

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 19 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 19 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 19 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

Last week Collection: £324.50 Att: 60

MINISTRIES	9/8/2026	16/8/2026
Church Cleaning	Grant & Moir (August)	Grant & Moir (August)
Counters	Collins	Smith
Welcome	Collins/Harvey	Gray/James
Hall keeper	K Cruickshank	R Hendry
Sat Reader	T Brennan	K Cruickshank
Sat EMoHC	R Hendry	M Collins
Sun Reader	I Grant, M Farrell	A Mitchell, T Coull
Sun EMoHC	M Moir, A Mitchell	I Grant, E Danby
Flowers	E Donaldson	E Donaldson
Teas	Liz & Ron	Carol & Graeme

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



9th August 2026
19th Ordinary Sunday of the Year (A II) Psalter Week 3

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today's readings remind us that God never abandons His people. He comes to us, often in quiet and unexpected ways, asking us to trust Him even amid life's storms. The message is essential for us and anyone going through a period in life when it feels like God is silent amid their struggles, and they feel overwhelmed by the surrounding storms.

In the first reading, the prophet Elijah is discouraged, exhausted, alone and afraid, fleeing from Jezebel's wrath into the wilderness. At Mount Horeb, God told him to stand on the mountain where He was to pass by. A mighty wind tore through the mountains, but God was not in the wind. An earthquake followed, then a fire, but God was in neither. Finally, Elijah heard a faint whisper, and he recognised the presence of God.

In the second reading, St. Paul spoke of his sorrow for his fellow Israelites who had not accepted Christ. He loved them so deeply that he said he would willingly suffer for their sake if it would bring them to salvation. Paul's words revealed that his interest is not only in his personal holiness but in the salvation of others. His example reminds us that our faith should lead us to pray for, encourage, and patiently accompany those who have drifted away from God due to their circumstances.

In the Gospel, the disciples found themselves caught in a storm while crossing the sea and were terrified, fearing they would sink. Then Jesus came walking towards them on the water. At first, they thought He was a ghost, but Jesus reassured them that it was him. Peter went further and asked to come to Jesus across the water. As long as his eyes remained fixed on Jesus, he walked safely. But the moment he noticed the strength of the wind, fear took over, and he began to sink. Jesus reached out and saved him.

These readings can be an encouragement when we face life's storms. Sometimes, everything begins with confidence in God, but when difficulties arise, we focus more on the storm than on the Lord. We become overwhelmed by illness, financial worries, family problems or uncertainties about the future, and succumb to fear and begin to sink. But Jesus will never let us sink. He will save us.

Fr. Kingsley

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

Fr Peter 10th Anniversary: Saturday 22nd August at 11am Mass in St Margaret's, Huntly, followed by a lunch reception in St Thomas Hall, Keith. Hope you signed up in time!

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

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.

St John Ogilvie: October 17th 2026 will see the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of St John Ogilvie, a huge milestone for our parish. A celebration to mark the occasion is currently being planned, so Save the Date!

Second collections this month: August: 8/9 Maintenance Fund

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: August: For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build communities.

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 \(rcda.scot\)](https://rcda.scot) and the text of **In God's Image (V2)** is accessed through the Bishops Conference website.

Diary Dates	
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 13 th Aug 7pm
PPC	Wed 19 th Aug 7pm
Fr Peter's Anniversary	Sat 22 nd Aug 11am
St John Ogilvie 50 th anniversary	Sat 17 th October 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.