

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 25 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 25 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 26 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 26 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	

Last week Collection: £221 Maintenance Fund: £32 Att: 59

MINISTRIES	20/9/2026	27/9/2026
Church Cleaning	Danby & Harvey (September)	Danby & Harvey (September)
Counters	Smith	Reid
Welcome	Cruickshank/Coull	Farrell/Danby
Hall keeper	R Hendry	M Collins
Sat Reader	K Schouwenaars-Harms	B Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMoHC	R Hendry	M Collins
Sun Reader	E Reid, M Le Mero	I Grant, M Farrell
Sun EMoHC	-	M Moir, A Mitchell
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Carol & Graeme	Brenda & Mike

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



20th September 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (All) Psalter Week 1

THE ANNOUNCER!

Imagine working hard all day and watching someone who has worked for only a short time receive the same reward as you. It can be difficult not to feel that something is unfair. We naturally compare ourselves with others: I have worked harder. I have sacrificed more. I have been faithful longer. Why should someone else receive the same blessing? Today's readings challenge this way of thinking when it comes to spiritual labours and our relationship with God.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah calls the people to seek the Lord while He may be found and to return to Him. We often try to understand God using our own ideas of fairness, success, and reward. But God's mercy is greater than our calculations. God's thoughts are not our thoughts; his ways are not our ways.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us a beautiful example of someone whose life has become completely centred on Christ. Christ is exalted in them whether alive or dead. He then examined himself in that context: though he desires to be with Christ soon, the longer he lived, the more it allowed him to continue Christ's mission. The important thing is that Christ is glorified in him. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the labourers in the vineyard. Some are hired early in the morning, others at different times during the day, and some only in the final hour. At the end of the day, they all receive the same wage. Those who worked all day complain. From a human point of view, we can understand their reaction. But the landowner reminds them that he has not cheated them. He gave them exactly what they agreed to receive. The problem was not that they were treated unfairly; the problem was that they were comparing their reward with what others received.

The message is a spiritual one: while everyone seeks the truth and meaning of their lives, many find it early in God, but some find it later in life. We should keep seeking the Lord while he can be found. He is seeking to find and engage anyone who longs for Him. He offers all who find Him the reward of eternal life with Him. It is never too late to respond to God.

Fr. Kingsley

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

St John Ogilvie: October 17th 2026 -to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of St John Ogilvie, there will be a special Mass at 11am, followed by a light lunch in the hall. Afterwards, a number of people will share memories of that very special day in Rome. Save the Date!

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>

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.

Second collections coming up: October 10/11 Maintenance Fund; 24/25 MISSIO

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 \(rcda.scot\)](https://www.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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