| TIMES | MEMORIAL OR FEAST | INTENTIONS |
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| SAT 5.30pm | Vigil Mass: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A | |
| SUN 10.30am | Mass: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A | |
| FRI 9.00am | Exposition | |
| 9.30am | Mass: Mem of St Machar Friday of Week 32 in Ordinary Time | |
| SAT 5.30pm | Vigil Mass: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A | |
| SUN 10.30am | Mass: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A | |

**Last week** Collection: £389.50 Att: 55

| MINISTRIES | 8/11/2026 | 15/11/2026 |
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| Church Cleaning | T & P Brennan (Nov) | T & P Brennan (Nov) |
| Counters | Foote | Mitchell |
| Welcome | Gray/James | Cruickshank/Coull |
| Hall keeper | K Gray | K James |
| Sat Reader | K Cruickshank | B Schouwenaars-Harms |
| Sat EMoHC | M Collins | K Schouwenaars-Harms |
| Sun Reader | I Grant, M Le Mero | A Mitchell, M Farrell |
| Sun EMoHC | M Moir, A Mitchell | I Grant, E Danby |
| Flowers | Artificial | Artificial |
| Teas | Kevin | Michele & Louis |

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**ST. THOMAS R.C. CHURCH, KEITH**
**DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BIRTHPLACE OF ST JOHN OGILVIE**

**8th November 2026**
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (AII) Psalter Week 4**
**Remembrance Sunday**

## THE ANNOUNCER!

On this Remembrance Sunday, we remember those who gave their lives in the world wars for the peace we enjoy today. We pray for wisdom for our leaders, that they may not lead the world back to the evil days of war. On a personal level, today's readings call on us to embrace the wisdom of living each day with our hearts prepared for God.

In the first reading from the book of Wisdom, we are reminded that wisdom is readily available to those who seek her. She does not hide herself from those who desire her but makes herself known to those looking for her. Divine wisdom is available to guide us, but we must be willing to seek it. That Wisdom is the word of God – Jesus, whom we must seek willingly.

In the second reading, St Paul spoke to the Thessalonians about those who have died. He encouraged them not to grieve like people who have no hope. Because Jesus died and rose again, those who belong to Him will also share in His resurrection. St Paul shows us here the wisdom of life and death. Physical death is not the end of our story, for we are changed and clothed with immortal life. Our Christian hope is that we shall be with the Lord forever.

In the Gospel, Jesus gave us the parable of the ten virgins. Five were wise because they brought extra oil for their lamps, while the other five were foolish because they failed to prepare. When the bridegroom arrived, the foolish ones discovered that their lamps were going out, and they were not ready to meet him. The oil is the life of faith we must cultivate every day. The light of the lamp is Christ in us.

Nobody can live our Christian life for us – not the priest, not parents, siblings, peers or a member of the Church. Yes, they may inspire us, but each of us must develop a personal relationship with God. Did you get that message – the wisdom of living? Do you keep in yourself daily the consciousness that life doesn't end here, but we shall change and give to God an account of our lives? Are you keeping your lamp burning through prayer, love, forgiveness, kindness, and obedience to God's Word?

*Fr. Kingsley*

**Welcome:** to all our visitors, feel free to look around our beautiful church, particularly the St John Ogilvie Chapel & Exhibition.

**Remembrance Sunday:** there will be a short service of Remembrance and laying of a poppy wreath, at the memorial window at the end of Mass.

**Prayer Group:** having run since 1994, started by Tony & Clare Milnes, and led by Ged Farrell for many years, it has been decided to bring Jubilate Deo prayer group to a close. Over the 32 years of its life many people travelled from all over the deanery and beyond – Tomintoul, Lossiemouth, Forres, Elgin, Portsoy, Banff and Gardenstown for example - to gather together to praise God, further their faith and pray for those who were in need of prayer. Thank God, there was much answer to that prayer, and many felt the benefit of the companionship on their faith journey, but nothing stays the same in this life, so we must move on. Thanks are due to Elizabeth Danby for taking on the leadership role after Ged's death.

**November:** is the month when we remember especially those who have died. The Remembrance Book will be in front of the altar throughout November, please add the names of your deceased family and friends. The fathers will be offering their Masses for the repose of the souls of all our deceased friends and family.

**Tombola:** a further £60 has been banked, taking the total to £2069. Many thanks.

**Weekday Mass:** we will move into the chapel in the house from Friday 30th October for the winter months. Entry via the sacristy.

**Youth Events:** 13-15 November S4-6 Retreat, Tomintoul.

26-28 February: TOB Girls' Retreat

17 April: NET Retreat Inverurie

For more information, Contact Sr. Angela Marie at op@rcda.scot or 07938 729895. Also at https://www.rcda.scot/diocese-of-aberdeen-youth-events-2026-27

**Special collections in November:** 14/15 Maintenance Fund; 28/29 Scottish Catholic Education Commission

**Hospital visiting:** please remember to contact Deacon Graeme if you or any of your family are in hospital. He is always happy to visit.

**Tea & coffee** in the hall, after Sunday Mass. All welcome.

**Pope's Prayer Intention: November: For the proper use of wealth:** Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

**Safeguarding:** The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Elizabeth Danby, and she can be contacted as shown overleaf. The diocesan Safeguarding page can be found at Safeguarding – Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen (rcda.scot) and the text of **In God's Image (V2)** is accessed through the Bishops Conference website.

| **Diary Dates** | |
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| Fabric & Finance Committee | Thurs 12th November 7pm |
| Parish Pastoral Council | Wed 18th November 7pm |
| Confirmation | Sun 20th December 10.30am |




**St Thomas' Church** is open each day from **10am to 3pm** for private prayer. Please note, the church may not be open on weekdays in the event of severe weather.

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