

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 4 th Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 4 th Sunday of Easter	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: St Joseph the Worker on Friday of the 4 th week of Easter	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 5 th Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 5 th Sunday of Easter	



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



26th April 2026
4th Sunday of Easter (A II) Psalter Week 4

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. We are invited to reflect on Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of our souls, who cares for his flock and guides us all to our eternal home and to the Father. He is not only the Good Shepherd, but also the Gate to the Sheepfold.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we continue to hear Peter's testimony at Pentecost. Peter spoke boldly to the crowd, revealing that the Jesus they crucified is both Lord and Messiah. The people were "cut to the heart". The expression suggests that the preaching moved them to *metanoia* (a change of heart). Their question, "What shall we do?" confirms their desire to accept the change happening in them. All that is required of anyone touched by God's word is repentance and baptism, so that the Holy Spirit will make a home in those persons.

In the second reading from the first letter of St. Peter, he encouraged believers, who do good and find themselves suffering because of the good, to learn patience and endurance from Christ, who left us an example by the way He endured all wrong done to Him despite the good He did for humanity. We should learn from Him, the Good Shepherd and overseer of our souls. This reading challenges our human instinct to retaliate or justify wrongdoing by pointing to Christ's example. "By his wounds you have been healed".

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus described himself as both the gate and the shepherd. This description was to teach His disciples about His relationship with them. A shepherd knows his sheep, calls them by name, and leads them to safety and life. Jesus contrasted the Shepherd with "strangers" and "thieves and robbers", who represent voices that confuse, exploit, or mislead the flock. Jesus concludes by affirming His pastoral mission: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

As we reflect on Jesus the Good Shepherd, it is important to pray for the bishops, priests and deacons who are called and ordained to keep the pastoral mission of Jesus Christ ongoing in our world. Pray for vocations to the priesthood; pray that our clergy will live like the Good Shepherd, and not like the Strangers, thieves or robbers of souls.

Last week Collection: £ 341.10 Att: 57

MINISTRIES	26/4/2026	3/5/2026
Church Cleaning	-	Grant & Moir
Counters	Collins	Smith
Welcome	Gray/James	Cruickshank/Coull
Hall keeper	K Cruickshank	R Hendry
Sat Reader	T Brennan	K Cruickshank
Sat EMoHC	R Hendry	M Collins
Sun Reader	I Grant, M Le Mero	E Reid, M Farrell
Sun EMoHC	-	E Danby, C Moir
Flowers	K Reid	C Porter
Teas	Liz & Ron	Carol & Graeme

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Fr. Kingsley

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

The Hall Committee would like to thank Thomas Brennan for repairing & replacing guttering damaged by the winter snows.

Donation: The family of the late Rose Murray have kindly donated the funeral collection of £420 to the Church Funds. Many thanks to Bryan, Gill, and families. They are in our prayers.

World Youth Day: Seoul 2027 survey: Pope Leo XIV is inviting youth, aged 18-35 from all around the world to join him in August 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. If you are part of the Diocese of Aberdeen, and are interested in joining us for WYD, please register your interest at <https://forms.gle/XzZAcqBVKZkPffjK7> so we have an idea of numbers and you can help create our pilgrim package.

Heartfelt plea: we really need more volunteers to take on the tasks required to keep our church running smoothly. In particular, we have only 4 cleaning teams currently, it would be good to have another couple of teams to spread the load. Whatever your God given gifts, please do have a good think about how you might serve our church, and speak to Deacon Graeme or Father Kingsley if you wish to volunteer.

Mass preparation: there's an old adage "God loves a tryer" so let's try again to remember ten minutes silence before Mass begins to allow everyone to prepare for the Holy Mass – the "source and summit" of our Faith.

Light of the North: the Easter/Spring edition of the diocesan magazine is available now on the diocesan website [LOTN Spring Issue 61 2026](#)

SCIAF WEE Boxes Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can, the current total is down on previous years. You can also donate at sciaf.org.uk/weeboxes, by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

Pluscarden Lectures: the annual lectures will take place between 26th and 28th May at Pluscarden Abbey. "Heaven, Earth and Jesus: The Mysteries of Christian Eschatology", a series of four talks given by Fr Simon Francis Gaine OP, Professor of Theological Anthropology, Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, Rome. More details on Pluscarden's website.

Second collections this month: 25/26 Bursary & Vocations 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.

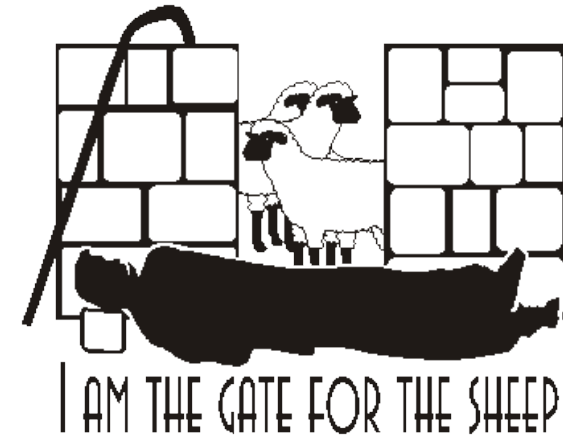
Prayer Group: Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Contact: Elizabeth Danby

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

Pope's Prayer Intention: April: For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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

Diary Dates	
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 7 th May 7pm
PPC	Wed 13 th May 7pm
Ascension day	Thurs 14 th May
Pentecost Sunday	24 th May
Pluscarden Lectures	26 th – 28 th May



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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