

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 30 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 30 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: All Saints Year A	
SUN	10.30am Mass: All Saints Year A	

Last week Collection: £274.50 Att: 61

MINISTRIES	25/10/2026	1/11/2026
Church Cleaning	S Burts (October)	T & P Brennan (Oct)
Counters	Smith	Reid
Welcome	Farrell/Danby	Collins/Harvey
Hall keeper	R Hendry	M Collins
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Hendry
Sun Reader	M Farrell, A Mitchell	T Coull, E Danby
Sun EMoHC	R Harvey, M Moir	C Moir, I Grant
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Carol & Graeme	Brenda & Mike

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



25th October 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (All) Psalter Week 2

THE ANNOUNCER!

What does it mean to love God and love our neighbour? Today's readings remind us that the two commandments are closely linked and our love for God must be seen in the way we treat our neighbours. Imagine seeing someone in need of help, perhaps a stranger, someone who has hurt you, or someone who cannot repay you for your kindness. That is an opportunity to love, but sometimes, we find it easier to speak about loving God than to show that love through our actions towards others.

In the first reading, God reminded the people of Israel not to mistreat strangers, widows, or orphans. He also warned them against taking advantage of the poor by demanding unfair interest on loans. God wanted His people to remember that they, too, experienced suffering and oppression in Egypt. Having received God's mercy, they must show mercy to others. Similarly, we cannot claim to love God while deliberately humiliating others, taking advantage of the weak, or ignoring those who need our help.

In the second reading, St Paul praised the Thessalonians for the way they welcomed the Gospel and became examples of faith to others. Their faith was not hidden. Their lives changed, and their actions became a witness to the Gospel. They turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.

In the Gospel, a man asked Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus answered by bringing together two commandments: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. These two commandments belong together. We cannot separate our love for God from our love for other people. We cannot separate how we relate to God from how we treat one another.

But what does it mean to love our neighbour? It means treating others with the same dignity and respect that we desire for ourselves. It means being honest in our dealings, forgiving those who have offended us, supporting those who are struggling, and refusing to use another person for our own advantage. When we receive this Word of God today with an open heart, it should make us more patient, generous, forgiving, and compassionate. People should recognise our Christ-like love in the way we speak, work, and relate to them.

Fr. Kingsley

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

Thank you: Fr Peter has sent his thanks following his 10th Anniversary celebrations in August. The card has been placed in the porch for anyone who wishes to see it.

Tombola: Many thanks to everyone who was involved in this, our main fundraiser of the year. Whether you were behind the scenes, in the kitchen, front of house, donating prizes or playing the game, everyone played their part well. The hall was almost full, and the proceeds of £2039 have been banked.

Toilet: there have been some issues with the toilet in the church, and it now appears an underground pipe has collapsed. Repair work is due to be carried out on Monday 26th, and will involve a digger lifting some of the main path. It's good that the tombola went well, there are always expenses with old buildings!

November: is the month when we remember especially those who have died. The Remembrance Book will be placed 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.

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 October: 24/25 MISSIO

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

Prayer Group: Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Contact: Elizabeth Danby.

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

Pope's Prayer Intention: October: For mental health ministry: Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the church, helping overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness or poor mental health.

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 \(rcda.scot\)](https://www.rcda.scot) and the text of **In God's Image (V2)** is accessed through the Bishops Conference website.

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