

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	8.00pm Easter Vigil	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Easter Day	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Easter Friday	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: Divine Mercy Sunday	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Divine Mercy Sunday	



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



5th April 2026
Easter Sunday (A II) Psalter Week 1

THE ANNOUNCER!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Today, we celebrate the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and grace over sin. Our hope has been revived by what has happened. It does not end in the tomb but in eternal life, and we are a people of the Resurrection. Jesus, the resurrection and life, who raised others like Lazarus, the son of the Widow of Nain and Jairus' daughter from death, has himself risen from the dead so that we may have hope in our own resurrection when our time comes.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter testified about Jesus. He proclaimed to the people that God doesn't show favouritism, but His Good News is for everyone, not just one group. Peter summarised Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, emphasising that Jesus is Lord of all and that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins.

In the second reading, from St Paul's letter to the Colossians, he encouraged believers to focus on their new life in Christ, rather than on earthly concerns. Since they have been raised with Christ, they should set their hearts and minds on heavenly things, because their true life is now hidden with Christ in heaven.

The gospel of John described the discovery of the empty tomb as the first experience of the resurrection, to remind us that the resurrection story wasn't just something the disciples wished for and made up. They grew in the knowledge that Jesus was alive. Mary Magdalene found the stone removed, and Peter and the other disciples confirmed that Jesus' body wasn't there. At this time, they had not understood that He must rise from the dead. They will gradually realise the message of resurrection.

The stone has been rolled away from Jesus' tomb, but it is also rolled away from our hearts. That is the stone of disbelief in the power of God, who raises the dead and does the impossible. The power of God is at work in us, reviving our faith in God's grace of new life. May that fire of faith in the resurrection burn in us this Easter. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Last week Collection: £485.06 Candles £3.41 Piety Stall £3.50 Att: 66

MINISTRIES	5/4/2026	12/4/2026
Church Cleaning	T & P Brennan	-
Counters	Reid	Foote
Welcome	Cruickshank/Coull	Farrell/Danby
Hall keeper	M Collins	K Gray
Sat Reader	As emailed	R Smith
Sat EMoHC	R Hendry, M Collins	M Collins
Sun Reader	M Le Mero, E Reid	T Coull, A Mitchell
Sun EMoHC	L Le Mero, I Grant	M Moir, E Danby
Flowers	E Donaldson, W Davidson	E Donaldson, W Davidson
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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.

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.

Easter Vigil: 8pm starting with the lighting of the new fire outside the church then celebrate Easter in the hall with a refreshment and Easter cakes. All welcome.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs Rose Murray who died last Friday. We keep her family, Bryan, Gill and Ashley and their families in our prayers.

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 WEE BOX, BIG THANKS From everyone at SCIAF, we wish you and your family a joyful and blessed Easter filled with peace and hope. Thank you for your generous support of this year's WEE BOX Appeal. Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can.. You can also donate at sciaf.org.uk/weeboxes, by calling 0141 354 5555 or by using this QR code which will link it to our parish donations. Thank you.



Buckie Choral Union: will give an Easter Concert on Saturday 11th April, featuring Stainer's "The Crucifixion" which tells the story of Our Lord's Passion, and other pieces including a beautiful arrangement of "Tantum Ergo", and the ever-popular "All in the April Evening". 7.30pm in Buckie Methodist Church, tickets available from choir members, online via [ticketsource](#) and at the door. All very welcome.

Second collections this month: Easter Offering: repairs to heating system (approx. £2000); 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. Next meeting 6th April. 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



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.