

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 24 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 24 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: 25 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 25 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	



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



13th September 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (All) Psalter Week 4

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today is all about forgiveness and mercy. Sometimes in our lives we are hurt by others. Some hurts we carry for years. Perhaps someone betrayed your trust or treated you unfairly, and every time you remember it, the pain returns.

Sometimes we hold on to such hurts because we feel that forgiving the person means that what they did was acceptable. The word of God today helps us to address those concerns.

In the first reading, the book of Ecclesiasticus spoke strongly about anger, resentment, and revenge. We cannot get healing from God if we nourish anger within us. It reminds us that we are all sinners who need God's mercy. Therefore, we cannot continually ask God to forgive us while refusing to forgive others. Forgiveness is not easy, but it is part of the life of someone who has experienced God's mercy.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminded us that no one lives or dies for themselves, but we all belong to God in life or death. Bringing this to our relationships, if we belong to Christ, then our lives should be guided by Him rather than by anger, revenge, or personal pride. Christ is the one who died and rose again so that He might be Lord of both the living and the dead. Our relationship with Him must therefore influence the way we treat one another.

In the Gospel, Peter came to Jesus with a question regarding how many times to forgive someone who hurts us. He probably added the number seven, imagining it was already generous. However, Jesus responded with a ten-fold and seven-fold multiplication. "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times". In other words, forgiveness should not be limited by counting. Then Jesus told them the parable of the unforgiving servant, whose debt was forgiven, but he wouldn't forgive another person.

Think of the mercy you have received from God and allow that mercy to flow through you to others. We forgive because we have been forgiven. We show mercy because we have received mercy. If you are still finding it difficult to forgive, perhaps the wound is still in your heart and still painful. You shouldn't pretend that nothing happened, but should begin the journey of forgiveness by placing the hurt into God's hands.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week	Collection: £423.50	Att: 59
MINISTRIES	13/9/2026	20/9/2026
Church Cleaning	Danby & Harvey (September)	Danby & Harvey (September)
Counters	Collins	Smith
Welcome	Gray/James	Cruickshank/Coull
Hall keeper	K Cruickshank	R Hendry
Sat Reader	K Cruickshank	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Hendry
Sun Reader	T Coull, M Danby	E Reid, M Le Mero
Sun EMoHC	R Harvey, M Moir	-
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Liz & Ron	Carol & Graeme

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

Please pray for: the repose of the soul of our parishioner Annette Blyth who died recently. Her funeral will be private, at her own request, on Monday. We keep in our prayers her daughter Ann and son-in-law Bill.

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: 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: 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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