

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 17 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 17 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Mem St Ignatius Loyola on Friday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 18 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 18 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	



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



26th July 2026
17th Ordinary Sunday of the Year (A II) Psalter Week 1

THE ANNOUNCER!

If you are told to ask God for one thing and He would give it to you, what would you ask? Many a time, we may be tempted to ask for things that make life easier. Today's readings invite us to reflect on what is truly valuable to us. They remind us that when we seek God above all else, everything else finds its proper place.

In the first reading, God appeared to Solomon in a dream and invited him to ask for whatever he desired. Solomon didn't ask for riches, power, or victory over his enemies; instead, he asked for an understanding heart to judge the people and to distinguish right from wrong. Solomon recognised that, on his own, he couldn't fulfil the mission God has entrusted to him over the people. His request pleased God, who granted him the wisdom beyond anyone before or after him.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminded us that all things work together for good for those who love God. That means no matter how things in life may be according to our experience, by faith we know they are for good. In suffering, disappointment, or loss, God is directing everything to work for our good and our salvation. God can bring good even out of painful situations. It takes wisdom from on high to understand this.

In the Gospel, Jesus presented three short parables about the Kingdom of Heaven: a man finds a treasure hidden in a field and sells everything he owns to buy that field; a merchant discovers a pearl of great price and gladly gives up everything to possess it; and finally, a fishing net gathers fish of every kind, and at the end, the good are separated from the bad. The wisdom of God is this great treasure, and this treasure is Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word. When we have Jesus, we have everything we need to succeed in this life. He multiplies goodness in us, making us acceptable and "selectable" for the heavenly harvest. Those who discover Christ discover the greatest treasure of their lives. When we truly recognise the value of God's Kingdom, sacrifices no longer feel like losses. We gladly let go of whatever keeps us from God because we know that what He offers is infinitely greater.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week Collection: £ 288 Stella Maris: £35 Maintenance Fund: £200 Att: 62

MINISTRIES	26/7/2026	2/8/2026
Church Cleaning	M & L Collins (July)	Grant & Moir (August)
Counters	Foote	Mitchell
Welcome	Cruickshank/Coull	Farrell/Danby
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	R Smith	B Schouwenaars_Harms
Sat EMOHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars_Harms
Sun Reader	T Coull, E Danby	E Reid, M Le Mero
Sun EMOHC	-	C Moir, I Grant
Flowers	E Danby	E Danby
Teas	Kevin	Michele & Louis

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

Thanks to the family of the late Frankie Farquharson, who have kindly donated £100 to Church Funds. We keep Jane, Karen and Patricia in our prayers and continue to pray for the happy repose of Frankie.

Fr Peter: will return in the course of this week, refreshed and ready to celebrate his 10th anniversary, please pray for his safe travel.

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.

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: July: For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

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 \(rcda.scot\)](http://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

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.