



TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Solemnity of the Holy Family	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: Solemnity of the Holy Family	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Eucharistic Service: Feast of St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen	
SAT	5.30pm Eucharistic Service: The Epiphany of the Lord	
SUN	10.30am Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord	

<b>Last week</b>	Collection: £503.51	Att:74
<b>Christmas</b>	Collection: to follow	Att: 121

MINISTRIES	28/12/2025	4/1/2026
Church Cleaning	-	-
Counters	Foote	Mitchell
Welcome	Farrell/Harvey	Collins/James
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	-
Sun Reader	M Farrell, A Mitchell	J Munro, I Grant
Sun EMoHC	-	A Mitchell, M Moir
Flowers	E Donaldson/W Davidson	E Donaldson/ W Davidson
Teas	Michele & Louis	

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



**28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**The Holy Family (A II) Psalter Week 1**

**THE ANNOUNCER!**

On the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church invites us, as we reflect on God's plan for family life, to focus on the Holy Family of Nazareth (the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) and learn from their example of love, faith and sacrifice. The first reading from Sirach contains a solemn instruction to the offspring of a home (the children), reminding everyone of the spiritual dimension of the relationships we have in the home between parents and children. Honouring parents is an act of faith that brings blessing, joy and answers to prayers. Care for parents, especially in their weakness, is presented as a holy offering that atones for sin. This reminds us again of the importance of caring for the elderly, seeing in such care an opportunity for holiness.

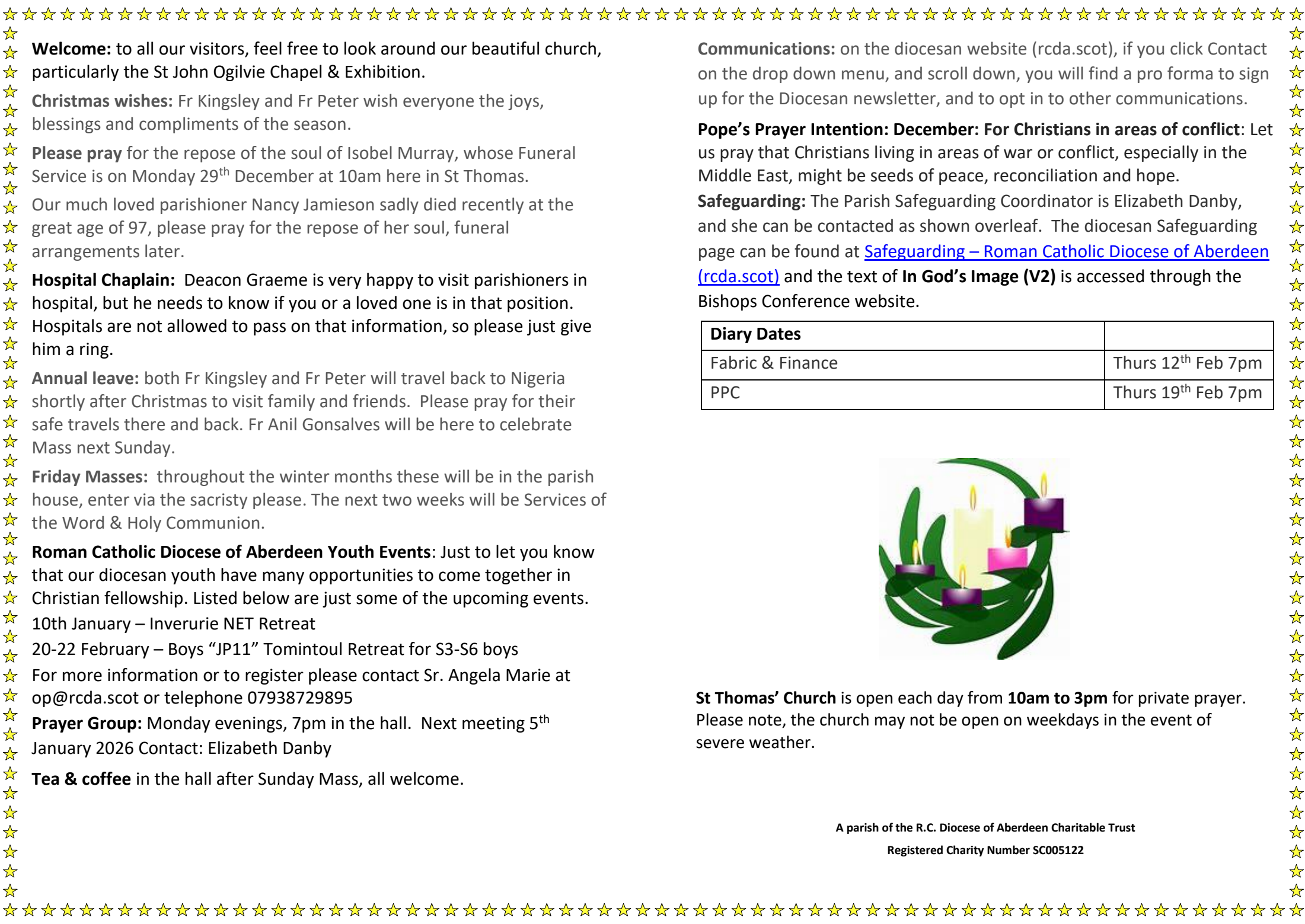
In the second reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians, he continues to instruct us on how life in the family should be. He urges us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and forbearance. These virtues are practical attitudes that sustain family life. Also, forgiveness and peace are essential, and above all, love binds everything together. When Christ is allowed to dwell at the centre of the family, harmony becomes possible even amid imperfections.

In the gospel, we hear about the flight story of the Holy Family to Egypt. It paints the picture of a family that is supposed to be resting peacefully after Childbirth but had to flee for safety to Egypt because of Herod's search for the Child to do away with him. The holy family became refugees to protect the child Jesus. Joseph listened to God's voice and acted with courage and obedience. Mary trusted God through uncertainty.

The family life should be honoured, respected and promoted, as it is the foundation of every society. In the home, we are schooled in love, sacrifice, mutual care, and trust in God. This feast of the Holy Family encourages all families, whether strong or fragile, joyful or struggling, to place Christ at the centre and to walk together in love. We are all called to remember refugees driven from their homelands as were Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

*Fr. Kingsley*





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

**Christmas wishes:** Fr Kingsley and Fr Peter wish everyone the joys, blessings and compliments of the season.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Isobel Murray, whose Funeral Service is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 10am here in St Thomas.

Our much loved parishioner Nancy Jamieson sadly died recently at the great age of 97, please pray for the repose of her soul, funeral arrangements later.

**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.

**Annual leave:** both Fr Kingsley and Fr Peter will travel back to Nigeria shortly after Christmas to visit family and friends. Please pray for their safe travels there and back. Fr Anil Gonsalves will be here to celebrate Mass next Sunday.

**Friday Masses:** throughout the winter months these will be in the parish house, enter via the sacristy please. The next two weeks will be Services of the Word & Holy Communion.

**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.

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 or telephone 07938729895

**Prayer Group:** Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Contact: Elizabeth Danby

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

**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: December: For Christians in areas of conflict:** Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation 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 \(rcda.scot\)](#) 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
PPC	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 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.