

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Mass: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Ss Paul Miki & companions on Friday of week 4 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Mass: 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	



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



**1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A II) Psalter Week 4**

**THE ANNOUNCER!**

The readings of today draw us to reflect on the impact of the virtue of humility in our practice of faith. Humility is at the foundation of faith. Without faith, no one can know God, yet without humility, no one can practice faith. God is interested in those who are lowly and humble in heart.

In the first reading, the prophet Zephaniah calls the people to seek the Lord, seek righteousness and humility. He calls them to the real practice of faith, which should humble them before God's presence. He refers to them as the "humble and lowly people", who take refuge in God rather than in power, deceit, lies and injustice. He prophesies that they shall be the fearless remnant of Israel after the day of the Lord's anger.

In the second reading, St Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians speaks of the lowly state of those who have been called when viewed according to the world's standards. He reminds them that most of them were not wise, powerful, or influential by worldly standards when they were called. Yet God deliberately chose what is foolish, weak, and lowly to reveal His strength. The purpose is clear: "so that no human being might boast in the presence of God." If we must boast, it should be in the Lord.

In the Gospel according to Matthew, we hear Jesus speak the beatitudes to all those gathered around him, who represent all who seek God and live the life of God. God's kingdom will be theirs. They will be comforted in sorrow. They will inherit the earth. They shall be satisfied. They shall receive mercy. They shall see God and be called sons of God. Jesus declares this "blessedness" on the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted for their faith. One beautiful thing about all these people is that they have humbled themselves before God.

No one can truly practice virtue and be blessed in the presence of God except if they humble themselves. Humility is essential in our human nature. It is essential in our faith. Are you boastful in your successes, possessions or reputation? Where do you think that you need more humility in your life?

<b>Last week</b>	Collection: £426.76	Att: 63
<b>MINISTRIES</b>	1/2/2026	8/2/2026
Church Cleaning	-	T & P Brennan
Counters	Footie	Mitchell
Welcome	Collins/James	Gray/Coull
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	K Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	I Grant, J Munro	A Mitchell, T Coull
Sun EMoHC	M Moir, C Moir	-
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Kevin	Michele & Louis
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PPC Chair:	Dcn Graeme Morrison	07387008498
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*Fr. Kingsley*

**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.

**Huge thanks to** Theresa Coull and family who donated an amazing £865 to Church funds. This was part of Jimmy's funeral collection. Our prayers continue to be with all the family.

**Thanks also** to Helen Munro, who raised £17.07 from the sale of her marmalade

**Friday Masses:** throughout the winter months these will be in the parish house, enter via the sacristy please.

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

**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. [Light of the North – Autumn 2025 – Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen](#)

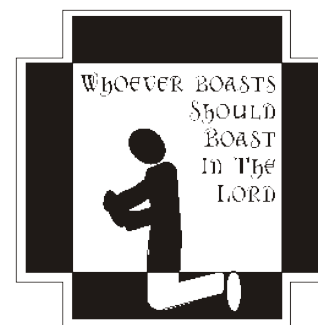
There are many very interesting articles, some written by our own parishioners.

**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 \(rcda.scot\)](#) 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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