

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 29 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 29 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 30 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 30 th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A	



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



18th October 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (All) Psalter Week 1

THE ANNOUNCER!

We have our responsibilities to God and the society in which we live. Sometimes, we may wonder how to balance our faith with our work, our civic duties, and the demands of everyday life. Today's readings remind us that God is the Lord of all things, and our faith should influence every aspect of our lives. We are called to fulfil our responsibilities in the world without forgetting that we ultimately belong to God.

In the first reading, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah about Cyrus, the king of Persia. God chose Cyrus to accomplish His plan of liberating His people. Cyrus might not have known the Lord as the Israelites did, yet God used him to fulfil His plan. Here is a lesson for us: God can work through unexpected people to bring about His Will. We must trust divine wisdom and do our part in society.

In the second reading, St. Paul praised the Christians in Thessalonica for their faith, love, and hope, which were visible in their way of life. Their Christian faith was producing concrete laudable fruits in society. In the same way, our relationship with God should be seen in how we work, how we love others, and how we persevere in difficult times.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees and Herodians tried to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. If He said taxes should be paid, some might have accused Him of supporting Roman oppression. If He said they should not be paid, He might have been accused of opposing the Roman authorities. Jesus knew their intentions. He asked for the coin used to pay taxes, which had Caesar's image and then said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

We must fulfil our civic duties, respect the law, and contribute to the common good. In doing so, we must remember that everything ultimately belongs to God. We are created in the image of God; we are like the coin bearing the image of God. Therefore, we must render our whole self to God. Let all we do in this life, in the Church, to our neighbours and the state be done through faith and in honour of God whose image we bear.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week Collection: £246.50 Maintenance Fund £25.52 Att: 64

MINISTRIES	18/10/2026	25/10/2026
Church Cleaning	S Burts (October)	S Burts (October)
Counters	Collins	Smith
Welcome	Cruickshank/Coull	Farrell/Danby
Hall keeper	K Cruickshank	R Hendry
Sat Reader	K Schouwenaars-Harms	B Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMoHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	M Le Mero, E Reid	M Farrell, A Mitchell
Sun EMoHC	E Danby, C Moir	R Harvey, M Moir
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Liz & Ron	Carol & Graeme

Useful contacts:

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

Tombola: Please do come along to St Thomas Hall on Wednesday, this is the main fundraiser for the church, and the prizes are usually well above the average! Any help you can give on the night of Wednesday, October 21, will also be welcomed.

St John Ogilvie: Many thanks to all involved in the organisation of this event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of St John Ogilvie, a very special occasion indeed.

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>

Special collections in October: 24/25 MISSIO

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

Diary Dates	
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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