

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 21 st Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 21 st Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	

Last week Collection: £262.81 Candles:£17.95 Att: 61

MINISTRIES	23/8/2026	30/8/2026
Church Cleaning	Grant & Moir (August)	Grant & Moir (August) Danby & Harvey (September)
Counters	Reid	Foote
Welcome	Cruickshank/Coull	Farrell/Danby
Hall keeper	M Collins	K Gray
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Hendry
Sun Reader	E Danby, I Grant	M Le Mero, E Reid
Sun EMoHC	A Mitchell, R Harvey	M Moir, I Grant
Flowers	L Collins	L Collins
Teas	Brenda & Mike	Kevin

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



23rd August 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (All) Psalter Week 1

THE ANNOUNCER!

We are called today to reflect on the responsibilities God has entrusted to us in the world. God gives all authority, and his grace is available to help us fulfil the responsibility.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah spoke about Shebna, a royal official who was entrusted with an important position. Because he failed to care for the people under his leadership, God declared that the key of David's house (i.e. the authority he had, his position) would be taken from him. Eliakim would be entrusted with that position of honour to care for others. Shebna's authority was taken from him because he didn't exercise that authority responsibly by serving the people under him.

In the second reading, St. Paul extolled the depth of God's wisdom and knowledge. God's ways are beyond our understanding. We may not always understand why God chooses certain people or allows certain things to happen, but we are invited to trust His wisdom. Everything comes from God, exists through Him, and is directed towards Him. Therefore, whatever responsibility or calling we receive should ultimately be used for God's glory and the good of His people.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They give different answers, but then Jesus makes the question personal: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter responds: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus then entrusted Peter with the key to authority (the new responsibility) to be the rock on which the Church of Christ is to be built. He gave him the authority because He knew who Christ was, not because he was a very good administrator. Knowing who Christ is, what God wants of us, and confessing it boldly was enough to give him the authority of the Church.

Today is a special day to pray for leaders: in the Church, in government, businesses, schools and families, for every position, authority, gift, or responsibility is ultimately a trust from God. A good leader will always seek the mind of God, seek peace, love, justice, righteousness, and the common good, rather than selfish gains. The world needs divine intervention and the rise of good people who genuinely care for all of humanity.

Fr. Kingsley

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

Fr Peter 10th Anniversary: Congratulations again to Fr Peter, and enormous thanks to all those involved in the celebration planning and delivery!

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>

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.

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.

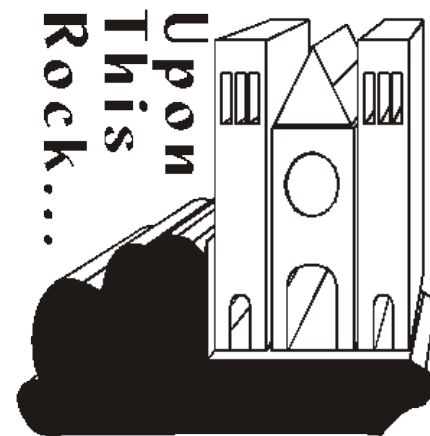
Tea & coffee in the hall, after Sunday Mass. All welcome.

Pope's Prayer Intention: August: For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build communities.

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



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.