

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	
THURS	9.30am Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord (7pm in Buckie)	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of the 6 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	



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



**10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A II) Psalter Week 2**

**THE ANNOUNCER!**

As we are approaching the Ascension today, we hear more of Christ's words of reassurance to the disciples that they will not be alone. We also hear of the call to mission, bearing the good works of Christ and his message every day. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us the story of Philip's mission in Samaria, where he preached the good news, healed the sick, and performed miracles in Jesus' name. His good works brought about the conversation of many, who received Christ with joy and were baptised. When the Church in Jerusalem heard this, Peter and John were sent to lay hands on them and pray for them, so that they might receive the Holy Spirit. It was necessary for them to receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen their faith and for their relationship with God.

In the second reading from the first letter of St Peter, we are challenged to be ready to explain our hope, but to do so with gentleness and respect, and with a clear conscience. Our faith should neither be hidden nor forced upon people, nor preached harshly, but gently. The way we live and speak should reflect Christ himself. Also, we ought to do good always, even when it is difficult or misunderstood, following Christ, our model.

In the gospel according to John, Jesus gently showed his disciples how they can love him, remain one with Him, and never be alone. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.... I will not leave you as orphans." Jesus promises to give them the Paraclete (the helper, who will walk alongside them). To love God is to do His will, and it makes us one with God. The Holy is given to those who love God and do His will. With the Spirit of God in us, we are complete because we are with God.

Let us keep sharing our faith, as St Peter told us, by the conduct of our lives. Our good deeds and obedience to the Will of God will make us feel, concretely, Christ's presence through the Holy Spirit in us. Let us keep praying for the renewal of the Holy Spirit in us.

*Fr. Kingsley*

**Last week** Collection: £361 Candles: £6.50 Piety stall:£3.72 Flowers:£2.00 Att: 65

MINISTRIES	10/5/2026	17/5/2026
Church Cleaning	-	Danby & Harvey
Counters	Reid	Foote
Welcome	Farrell/Danby	Collins/Harvey
Hall keeper	M Collins	K Gray
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	R Smith
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Hendry
Sun Reader	A Mitchell, T Coull	E Danby, I Grant
Sun EMoHC	-	C Moir, M Moir
Flowers	C Porter	L Collins
Teas	Brenda & Mike	Kevin

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YouTube: St Margaret's RC Church, Huntly  
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**Welcome:** to all our visitors, feel free to look around our beautiful church, particularly the St John Ogilvie Chapel & Exhibition.

**SCIAF WEE Boxes** thank you to everyone who contributed, the final total transferred to SCIAF this year is £2594.11. Huge thanks to Ron Smith for all his work behind the scenes.

**Ascension Thursday:** This Thursday is a Holiday of Obligation -Mass will be at 9.30am in Keith and 7pm in Buckie.

**World Youth Day: Seoul 2027 survey:** Pope Leo XIV is inviting youth, aged 18-35 from all around the world to join him in August 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. If you are part of the Diocese of Aberdeen, and are interested in joining us for WYD, please register your interest at <https://forms.gle/XzZAcqBVKZkPffjK7> so we have an idea of numbers and you can help create our pilgrim package.

**Heartfelt plea:** we really need more volunteers to take on the tasks required to keep our church running smoothly. In particular, we have only 4 cleaning teams currently, it would be good to have another couple of teams to spread the load. Whatever your God given gifts, please do have a good think about how you might serve our church, and speak to Deacon Graeme or Father Kingsley if you wish to volunteer.

**Mass preparation:** there's an old adage "God loves a tryer" so let's try again to remember ten minutes silence before Mass begins to allow everyone to prepare for the Holy Mass – the "source and summit" of our Faith.

**Light of the North:** the Easter/Spring edition of the diocesan magazine is available now on the diocesan website [LOTN Spring Issue 61 2026](#)

**Pluscarden Lectures:** the annual lectures will take place between 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May at Pluscarden Abbey. "Heaven, Earth and Jesus: The Mysteries of Christian Eschatology", a series of four talks given by Fr Simon Francis Gaine OP, Professor of Theological Anthropology, Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, Rome. More details on Pluscarden's website.

**Second collections this month:** 9/10 Maintenance Fund; 23/24 Communications; 30/31: Day for Life.

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

**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: May: That everyone might have food:** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**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	
PPC	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm
Ascension day	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Pentecost Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Pluscarden Lectures	26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Scalan Pilgrimage	14 <sup>th</sup> June
Pluscarden pilgrimage	28 <sup>th</sup> June
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 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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