

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
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	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 21 st Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 21 st Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	

Last week Collection: £318 Maintenance Fund:£98.50 Att: 58

MINISTRIES	16/8/2026	23/8/2026
Church Cleaning	Grant & Moir (August)	Grant & Moir (August)
Counters	Smith	Reid
Welcome	Gray/James	Cruickshank/Coull
Hall keeper	R Hendry	M Collins
Sat Reader	K Cruickshank	B Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMoHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	A Mitchell, T Coull	E Danby, I Grant
Sun EMoHC	I Grant, E Danby	A Mitchell, R Harvey
Flowers	E Donaldson	L Collins
Teas	Carol & Graeme	Brenda & Mike

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



16th August 2026

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (All) Psalter Week 4

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a sign of hope for us because what God has done for Mary is a promise of what He desires to do for all who belong to Christ. The Church invites us today to see the glory that God has prepared for those who remain faithful to Him. The first reading from the book of Revelation presented a magnificent vision of a woman clothed with the Sun, the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was presented in glory; however, she also experienced the pain of giving birth and faced the dragon's threat. The vision is about the Church, but also quite suitable for Mary and the glory bestowed on her to be the mother of God, and the glory by which she was taken to heaven incorruptible. In the second reading, St. Paul explained the foundation of our hope, which is rooted in the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of the resurrection of all who belong to Him. Christ has conquered death, and therefore death cannot be the final destination of those who live in Him. Mary's Assumption is a beautiful sign of this victory and hope for all those who dedicate their life to God like Mary.

In the Gospel, we heard the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth after hearing the message of the angel Gabriel. Carrying with her the joyful news and extraordinary grace of becoming the mother of the Saviour, she went hastily to be with Elizabeth, who was in her sixth month of pregnancy, and shared their joy. She carried Jesus within her and went to serve another person. Elizabeth's response on seeing Mary and Mary's Magnificat sum up the immensity of their joy.

Today's feast gives us a beautiful picture of the Christian journey. We are created for eternal life with God. The Assumption reminds us that we have a destiny beyond the grave. We are made for resurrection and glory, but then we must learn to say yes to God, as Mary did, carry Christ within us and bring Him to others through our words, actions, service, and love. May Mary, assumed body and soul into heaven, pray for us. Amen.

Fr. Kingsley

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

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: The commemoration of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary is known as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven which dates from the 6th century. It is known as The Dormition, or falling asleep, in the Eastern churches. Normally celebrated on 15th August, the celebration has been transferred to Sunday this year.

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

Diary Dates	
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.