

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 14 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 14 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 15 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 15 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of Year A	



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



5<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
**14<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of the Year (A II) Psalter Week 2**

**THE ANNOUNCER!**

**Last week**      Collection: £271.20      Att: 54

MINISTRIES	5/7/2026	12/7/2026
Church Cleaning	M & L Collins (July)	M & L Collins (July)
Counters	Collins	Smith
Welcome	Farrell/Danby	Collins/Harvey
Hall keeper	K Cruickshank	R Hendry
Sat Reader	T Brennan	K Cruickshank
Sat EMoHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	E Danby, I Grant	M Le Mero, E Reid
Sun EMoHC	C Moir, M Moir	E Danby, I Grant
Flowers	K Foote	K Reid
Teas	Liz & Ron	Carol & Graeme

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God is compassionate and, in His love, He saves us. He has chosen us in His love, not just for our salvation, but that through us others will come to have salvation. He calls the imperfect and empowers them to share the grace and salvation with their brothers and sisters who are also imperfect. In the first reading from Exodus, we hear God speaking to the people of Israel after bringing them out of Egypt. He reminds them of what He has done, bearing them up like an eagle's wings and bringing them to the promised land. God then gives them a calling to be His special possession, a holy nation and kingdom of priests. God chose them for a purpose, to be his own and reflect His presence in the world. This is a pointer to our own Christian calling. The second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans deepens this message about how God loves and saves us and has given us a purpose. *"While we were still weak, Christ died for the ungodly."* God did not wait for us to be perfect to love us, but loved us in our weakness, sin, and brokenness, and gave us Christ, His son.

In the gospel, we see the image of Jesus who is full of compassion for our helpless state. We are all like the crowd, troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. He came to be our shepherd but recognised the need for more shepherds like Him. Thus, He called His twelve disciples and gave them authority to liberate and heal all nations from the clutches of the unclean spirits.

The world today is still full of people who are "troubled and abandoned," searching for meaning and direction. Jesus, who feels with the world and her need for direction, healing and hope, chooses not to do it alone, but to involve His chosen people in that mission of healing and restoration. We have received salvation without paying, and we should pass that grace to others without pay. We may feel unprepared or unworthy, but so were the first disciples. What made the difference was not their strength, but their willingness to respond to the mission.

*Fr. Kingsley*

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

**Fr Peter's 10th priestly anniversary:** 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 by filling out the form: <https://form.jotform.com/260996550056060>

**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.

**HUSH!:** In the basilica of St Mary Major in Rome, where Pope Francis is entombed, there is a special button which is pressed when people start talking in church – it says “hush, shhh!” to remind everyone to lift their minds and hearts to God.

**Heartfelt plea:** Whatever your God given gifts, please do have a good think about how you might serve our church further, and speak to Deacon Graeme or Father Kingsley if you wish to volunteer.

**Light of the North:** the Summer edition is now in production. Any contributions would be valued and welcomed. Please email Cowan Watson ([editor.lightofthenorth@rcda.scot](mailto:editor.lightofthenorth@rcda.scot)). Deadline is 7<sup>th</sup> July.

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

**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: 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 \(rcda.scot\)](http://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	
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 7pm
PPC	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> 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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