

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 1 st Sunday of Advent	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 1 st Sunday of Advent	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of week 34 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	5.30pm Vigil Mass: 2 nd Sunday of Advent	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 2 nd Sunday of Advent	



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



30th November 2025
1st Sunday in Advent (All) Psalter Week 1

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today, we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent, a time of hopeful waiting, prayerful preparation, and joyful expectation for the coming of Christ. Advent reminds us that Christ has already come in history, that He comes to us daily in grace, and that He will come again in glory. Those who are spiritually awake or prepared will meet Him when He visits us. So, we are invited to wake up, open our hearts and walk in God's light.

Isaiah, in the first reading, prophesied about the future, saying that all nations will stream toward the mountain of the Lord, seeking His ways and His peace. Swords will be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, meaning that tools of violence will become tools of life. This prophecy is about the coming of the Son of Man. To work towards making it a reality, he invites us to come and walk in the light of the Lord.

St. Paul, in the second reading, urged his listeners and us to wake up from spiritual slumber. "The night is far gone, the day is at hand." He urged us to walk properly as in the daytime, casting off the works of darkness. Jesus, the sun of justice will shine like the daylight on us. Advent is all about this spiritual alertness, this spiritual walk in God's light of holiness and grace as we await Christ's coming.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminded His disciples of the days of Noah, how people were so busy with daily life that they failed to notice God's call to walk in his light. That is how the coming of the Son of Man will be. Many people may just be living their lives and not preparing for Him. This message is not intended to frighten us, but to always keep us aware and ready. Jesus will come suddenly like a thief in the night.

The Lord's coming at Christmas, in our daily life, and at the end of time is a blessing and worth celebrating. Make room for Jesus now. Live with the dignity of His presence. Let His light shape your desires, your lifestyle, and your choices. As we begin this time of preparation for Christmas, may our hearts be awake with hope, faith, joy and love.

Fr. Kingsley

Last week Collection:£376.50 Att: 60

MINISTRIES	30/11/2025	7/12/2025
Church Cleaning	T & P Brennan	-
Counters	Mitchell	Collins
Welcome	Farrell/Harvey	Collins/James
Hall keeper	K James	K Cruickshank
Sat Reader	T Brennan	K Cruickshank
Sat EMoHC	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	E Reid, M Farrell	I Grant, J Munro
Sun EMoHC	C Moir, I Grant	R Harvey, A Mitchell
Flowers	None in Advent	None in Advent
Teas	-	Brenda & Mike

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

Feast of St Andrew, patron of Scotland: as the 30th November is a Sunday this year, the celebration of our patronal feast has been transferred to Monday 1st December

Pianists: is there anyone in the congregation who could help the choir out? Both Jane and Sarah have family commitments which mean we cannot have an organist every Sunday. Immense thanks to Jane, who has volunteered for two Sundays a month, but the choir would really appreciate any help available for the other Sundays.

School news: Calendars for sale £5, and Annual Christmas Raffle, £1 a strip, some great prizes. Catch Deacon Graeme after Masses for both of these. Nativity Play and Christmas Concert as noted in Diary Dates. All parishioners are warmly invited to these, and to the School Carol Concert on 19th December, all in the church.

Second Collections in December: 6/7 Christmas flowers.

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.
10th January – Inverurie NET Retreat
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. Contact: Elizabeth Danby

Tea & coffee cancelled this week

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: November: For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

December: For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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://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	
Annual Deanery pilgrimage (Braemar)	29 th Nov 11am
PPC	3 rd Dec 7pm
Crib construction	13 th Dec 10am
School Nativity Play	16 th Dec 6pm
Rural Schools Carol Concert	18 th Dec 10.15am
School Carol Concert	19 th Dec 10.15am
Fabric & Finance	Thurs 12 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.

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