

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Feast of St Thomas the Apostle	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 14 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 14 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of Year A	



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



**28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul (A II) Psalter Week 1**

**THE ANNOUNCER!**

Today we celebrate two great apostles – Peter and Paul, the princes of the apostles, very different in personality, background, and journey, but united by their total commitment to Christ: Peter, the vicar of Christ, and Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we find Peter in prison, chained and guarded, with no human way out. Everything seemed to be over. However, the Church was praying for him. Then, in the quiet of the night, God acted, and by an angel's hands, Peter was led out to freedom. The message here is not just about physical liberty, but about God breaking the chains that bind us and keep us hopeless. It also shows us the power of the Church in prayer.

In the second reading, Paul speaks emotionally like a man nearing the end of his journey. He looked back at the way he lived out his calling and felt at peace, not because it was all rosy or thorny, but because he was faithful at his post. In all he passed through, he recognised that it was not by his strength alone. "The Lord stood by me and strengthened me." A faithful disciple is confident that they are not alone, but the Lord is with them.

In the Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples a deeply personal question: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responded with conviction: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Because of this confession, Jesus gave him the name Peter, declaring: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church". Simon Peter was chosen not because he was perfect, but because in his imperfection, he was open to God's grace to work in Him through faith in Jesus. He was courageous enough to confess his faith.

Today is a great day to renew and profess our faith, even with our weaknesses. We do it because we want to open ourselves to Christ, who perfects and makes us as solid as a rock. Let us keep trusting in God's power to free and guide us in this world, so that in the end we can stand with confidence before God because we have been faithful to Him like Saints Peter and Paul.

*Fr. Kingsley*

**Last week**      Collection: £350      Att: 62

MINISTRIES	28/6/2026	5/7/2026
Church Cleaning	T & P Brennan (June)	M & L Collins (July)
Counters	Mitchell	Collins
Welcome	Cruickshank/Coull	Farrell/Danby
Hall keeper	K James	K Cruickshank
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	R Hendry	M Collins
Sun Reader	A Mitchell, T Coull	E Danby, I Grant
Sun EMoHC	R Harvey, E Danby	C Moir, M Moir
Flowers	K Foote	K Foote
Teas	Michele & Louis	Liz & Ron

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

**Pluscarden Pilgrimage:** Today, Mass at 3pm, Confessions and Adoration beforehand. Refreshments available – why not take a picnic?

**Please pray for:** the peaceful repose of the soul of our friend and much-loved parishioner Frank Farquharson RIP, who died on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. His funeral will be in St Thomas's on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 1pm. His remains will be received into the church on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm.

**Fr Peter's 10th priestly anniversary:** On Saturday, 22nd August 2026, Fr Peter will celebrate a special Mass to mark his 10th priestly anniversary at St Margaret's RC Church, Huntly, followed by a reception at St Thomas's Hall, Keith. It would be lovely if everyone could attend and join in the celebration, as we are all invited. A big congratulations to Fr Peter. For catering, please inform the organisers of your attendance by filling out the form:

<https://form.jotform.com/260996550056060>

**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.

**HUSH!** In the basilica of St Mary Major in Rome, where Pope Francis is entombed, there is a special button which is pressed when people start talking in church – it says “hush, shhh!” to remind everyone to lift their minds and hearts to God.

**Heartfelt plea:** Whatever your God given gifts, please do have a good think about how you might serve our church further, and speak to Deacon Graeme or Father Kingsley if you wish to volunteer.

**Light of the North:** the Summer edition is now in production. Any contributions would be valued and welcomed. Please email Cowan Watson ([editor.lightofthenorth@rcda.scot](mailto:editor.lightofthenorth@rcda.scot)). Deadline is 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**Second collections this month:** June: 27/28 Peter's Pence. July: 11/12 Apostleship of the Sea; 18/19 Maintenance 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. Contact: Elizabeth Danby.

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

**Pope's Prayer Intention: June: For the values of sports:** Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth. **July: For respect for human life:** Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

**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 \(rcda.scot\)](http://rcda.scot) and the text of **In God's Image (V2)** is accessed through the Bishops Conference website.

Diary Dates	
Pluscarden pilgrimage	28 <sup>th</sup> June Mass at 3pm
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 7pm
PPC	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug 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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