

| TIMES | MEMORIAL OR FEAST                                             | INTENTIONS |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| SAT   | 5.30pm Vigil Mass: 29 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday           |            |
| SUN   | 10.30am Mass: 29 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday                |            |
| FRI   | 9.00am Exposition                                             |            |
|       | 9.30am Mass: Friday of 29 <sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time |            |
| SAT   | 5.30pm Vigil Mass: 30 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday           |            |
| SUN   | 10.30am Eucharistic Service: 30 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday |            |



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



**19<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C I) Psalter Week 1**

**THE ANNOUNCER!**

We ought to pray and not lose heart. The central message of this Sunday is on being persistent in prayer as a way of life. Our faith calls us to keep praying always, being in that conversation with God, lifting up daily our minds, hearts, souls, and (even visually) our hands to God.

In the first reading, we hear how the Israelites battled against the Amalekites. It was a fierce one. Moses stood on the hill with the staff of God raised in his hands, and as long as his hands were lifted up, Israel prevailed. But when he grew tired and his hands lowered, the enemy gained ground. To keep his hands raised, Aaron and Hur gave Moses a stone to sit on while they supported his hands. With that, they had total victory.

In the second reading, St Paul exhorts Timothy to remain faithful to the Scriptures and to continue proclaiming the word of God boldly. He reminds Timothy that all Scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, correction and training in righteousness. The word of God should guide us and teach us the way of God, the life of God and how to commune with God, especially in this context of prayer.

In the gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. The widow didn't give up in seeking justice, and her persistence moved even a hardened judge to act. Jesus uses this story to teach us to pray continually and never lose heart. If even a corrupt judge listens to persistence, how much more will our loving Father respond to His children who cry out to Him day and night? Jesus' concluding words are challenging to us: "when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Let us evaluate our prayer life: will the Lord find us persistent in prayer and faith when He comes? Do we give up when answers are delayed? Prayer is about growing in trust and endurance, knowing that God always hears and answers in His time and way. Let us renew our commitment to pray without ceasing, to support one another in faith and to remain steadfast in God's Word. When Jesus returns, may he find us persevering in faith and prayer.

*Fr. Kingsley*

**Last week** Collection:£426.05 Maintenance Fund:£317.11 Att: 66

| MINISTRIES      | 19/10/2025           | 26/10/2025           |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Church Cleaning | C & G Morrison       | -                    |
| Counters        | Footie               | Mitchell             |
| Welcome         | Gray/Coull           | Cruickshank/Danby    |
| Hall keeper     | K Gray               | K James              |
| Sat Reader      | K Schouwenaars-Harms | T Brennan            |
| Sat EMoHC       | M Collins            | K Schouwenaars-Harms |
| Sun Reader      | J Munro, E Reid      | T Coull, I Grant     |
| Sun EMoHC       | R Harvey, A Mitchell | -                    |
| Flowers         | Artificial           | Artificial           |
| Teas            | Pauline & Keith      | Brenda & Mike        |

**Useful contacts:**

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| Parish Priest:                                                                    | Fr Kingsley Chigbo  | 01542 832196                                                              |
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| Permanent Deacon:                                                                 | Dcn Graeme Morrison | 07387008498                                                               |
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| PPC Chair:                                                                        | Dcn Graeme Morrison | 07387008498                                                               |
| Parish Safeguarding Co-ord:                                                       | Elizabeth Danby     | <a href="mailto:stthomasPSC@rcd-abdn.org">stthomasPSC@rcd-abdn.org</a>    |
| Health & Safety:                                                                  | Keith Gray          | 01542 886242                                                              |
| Newsletter:                                                                       | Margaret Farrell    | 01542 882116                                                              |
|                                                                                   |                     | or <a href="mailto:mcfarrell@btinternet.com">mcfarrell@btinternet.com</a> |
| Hospital Chaplains:                                                               | Elgin               | Dcn Graeme Morrison                                                       |
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**Welcome:** to all our visitors, feel free to look around our beautiful church, particularly the St John Ogilvie Chapel & Exhibition.

**October Devotions, Rosary and Litany:** There is a plenary indulgence for recitation of these in Church, family or pious association.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** anyone who would like to join our faith or know more about it is asked to contact Deacon Graeme.

**Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation:** These classes will begin soon for children in P7 or above. Please contact Deacon Graeme.

**Tombola:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm in St Thomas Hall, for church funds. Please be generous with donations of cash, prizes and raffles. Information soon about collection times.

**Special collections in October:** 18/19 MISSIO.

**Jubilee Calendar:** 18-19 October – Jubilee of the Missionary World

30 October-2 November – Jubilee of the World of Education

16 November – Jubilee of the Poor

**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.

31st October – 2nd November: “Sacred” Craig Lodge Retreat.

29th November – Diocesan Ceilidh Youth Ball

10th January – Inverurie NET Retreat

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

For more information or to register please contact Sr. Angela Marie at [op@rcda.scot](mailto:op@rcda.scot) or telephone 07938729895

**New Parish Mass Books:** these are now available at the back of the church. Several people have sponsored them already, and the Hall Committee have also stepped forward to help financially.

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

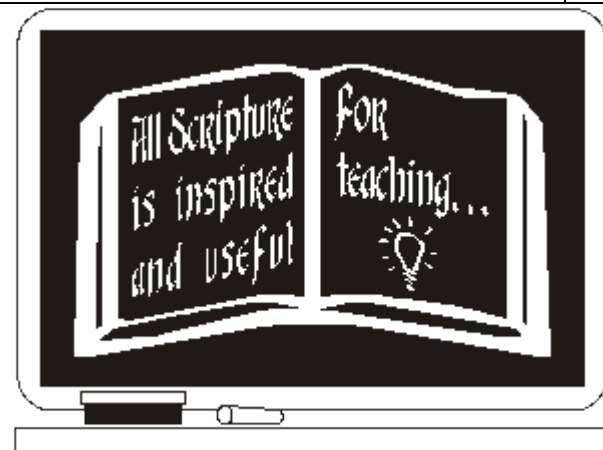
**Tea & coffee** in the hall after Mass each Sunday. All welcome.

**Communications:** on the diocesan website ([rcda.scot](http://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: October: For collaboration between different religious traditions:** Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

**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://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 | 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 7pm    |
| PPC              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 7pm |



**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.