

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic service: 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 23 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 24 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 24 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	

Last week Collection: £392.10 Att: 62

MINISTRIES	6/9/2026	13/9/2026
Church Cleaning	Danby & Harvey (September)	Danby & Harvey (September)
Counters	Mitchell	Collins
Welcome	Collins/Harvey	Gray/James
Hall keeper	K James	K Cruickshank
Sat Reader	T Brennan	K Cruickshank
Sat EMOHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	M Farrell, A Mitchell	T Coull, M Danby
Sun EMOHC	-	R Harvey, M Moir
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Michele & Louis	Liz & Ron

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



6th September 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (All) Psalter Week 3

THE ANNOUNCER!

Imagine seeing someone you care about making a decision that you know will hurt them, yet you remain silent because you do not want to offend them or get involved. Sometimes, we think that keeping quiet is the easiest way to maintain peace. But today's readings tell us something different. When we truly love others, we will care enough to correct, forgive, and help them return to the right path.

In the first reading, God appointed Ezekiel as a watchman for the people of Israel: a responsibility to warn them when danger approaches. If Ezekiel warns people and they refuse to listen, the responsibility lies with them. But if Ezekiel sees the danger and remains silent, he will be held accountable. This reminds us of our responsibility towards each other, especially when one is going astray. The purpose of correction should be to help and save rather than to condemn or humiliate.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminded us that the foundation for this responsibility is love: that is what we owe each other. This means that whatever we do for another person must come from genuine love, not anger, pride, revenge, or the desire to prove that we are right; else we may be saying the right thing in the wrong way.

In the Gospel, Jesus gave us a practical way of dealing with someone who has wronged us or gone astray. Rather than gossiping about them and immediately exposing their faults to everyone, we should go to them privately and be reconciled. If the person listens, then we have won back that brother or sister. And that is the purpose of correction: to win back the person, not to win an argument or a narrative.

Those who love and correct one another in love can effectively pray together as we do in the Church. Hence, Jesus' words: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them". Let us therefore take up today's challenge to care enough to warn, to love enough to correct, and to forgive enough to restore relationships. We are, in a sense, watchmen for each other, not looking for faults but to help, and we should also examine ourselves before correcting others. We are not perfect. We too need correction, forgiveness, and God's mercy.

Fr. Kingsley

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

Looking at Sacred Music in our Parishes and Schools: with Bishop Hugh and co-presenters at Greyfriars in Elgin Saturday 26th September 10am – 4pm, please bring your own packed lunch. To register interest please contact <https://stmaryscathedral.churchsuite.com/events/thu47aip>

Tombola: Look out in your newsletter for how you can support the Tombola on Wednesday October 21. It is the parish's main fund-raising event of the year, so we will welcome prizes, help on the night and, of course, as many of you and your family to attend.

Youth Events: 18-20 September S1-3 Retreat, Tomintoul

26 September National Youth Pilgrimage to Pluscarden Abbey.

13-15 November S4-6 Retreat, Tomintoul.

For more information, Contact Sr. Angela Marie at op@rcda.scot or 07938 729895. Also at <https://www.rcda.scot/diocese-of-aberdeen-youth-events-2026-27>

WYD in Seoul, South Korea: this is now fully booked.

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 coming up: September: 5/6 Sick & retired priests 12/13 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: September: For the care of water: Let us pray for the just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have access to it.

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	
St John Ogilvie 50 th anniversary	Sat 17 th October 11am
Parish Tombola	Wed 21 st October 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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