

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Divine Mercy Sunday	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Divine Mercy Sunday	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of the 2 nd week of Easter	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 3 rd Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 3 rd Sunday of Easter	



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



12th April 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday (A II) Psalter Week 2

THE ANNOUNCER!

This is Divine Mercy Sunday. On a day like this, the Church invites us to reflect on God's mercy, which saves us from ourselves and sinful inclinations and brings us into communion with one another and God's holy people. The power of divine mercy is real in those who believe in the Lord's resurrection.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us how the believers lived their lives: they were devoted to the Apostles' teachings, fellowship, communal sharing, breaking of bread and prayer. Because they believed in God's mercy through the merits of Jesus' death and resurrection, their lives were changed. They lived in unity, cared for one another, and worshipped joyfully together. That is also what divine mercy does in us.

In the second reading from the first letter of St Peter, He praised God for giving believers a new birth through the resurrection of Jesus, offering them a living hope and an eternal inheritance. Consequently, even when they face trials, their faith is strengthened, leading them to joy and salvation.

In the gospel reading according to John, the disciples were gathered behind closed doors, afraid, uncertain, and burdened by Christ's passing and the experience of the empty tomb. It was heartbreaking for them: they had failed Him, run away, denied him, and even his body had been taken away. But then, Jesus appeared to them, bringing divine mercy: a package of peace and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness in the world. He appeared to them to heal them with divine mercy. Thomas, who doubted, saw Jesus during his second visit in the same manner and believed also.

Blessed are those who have not seen but believe in God's everlasting mercy and love. This is the message you must keep close to your heart this day. Picture the image of the Divine mercy: the white and red rays from the heart of Christ, symbolising the water and blood from the side of Christ, shed for the whole world. Believe in it and thank God for His mercy. Do not doubt, but believe! Let us trust in God's love and seek his everlasting mercy. Let us also be instruments of divine mercy by forgiving one another and engaging in corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week Collection: £313 Easter Offering: £400 Att: 72

MINISTRIES	12/4/2026	19/4/2026
Church Cleaning	-	M & L Collins
Counters	Foote	Mitchell
Welcome	Farrell/Danby	Collins/Harvey
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	R Smith	B Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMoHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	T Coull, A Mitchell	M Farrell, E Danby
Sun EMoHC	M Moir, E Danby	I Grant, A Mitchell
Flowers	E Donaldson, W Davidson	K Reid
Teas	Kevin	Michele & Louis

Useful contacts:

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 Website: www.stthomaskeith.com

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

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.

Funeral Service of our much loved parishioner Mrs Rose Murray will be held on Thursday 16th April at 13.30 here in St Thomas. Her remains will be welcomed into the church on Wednesday at 1600.

Light of the North: the Easter/Spring edition of the diocesan magazine is available now on the diocesan website [LOTN Spring Issue 61 2026](https://www.rcda.scot)

SCIAF WEE Boxes Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can, the current total of £51.67 is well down on previous years. You can also donate at sciaf.org.uk/weeboxes, by calling 0141 354 5555 or by using this QR code which will link it to our parish donations. Thank you.



Pluscarden Lectures: the annual lectures will take place between 26th and 28th 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: 25/26 Bursary & Vocations 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. Next meeting 6th April. Contact: Elizabeth Danby

Tea & coffee in the hall, after Sunday Mass. All welcome.

Pope's Prayer Intention: April: For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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 7 th May 7pm
PPC	Wed 13 th May 7pm
Ascension day	Thurs 14 th May
Pentecost Sunday	24 th May
Pluscarden Lectures	26 th – 28 th May



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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