

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 18 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 18 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 18 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 19 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 19 th Ordinary Sunday of Year A	



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



2nd August 2026
18th Ordinary Sunday of the Year (A II) Psalter Week 2

THE ANNOUNCER!

Many people spend their lives searching for happiness, peace, and fulfilment in possessions, achievements, or relationships, only to discover that something is still missing. Today's word of God is about the satisfaction of our deepest hunger, which only God can do. So, we are invited to come and be satisfied by God Himself.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah extends that beautiful invitation that all who thirst may come to the satisfying water at no cost and have free food and drink. God is inviting His people to receive freely what they cannot buy with money, which includes His love, mercy, and the life He alone can give. If God offers these freely to us, why should anybody look elsewhere at a cost for what is unsatisfying? God calls us today for only He can fill our hearts' emptiness.

In the second reading, St. Paul's words should be our reaffirmation of faith in God who invites us to be satisfied by Him. He asked, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" He mentioned tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, danger, and even death, but concluded with a triumphant answer: "in all these things we are more than conquerors"; nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Nothing will separate us from God who alone can satisfy our deepest longing.

In the Gospel, after hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus withdrew to a lonely place. Yet the crowds followed Him. He could have left them or sent them away at some point during the day, but he was filled with compassion for them. He healed the sick, and when the day was ending, He fed more than five thousand people with just five loaves and two fish. The crowds sought him sincerely to fill their emptiness and found Jesus, who gave them both physical and spiritual satisfaction.

As Jesus used the little food the disciples had to multiply for all, He knows all our hearts and our little sacrifices for our good and for others, and how we approach Him with trust, placing everything in His hands to make them better. May He help us and all who seek Him to find lasting satisfaction for our hunger and the needs of our world today.

Last week	Collection: £367	Att: 76
MINISTRIES	2/8/2026	9/8/2026
Church Cleaning	Grant & Moir (August)	Grant & Moir (August)
Counters	Mitchell	Collins
Welcome	Farrell/Danby	Collins/Harvey
Hall keeper	K James	K Cruickshank
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars_Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars_Harms	R Hendry
Sun Reader	E Reid, M Le Mero	I Grant, M Farrell
Sun EMoHC	C Moir, I Grant	M Moir, A Mitchell
Flowers	E Danby	E Donaldson
Teas	Michele & Louis	Liz & Ron

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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.

Clergy: we are back to a full cohort this weekend, as Fr Peter returns from Nigeria until he resumes his studies in September.

Fr Peter 10th Anniversary: Saturday 22nd August at 11am Mass in St Margaret's, Huntly, followed by a lunch reception in St Thomas Hall, Keith. Hope you signed up!

Hospital visiting: please remember to contact Deacon Graeme if you or any of your family are in hospital. He is always happy to visit.

Weekday Mass attendance: We are all encouraged to be part of our Weekday Mass community. The Friday Mass is a special day for adoration, confessions and offering prayers for specific intentions of our community. If you live locally, or are retired, your attendance is a great way to support your local church.

St John Ogilvie: October 17th 2026 will see the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of St John Ogilvie, a huge milestone for our parish. A celebration to mark the occasion is currently being planned, so Save the Date!

Second collections this month: August: 8/9 Maintenance Fund

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: August: For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build 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 \(rcda.scot\)](https://www.rcda.scot) and the text of **In God's Image (V2)** is accessed through the Bishops Conference website.

Diary Dates	
Fabric & Finance Committee	Thurs 13 th Aug 7pm
PPC	Wed 19 th Aug 7pm
Fr Peter's Anniversary	Sat 22 nd Aug 11am
St John Ogilvie 50 th anniversary	Sat 17 th October 11am

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.