

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 7 th Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 7 th Sunday of Easter	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of the 7 th week of Easter	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Pentecost Sunday	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: Pentecost Sunday	



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



17th May 2026
7th Sunday of Easter (A II) Psalter Week 3

THE ANNOUNCER!

We are in the time of waiting and prayer for the celebration of Pentecost. Jesus has returned to the Father so that the Holy Spirit may come upon the disciples and remain with them. We join the disciples today to wait in hope for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The first reading from Acts of the Apostles describes what the disciples did after Jesus' ascension. They gathered together in the upper room, united in prayer, with Mary, the mother of Jesus. The description paints a beautiful image of the early Church: a community that waits on the Lord, in faith and communion. A community where the mother of Jesus is found, praying with and for the Church. The disciples are teaching us today to stay together and be prayerful for the Lord's manifestation.

In the second reading from the first letter of St Peter, he introduces another important dimension of the Christian life: suffering for the sake of Christ. He tells us to rejoice insofar as we share in the sufferings of Christ. Suffering is something we naturally try to avoid. But Peter reminds us that when we endure difficulties because of our faith, because of waiting on the Lord, we are sharing in the life of Christ Himself.

In the Gospel of John, we hear part of what is often called Jesus' priestly prayer. Though the prayer was said before Jesus' passion and death, the words sound prophetic: he knew what was going to happen and that He would leave his disciples and ultimately ascend back to the Father. He lifted His eyes to heaven and prayed for His disciples. He entrusted them to the Father's care. In the prayer, he revealed to the disciples that He and the Father are one, and how the disciples participate in divine life by being one with Him.

As we wait for the Spirit of the Lord with the disciples, let us do so in patient trust. In the Holy Spirit, we participate fully in the life of God, for He is the Spirit of Christ who remains with us until the end of time. Let us wait in prayer for the Holy Spirit of unity, that He may unite the members of Christ's body – the Church and that in us, God may be glorified.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week Collection: £286 Holy Places of Jerusalem £15 Att: 60

MINISTRIES	17/5/2026	24/5/2026
Church Cleaning	Danby & Harvey	-
Counters	Footie	Mitchell
Welcome	Collins/Harvey	Gray/James
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	R Smith	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMOHC	R Hendry	M Collins
Sun Reader	E Danby, I Grant	M Le Mero, E Reid
Sun EMOHC	C Moir, M Moir	-
Flowers	L Collins	L Collins
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.

Congratulations to Kathleen Foote who is our new chairperson for Fabric/Finance committee, she takes over from Margaret Farrell. The Parish wish to thank Margaret for guiding our church through a few very difficult years, and leaving us now in a healthy financial position. Margaret will continue to help us with her substantial knowledge and experience on the committee.

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: 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.

Mass preparation: please 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](#)

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: 23/24 Communications; 30/31: Day for Life.

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: May: That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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	
Pentecost Sunday	24 th May
Pluscarden Lectures	26 th – 28 th May
Scalan Pilgrimage	14 th June Mass at 4pm
Pluscarden pilgrimage	28 th June Mass at 3pm
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 13 th Aug 7pm
PPC	Wed 19 th 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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