

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 26 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 26 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 24 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 27 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 27 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	



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



27th September 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (All) Psalter Week 2

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today, we are invited to evaluate the correlation between what we say and what we do. Do our words reflect our actions and vice versa? The readings draw us to look beyond what we say and examine how we live. They remind us that what matters to God is our willingness to turn back to Him and do His will, not mere words.

In the first reading, through the prophet Ezekiel, God responded to people who questioned His justice. They thought God's ways were unfair, but God made it clear that He looks at the direction of a person's life. If someone who has been doing wrong turns away from sin and begins to live rightly, that person will live. The important thing is conversion, that readiness to turn to God and away from evil and sinful ways.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Philippians to have the same mind among themselves that was in Christ Jesus – the mind of obedience to the Father's will; to be one in mind and heart with Jesus. He went on to describe Jesus' humility: though Jesus was divine, He humbled Himself and became a servant, becoming obedient even to death on a cross. For this reason, He was exalted by the Father.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of two sons. Their father asks both to go and work in the vineyard. The first declined but later went to the vineyard, while the second agreed to go but didn't. The one who did the Father's will, as was agreed by everyone, is the first son. Jesus used this story to challenge those who appeared religious on the outside but refused to accept God's call, unlike many tax collectors and prostitutes at the time.

The questions to us today: Is our Christian life only by lip service, or do we daily live according to Christ's life? Are we, by our actions, one in mind and heart with Jesus Christ? Do we examine ourselves and have the daily conversion from any life or action that doesn't give glory to God? We can say our prayers, come to Mass, speak about God, and still fail to live by God's will. Our words of affirmation to God are important, but our lives must reflect the same every day.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week	Collection: £	Maintenance Fund: £	Att:
MINISTRIES	27/9/2026	4/10/2026	
Church Cleaning	Danby & Harvey (September)	S Burts (October)	
Counters	Reid	Footie	
Welcome	Farrell/Danby		
Hall keeper	M Collins	K Gray	
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan	
Sat EMoHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms	
Sun Reader	I Grant, M Farrell	A Mitchell, T Coull	
Sun EMoHC	M Moir, A Mitchell	-	
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial	
Teas	Brenda & Mike	Kevin	

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Website: www.stthomaskeith.com

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

Tombola Prizes: Over the weekends of October 3/4 and 10/11, you will be able to register prizes you can give for the Tombola. It is the parish's main fundraiser of the year so please give generously. Details will be taken at the door. Any help you can give on the night of Wednesday, October 21, will also be welcomed.

St John Ogilvie: October 17th 2026 -to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of St John Ogilvie, there will be a special Mass at 11am, followed by a light lunch in the hall. Afterwards, a number of people will share memories of that very special day in Rome. Save the Date!

Grief to Grace – A Healing Retreat for Victims of Abuse – 22nd to 27th February 2027 – Perth

Grief to Grace is a specialised 5-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious / member of the clergy. If you are interested in this confidential healing retreat, please contact: margaret.clarke@griegtograceuk.org

Youth Events: 13-15 November S4-6 Retreat, Tomintoul.

For more information, Contact Sr. Angela Marie at op@rcda.scot or 07938 729895. Also at <https://www.rcda.scot/diocese-of-aberdeen-youth-events-2026-27>

Young Adult Study Day: We spend our lives searching for things that are true, good, and beautiful. But why do these things matter so much to us? Join the Dominican friars and sisters, in collaboration with Revive Scotland, for a day exploring one of the great themes of the Catholic tradition: the transcendentals. The day will include talks, workshops, prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. Saturday 3 October, 10:00 16:30, St Mary's House, Aberdeen. For more information or to register go to: <https://english.op.org/godzdogz/dya-study-day-truth-beauty-goodness/>

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.

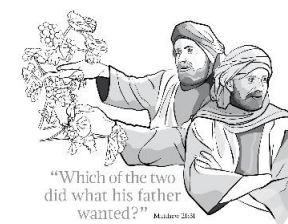
St Thomas' Church is open each day from **10am to 3pm** for private prayer. Please note, the church may not be open on weekdays in the event of severe weather.

Pope's Prayer Intention: September: For the care of water: Let us pray for the just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have access to it.

October: For mental health ministry: Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the church, helping overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness or poor mental health.

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

Diary Dates	
St John Ogilvie 50 th anniversary	Sat 17 th October 11am
Parish Tombola	Wed 21 st October 7pm
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 12 th November 7pm
Parish Pastoral Council	Wed 18 th November 7pm
Confirmation	Sun 20 th December 10.30am



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