

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Pentecost Sunday	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Pentecost Sunday	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of the 8 th week in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	



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DIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE BIRTHPLACE OF ST JOHN OGILVIE



24th May 2026
Pentecost Sunday (A II) Psalter Week 4

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost, the great feast of the Holy Spirit, when He descended on the disciples and made them into a missionary Church.

In the first reading from Acts, we read the dramatic scene of how the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, and they became witnesses to the gospel. They were together praying fervently when suddenly there was a sound like a strong wind, and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages. They used to be afraid, hiding behind locked doors, but are now bold and fearless, proclaiming the Gospel. People from many nations heard them speaking in their own languages; many tongues but one message.

In the second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he reminds us that our diversity is part of God's plan. "There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit..." Each person is gifted, but all together are important. The Spirit does not work in the same way in everyone, yet all these gifts are meant for one purpose: the good of the whole community. It is just like the image of the body: though many parts, but one body. No part is unnecessary. No gift is insignificant. Whether we are called to lead, to serve, to teach, to encourage, or simply to be present with love, we all belong.

In the Gospel, we return to that earlier moment, after Jesus' resurrection, when the disciples were still afraid. The doors were locked for fear of the Jews, but Jesus came and stood among them, saying, "Peace be with you" twice, which was important: the first seemed to be a standard greeting, but the second time was to emphasise that it is his gift to them who were afraid, but can now really see He is alive. He breathed the Holy Spirit in them for the forgiveness of sins.

Just as God breathed life into humanity at creation, Jesus now breathes new life into his disciples and the Church. The Holy Spirit is God's own life within us to bind us together in our diversity, to embolden us to witness to Christ, build up the Church, serve others and bring forgiveness and healing in the world.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week Collection: £487.20 Att: 63

MINISTRIES	24/5/2026	31/5/2026
Church Cleaning	-	-
Counters	Mitchell	Collins
Welcome	Gray/James	Cruickshank/Coull
Hall keeper	K James	K Cruickshank
Sat Reader	K Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	M Le Mero, E Reid	M Farrell, A Mitchell
Sun EMoHC	I Grant, E Danby	M Moir, E Danby
Flowers	L Collins	W Davidson
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.

Request from Bishop's Conference: BCoS has asked for views and opinions on the future of diocesan organisation within Scotland. The full paper has been placed on our website and Facebook page. There is a very tight turn around, so Fr Kingsley has suggested we have a brief meeting over teas after Mass on Sunday to formulate a response. Anyone who cannot manage is encouraged to respond individually or in groups as directed in the document.

St Thomas School Strawberry Tea: In St Thomas Hall, Wed 27th May 1.30-3.00pm, including a concert by St Thomas pupils 1.45 -2.30pm. Chocolate Tombola Stall. Entry free, donations for refreshments. All welcome.

Church cleaning: at the recent PPC meeting it was agreed that cleaning sessions will be cut to monthly instead of fortnightly due to the reduced number of volunteers. As always, thanks are due to all those who continue to carry out this task.

Choir Loft: Thanks to parishioners John Donaldson for using his joinery skills to add a ledge to the front pew in the choir loft. It has hit a real high note with our treasured singers.

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.

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 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	
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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