion at All Saints, North Street in York at 12 noon.

This week's Scripture readings at Mass

Numbers 21.4b-9 | John 3.13-17

Hebrews 5.7-9 | Luke 2.33-35

1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13 | Luke 7.31-35

1 Corinthians 15.1-11 | Luke 7.36-end

1 Corinthians 15.12-20 | Luke 8.1-3

1 Corinthians 15.35-37, 42-49 | Luke 8.4-15

Thursday is the Feast of St Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess, musician and composer:

Most glorious and holy God, whose servant Hildegard, strong in the faith, was caught up in the vision of your heavenly courts: by the breath of your Spirit open our eyes to glimpse your glory and our lips to sing your praises with all the angels; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Michael's Church]

Monday 14 September

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Intention: Society of the Holy Cross

12 noon Angelus and Solemn Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

Intention: Bereaved

6.00pm Mass

Celebrant: Father Andrew Collins Jones

Wednesday 16 September

Edward Bouverie Pusey

Intention: Pusey House

10.00am Mass

Celebrant: Father Michael Thompson

Thursday 17 September

St Hildegard of Bingen

Intention: Church Musicians

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Celebrant: Canon Neville Baker

Friday 18 September

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Intention: Those in need

Saturday 19 September

St Theodore of Canterbury

Intention: Diocese of Canterbury

Sunday 20 September

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

Sung Mass at 9.30am

Evensong at 6pm

Churchwardens: Mrs J Mulley (456-7461)
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A Forward in Faith Parish in the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Beverley

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COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity

FIRST READING Genesis 50.15-21

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

PSALM Verses from Psalm 103

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

SECOND READING Romans 14.1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the

living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 18.21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**