

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Mass: The Baptism of Our Lord	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: The Baptism of Our Lord	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of week 1 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Mass: 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	



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



11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord (A II) Psalter Week 1

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This feast concludes the Christmas season and launches the public ministry of Jesus with the beginning of the ordinary time of the year. At the baptism of Jesus at the River Jordan, we get that symbolic image of the meeting point of the Messiah and the people to be redeemed. Jesus came to the baptismal water not because He needed it, but that He might be close to people preparing for His coming.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah spoke of the servant of the Lord, chosen, exalted and filled with the spirit of the Lord. He doesn't shout or break the bruised reed, but he brings justice and compassion faithfully in the exercise of his ministry to the people. Isaiah's prophecy is clearly how Jesus started and carried out his ministry – not with force, but humility. He stood alongside sinners seeking salvation by entering the baptismal water.

In the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter in the house of Cornelius proclaimed the good news about Jesus the Godman: how God isn't partial in the way He sees us all, and how Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and power, going about doing good and healing all who were oppressed.

In the Gospel reading, we are presented with the story of Jesus' baptism. When the baptism took place, there was another experience of revelation of who Jesus is. The heavens opened, the Spirit descended on Him like a dove, and the Father's voice was heard declaring: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of how Jesus identified with our humanity. He entered our world and came close to the fallen humanity so that we might rise and enter into new life in Him. Jesus, at His baptism, sanctified the waters of baptism so that those who enter it are not only cleansed of their sins, but they become children of God; they participate in the filiality of Jesus to the Father. Let this feast remind us of our baptism and let us renew our baptismal commitment to live as God's beloved sons and daughters, guided by the Spirit, and dedicated to doing good just as Jesus did.

Last week	Collection: £ none	Att(Sat): 10
MINISTRIES	11/1/2026	18/11/2026
Church Cleaning	Grant & Moir	-
Counters	Collins	Smith
Welcome	Gray/Coull	Cruickshank/Danby
Hall keeper	K Cruickshank	R Hendry
Sat Reader	K Cruickshank	B Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMOHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	T Coull, E Reid	I Grant, M Le Mero
Sun EMOHC	-	R Harvey, A Mitchell
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Pauline & Keith	Brenda & Mike

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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.

New Year wishes: Fr Kingsley and Fr Peter wish everyone the joys, blessings and compliments of the season.

Crib: because of all the snow the Crib cannot be dismantled this Saturday but it will now be on Saturday, January 17, at 10am. Hoping for as big a turnout of volunteers as for the Crib going up.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Coull (Theresa's husband) who died on Tuesday morning. His funeral service will be held in St Thomas on Monday 19th January at 1pm. May he rest in peace.

Nancy Jamieson's funeral service will be held on Wednesday 14th at 1.30pm. Her remains will be received into the Church on Tuesday at 4pm.

Hospital Chaplain: Deacon Graeme is very happy to visit parishioners in hospital, but he needs to know if you or a loved one is in that position. Hospitals are not allowed to pass on that information, so please just give him a ring.

Annual leave: by the time of printing, Fr Kingsley should have returned from his break (Storm Goretti permitting) and Fr Peter will return during the week, straight back to his studies. Please pray for their safe travel.

Friday Masses: throughout the winter months these will be in the parish house, enter via the sacristy please.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen Youth Events: Just to let you know that our diocesan youth have many opportunities to come together in Christian fellowship. Listed below are just some of the upcoming events. 20-22 February – Boys "JP11" Tomintoul Retreat for S3-S6 boys

For more information or to register please contact Sr. Angela Marie at op@rcda.scot or telephone 07938729895

Prayer Group: Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Next meeting 12th January 2026, weather permitting. Contact: Elizabeth Danby

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

Communications: on the diocesan website (rcda.scot), if you click Contact on the drop down menu, and scroll down, you will find a pro forma to sign up for the Diocesan newsletter, and to opt in to other communications.

Pope's Prayer Intention: January: For prayer with the Word of God, that it may nourish our lives and be a source of hope in our communities.

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	
Fabric & Finance	Thurs 12 th Feb 7pm
PPC	Thurs 19 th Feb 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.