

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
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	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 20 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic service: 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	



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



30th August 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (All) Psalter Week 2

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today's readings focus on the message that loving God, following Him and living according to His will is not easy. It will entail being open to face not only the good things of life but the sufferings that may come to us. But then the love of God within us will give us the strength to remain faithful in every situation.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah expressed what he had to face for the sake of his ministry: his suffering and anguish as a prophet. Yet he couldn't resist serving God. He couldn't run away from it. He expressed this relationship as divine seduction, which he freely accepted because He couldn't keep God's word only for himself.

In the second reading, St. Paul told us how we should respond to God's love through offering ourselves in service of Him as a sacrifice. That involves offering our whole lives to God – our time, talents, decisions, relationships, work, and even our difficulties. Hence, we should not be conformed to the world but transformed by the desire to always do God's will. That is the best response to divine love.

In the Gospel, Jesus exposed to His disciples what awaited Him in Jerusalem, his sacrifice for us: his suffering, death and resurrection. Peter couldn't contain the idea that the Christ would suffer and tried to rebuke Jesus, but Jesus cautioned Peter, saying: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me...." He then asked His disciples to take their cross and follow Him if they want to be His true disciples.

The part of a Christian as that of a disciple should be that of openness to whatever challenges may come while living a Christlike life. To be a Christian is not all rosy. Peter had taught it was so, that there was no suffering but constant provision and satisfaction of their needs. So also, the prophet in the first reading. But there will always be times in our lives when the road seems bleak, full of perils, suffering and anxiety. Jesus wants us to learn from and keep on the path. "For the Love of God, let us never give up". Let that be our response, like Jeremiah's feeling of divine seduction. Nothing should separate us from the love of God.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week	Collection: £335.60	Att: 58
MINISTRIES	30/8/2026	6/9/2026
Church Cleaning	Grant & Moir (August) Danby & Harvey (September)	Danby & Harvey (September)
Counters	Foote	Mitchell
Welcome	Farrell/Danby	Collins/Harvey
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	K Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	R Hendry	M Collins
Sun Reader	M Le Mero, E Reid	M Farrell, A Mitchell
Sun EMoHC	M Moir, I Grant	-
Flowers	L Collins	Artificial
Teas	Kevin	Michele & Louis

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

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.

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/diocese-of-aberdeen-safeguarding) 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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