

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 16 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 16 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 16 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 17 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 17 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	

Last week Collection: £ 406.70 Maintenance Fund: £94.40 Att: 67

MINISTRIES	19/7/2026	26/7/2026
Church Cleaning	M & L Collins (July)	M & L Collins (July)
Counters	Reid	Footie
Welcome	Gray/James	Cruickshank/Coull
Hall keeper	K Gray	K Gray
Sat Reader	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Smith
Sat EMoHC	R Hendry	M Collins
Sun Reader	M Farrell, A Mitchell	T Coull, E Danby
Sun EMoHC	M Moir, E Danby	-
Flowers	K Reid	E Danby
Teas	No teas	Kevin

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



19th July 2026

16th Ordinary Sunday of the Year (A II) Psalter Week 4

THE ANNOUNCER!

Whenever we see injustice, violence, and suffering around us, we may find ourselves asking why God allows evil people to prosper while good people suffer, or why He does not immediately remove evil from the world. Today's readings remind us that God is both just and patient: Just, because He rewards everyone according to their deeds, but Patient, because He desires the repentance of every sinner.

In the first reading, the Book of Wisdom described God as a powerful judge whose strength is expressed not through harshness, but through mercy. God's justice is never separated from His compassion. Because He is all-powerful, He does not need to prove His authority by punishing instantly. Instead, He patiently allows sinners to change their hearts, and so He teaches us that those who are righteous must be kind (to sinners).

In the second reading, St. Paul says, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness." The weakness here focuses on what we pray for: for today's reflection, the weakness of judging or condemning others in our prayers because we feel they are evil and a cancer in the world. In such a prayer, the Spirit purifies their content so that it will be pleasing to God, because what we truly wish in our prayer is that good may be done in the world and not the destruction of the sinner. That is the spirit's groanings too deep for words.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and the weeds. When the servants asked whether they should pull out the weeds immediately, the master replied, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them." Jesus explained that the field is the world, the good seed are the children of the Kingdom, and the weeds, the children of the evil one. The master's (the Son of Man's) response shows God's patience so that no one is lost because of the moments they fell prey to sin.

As we reflect on God's patience with all of us and all sinners, let us be slow in condemning others, but pray for them, and in our little ways, do our best to help sinners change, and make righteousness reign on earth. We should not take God's patience for granted but respond to it with sincere repentance.

Fr. Kingsley

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

Jane, Karen & Patricia wish to express their gratitude to the congregation for their support following the recent sad loss of Frankie. Many thanks to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for their visits and to Father Kingsley, Father Peter and Deacon Graeme for the very personal comforting service and Requiem Mass. Thanks to the choir for their beautiful singing and lastly to the Hall Committee volunteers for preparing the hall for the funeral teas. All very much appreciated.

Fr Peter: will be visiting his family for the next two weeks, we wish him a happy holiday and safe travels.

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.

Fr Peter's 10th priestly anniversary: Last call! On Saturday, 22nd August 2026, Fr Peter will celebrate a special Mass to mark his 10th priestly anniversary at St Margaret's RC Church, Huntly, followed by a reception at St Thomas's Hall, Keith. It would be lovely if everyone could attend and join in the celebration, as we are all invited. A big congratulations to Fr Peter. ***For catering, please inform the organisers of your attendance as soon as possible by signing the sheet in the porch or by filling out the form: <https://form.jotform.com/260996550056060>***

Second collections this month: July: 11/12 Apostleship of the Sea; 18/19 Maintenance Fund

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

Tea & coffee no teas after Sunday Mass today.

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.

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	
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.

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