

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 12 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 12 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of week 12 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul	



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



**21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A II) Psalter Week 4**

**THE ANNOUNCER!**

**Last week** Collection: £344.75 Candles:£10.02 Flowers:£3.33 Maint. Fund:£90.14  
Att: 62

MINISTRIES	21/6/2026	28/6/2026
Church Cleaning	T & P Brennan (June)	T & P Brennan (June)
Counters	Foote	Mitchell
Welcome	Gray/James	Cruickshank/Coull
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	R Smith	B Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Hendry
Sun Reader	E Reid, M Farrell	A Mitchell, T Coull
Sun EMoHC	-	R Harvey, E Danby
Flowers	D Greenhalgh	K Foote
Teas	Kevin	Michele & Louis

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Imagine being in a situation that overwhelms you, a moment when you feel alone, abandoned, forgotten, and not cared for by God. Today's word of God is a message for people in such situations, a message of the greatness of God's power to redeem his people, the people he loves and for whom Jesus gave himself.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah expressed deep anguish. He felt surrounded by enemies and betrayed by friends and those around him. He expressed his fears, rejection and isolation, but amid that, he makes a powerful declaration of faith: "But the Lord is with me as a dread champion." His declaration teaches us that though difficulties and tension may abound around us, our faith in God gives us strength and perspective in facing them.

In the second reading, St. Paul reflected on the reality of sin and grace. Through one man, Adam, sin entered the world, and with sin came death. But Paul quickly shifted the focus to hope: "But the free gift is not like the trespass." The grace of Christ is far greater than the power of sin. Through Jesus, we received abundant grace and new life. So, no matter how great sin may seem, God's mercy is always greater.

In the Gospel, Jesus spoke directly to our fears. He told his disciples three times not to be afraid of anything or anyone. He wanted them to understand how much God knows every detail about them and their trials, and cares for them, so that they would be confident while facing opposition and persecution, that they are not alone but supported and cared for by God. Jesus is calling on us to trust in God's love and care for all of us, and by that trust live out our faith courageously in the world. It is in this trust reflected in our daily living that he would speak well of us before the heavenly Father.

Trials and temptations will come to us who have faith and love God. But be of good cheer; Jesus has conquered the world. He will lead us through every situation. All he wants from us is to trust Him and keep living our faith courageously. His grace is greater than all our sins, weaknesses and situations.

*Fr. Kingsley*

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

**School leavers' Mass:** the school will join us on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June for the P7 leavers Mass and presentation of bibles. All welcome.

**Mass in Tynet:** Holy Mass for the solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist will be said at St Ninian's Catholic Church, Tynet on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Adoration from 5.30pm, followed by Mass at 6pm. We welcome everyone to this historic place of worship.

**Please pray for:** the peaceful repose of the soul of Frank Farquharson RIP, who died on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. His funeral will be in St Thomas's on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 1pm.

**Huge thanks** to Mike Harvey for rectifying the problem with the church sound system. His professional expertise has saved our finances a big hit by finding the problem and re-routing cables. The sound is now perfect, and we are investigating new wireless mikes for use by celebrants.

**Pluscarden Pilgrimage:** Next Sunday, Mass at 3pm, Confessions and Adoration beforehand. Refreshments available – why not take a picnic?

**Fr Peter's 10th priestly anniversary:** On Saturday, 22nd August 2026, Fr Peter will celebrate a special Mass to mark his 10th priestly anniversary at St Margaret's RC Church, Huntly, followed by a reception at St Thomas's Hall, Keith. It would be lovely if everyone could attend and join in the celebration, as we are all invited. A big congratulations to Fr Peter. For catering, please inform the organisers of your attendance by filling out the form:

<https://form.jotform.com/260996550056060>

**Weekday Mass attendance:** We are all encouraged to be part of our Weekday Mass community. The Friday Mass is a special day for adoration, confessions and offering prayers for specific intentions of our community. If you live locally, or are retired, your attendance is a great way to support your local church.

**Light of the North:** the Summer edition is now in production. Any contributions would be valued and welcomed. Please email Cowan Watson ([editor.lightofthenorth@rcda.scot](mailto:editor.lightofthenorth@rcda.scot)). Deadline is 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**Second collections this month:** 27/28 Peter's Pence.

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

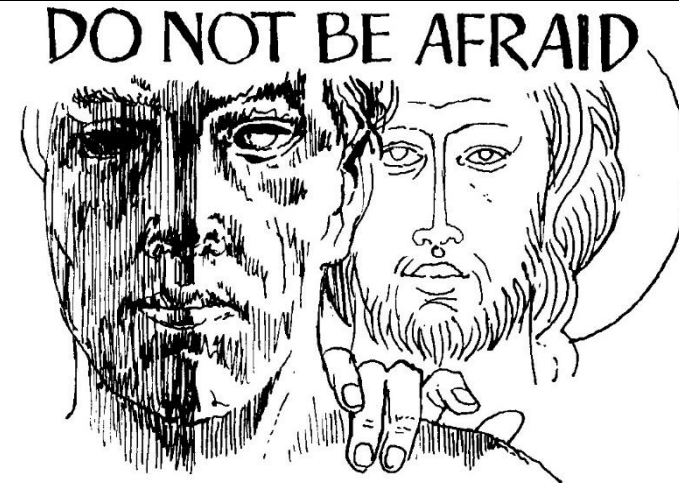
**Prayer Group:** Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Contact: Elizabeth Danby.

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

**Pope's Prayer Intention: June: For the values of sports:** Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

**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	
School leavers' Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30am
Pluscarden pilgrimage	28 <sup>th</sup> June Mass at 3pm
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 7pm
PPC	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug 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.

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