

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 3 rd Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 3 rd Sunday of Easter	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of the 3 rd week of Easter	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 4 th Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 4 th Sunday of Easter	



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



19th April 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter (A II) Psalter Week 3

THE ANNOUNCER!

As part of the celebration of the Resurrection faith, today's readings invite us to reflect on how faith gradually grows in us. It is like a journey in which we move from confusion to understanding, from discouragement to hope, from blindness to recognition of the wonders of God.

In the first reading from Acts, Peter, with the eleven, who had reached a full knowledge of the resurrected Lord and had received the holy Spirit, preached to the Jews about Jesus as a man like them, but also the Christ, and the Son of God (who is resurrected and at the Father's right hand, and is the giver of the Holy Spirit to them). Peter, who once denied Jesus, now stands boldly before the crowd, proclaiming everything about Him and the resurrection. He speaks with confidence and courage because he has encountered the risen Lord.

In the second reading from the first letter of St Peter, he urged all believers to conduct their lives with reverent fear (fear of God). They should remember that they were not redeemed with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Our Christian faith and hope are rooted in what God has done through Jesus, the paschal mysteries – His suffering, death, and resurrection.

In the Gospel, we meet two disciples walking away from Jerusalem. They are not just travelling geographically; they are moving away in disappointment because of all the events that dashed their hope. Everything they had hoped for in Jesus as a political redeemer seems to have collapsed. However, Jesus came walking alongside them, both physically and spiritually – walking them back to faith, to an understanding of God and the Paschal mysteries. When they recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread, they went back to Jerusalem to share what they had seen.

The life of every Christian is that of constant discovery of the risen Lord while we walk with Him daily, listening to His word (Scriptures) and dining with Him (the Sacraments – of which the Eucharist is the source and summit). As our faith grows, we will understand how real Jesus is to us in every moment of our lives and in the people we meet daily. Let that understanding lead you to excitement and joy – the Lord is alive.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week Collection: £427 Att: 60

MINISTRIES	19/4/2026	26/4/2026
Church Cleaning	M & L Collins	-
Counters	Mitchell	Collins
Welcome	Collins/Harvey	Gray/James
Hall keeper	K James	K Cruickshank
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Hendry
Sun Reader	M Farrell, E Danby	I Grant, M Le Mero
Sun EMoHC	I Grant, A Mitchell	-
Flowers	K Reid	K Reid
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.

Mass preparation: there's an old adage "God loves a tryer" so let's try again to remember ten minutes silence before Mass begins to allow everyone to prepare for the Holy Mass – the "source and summit" of our Faith.

Heartfelt plea: we really need more volunteers to take on the tasks required to keep our church running smoothly. In particular, we have only 4 cleaning teams currently, it would be good to have another couple of teams to spread the load. Whatever your God given gifts, please do have a good think about how you might serve our church, and speak to Deacon Graeme or Father Kingsley if you wish to volunteer.

Light of the North: the Easter/Spring edition of the diocesan magazine is available now on the diocesan website [LOTN Spring Issue 61 2026](http://www.rcda.scot)

SCIAF WEE Boxes Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can, the current total is down on previous years. You can also donate at sciaf.org.uk/weeboxes, by calling 0141 354 5555 or by using this QR code which will link it to our parish donations. Thank you.



Pluscarden Lectures: the annual lectures will take place between 26th and 28th May at Pluscarden Abbey. "Heaven, Earth and Jesus: The Mysteries of Christian Eschatology", a series of four talks given by Fr Simon Francis Gaine OP, Professor of Theological Anthropology, Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, Rome. More details on Pluscarden's website.

Second collections this month: 25/26 Bursary & Vocations Fund.

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

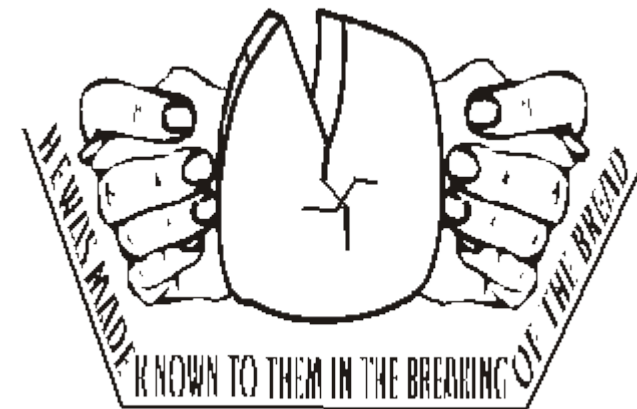
Prayer Group: Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Contact: Elizabeth Danby

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

Pope's Prayer Intention: April: For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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://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 7 th May 7pm
PPC	Wed 13 th May 7pm
Ascension day	Thurs 14 th May
Pentecost Sunday	24 th May
Pluscarden Lectures	26 th – 28 th May



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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