

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of week 5 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	



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



**8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A II) Psalter Week 1**

**THE ANNOUNCER!**

Faith is not meant to be hidden, stored away, or kept private but to shine and season the world around us. We are challenged today to evaluate whether we are shining the light of Christ on the world and making the lives of the people around us feel better amid all the ugliness and bitterness going around. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah describes a higher kind of worship, or as used in the reading, "fast", that pleases God. It goes beyond rituals or pious words and is found precisely in concrete acts of love: sharing bread with the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, and caring for one another. When faith becomes action, Isaiah says, "then shall your light break forth like the dawn... then shall your light rise in the darkness." Where love and compassion are practised, darkness gives way.

In the second reading, St Paul speaks of the foundation of authentic Christian witness. He reminds the Corinthians that he did not rely on eloquence, philosophy, or human wisdom when he preached the Gospel. Instead, he proclaimed Christ crucified, allowing God's power and not human ability to be revealed. Our witness too shouldn't be about using beautiful words to proclaim Christ, but allowing the power of God to work through us and affect people's lives.

In the Gospel, we hear Jesus painting the image of what his disciples are called to be: He said, "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." Salt gives flavour and preserves; light gives clarity and direction. Jesus does not say we should become salt and light; He says we are. By virtue of our baptism, we are already entrusted with the responsibility of making God's presence known through our lives. However, Jesus warns us that the salt can lose its taste, and light can be hidden.

When our faith is disconnected from daily life, and words do not match our actions, then its power is weakened. But when our faith is lived with integrity, kindness, and courage, it becomes a testimony that draws others to God. So, more than just worshipping in God's presence, we are called to light up the world around us with His love in action and season her with the sweetness and power of His Word.

*Fr. Kingsley*

<b>Last week</b>	Collection: £248.50	Att: 58
<b>MINISTRIES</b>	<b>8/2/2026</b>	<b>15/2/2026</b>
Church Cleaning	T & P Brennan	-
Counters	Mitchell	Collins
Welcome	Gray/Coull	Cruickshank/Farrell
Hall keeper	K James	K Cruickshank
Sat Reader	T Brennan	K Cruickshank
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Hendry
Sun Reader	A Mitchell, T Coull	M Le Mero, E Danby
Sun EMoHC	-	A Mitchell, M Moir
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Michele & Louis	Liz & Ron

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

**Hospital Chaplain:** Deacon Graeme is very happy to visit parishioners in hospital, but he needs to know if you or a loved one is in that position. Hospitals are not allowed to pass on that information, so please just give him a ring.

**Thanks to** the anonymous donor who handed in a heap of coins for SCIAF £22.65 in total. This will be added to our SCIAF Lenten appeal.

**Important update:** please note the parish telephone number is now **01542 780208**

**Second collections in February:** 7/8 Maintenance Fund.

**Lent:** This year, Ash Wednesday falls on 18<sup>th</sup> February. There will be Masses in all 4 parishes Keith 9.30am, Buckie 11am, Fochabers 5pm, Huntly 6.30pm. During Lent, Exposition on Fridays will be replaced with Stations of the Cross, and the weekday Mass will return to the church itself.

**World Day of Prayer:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm will be held in St Rufus this year. All welcome.

**Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen Youth Events:** Just to let you know that our diocesan youth have many opportunities to come together in Christian fellowship. Listed below are just some of the upcoming events.

20-22 February – Boys “JP11” Tomintoul Retreat for S3-S6 boys

6-8 March – S2/3 Power of Grace “Narnia” Retreat in Tomintoul

8-12 June – Mary’s Meals Generation Hope Camp for S1 to age 15 cost £382.50, deposit of £100 due on registration

For more information or to register please contact Sr. Angela Marie at op@rcda.scot or telephone 07938729895

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

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

**The Light of the North:** the diocesan magazine is now published on line only - accessible via the diocesan website. There are many very interesting articles, some written by our own parishioners.

**Communications:** on the diocesan website (rcda.scot), if you click Contact on the drop down menu, and scroll down, you will find a pro forma to sign up for the Diocesan newsletter, and to opt in to other communications.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention: February: For children with incurable diseases:** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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

Diary Dates	
Fabric & Finance	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm
Ash Wednesday	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> February
PPC	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm
World Day of Prayer in St Rufus	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30pm
St John Ogilvie Mass	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> March 11am



**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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