

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
THURS	9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	9.30am Mass: Thursday of 29 th week in Ordinary Time	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Eucharistic Service: 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Holy Mass: 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Last week	Collection: £394 Candles £10 Attendance: 76	
MINISTRIES	20/10/2024	27/10/2024
Church Cleaning	C & G Morrison	-
Counters	Reid	Foote
Welcome	Collins/Harvey	Gray/James
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	K Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EME	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	T Coull, A Mitchell	E Danby, M Le Mero
Sun EME	I Grant, L Le Mero	M Moir, C Moir
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Michele & Louis	Liz & Ron

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



20th October 2024
 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B II) Psalter Week 1

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today's readings invite us Christians to follow Christ's path of self-sacrifice, compassion, humility and sympathy for those suffering. It is an invitation to embrace the path of suffering in our journey of faith through which we pass to the glory of heaven.

The first reading tells us about the path of the suffering servant of God, whom God allowed to be crushed with suffering but through whom the will of God is done. His suffering was to justify many people by taking their sins on himself. The prophecy pointed to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, by whose suffering on the Cross we have been redeemed. His path of suffering is not a punishment but a redemptive act, for by His wounds, we have been healed.

The second reading then speaks of Christ as our compassionate high priest. He has come from great heights to us, He is not distant from our struggles. So, He understands our weaknesses because He feels with us, He knows our weaknesses as He was one like us, though He did not sin. We are invited to approach His throne of mercy confidently when we need help.

In the gospel according to Mark, the two brothers James and John had come to Jesus asking for a favour - to be allowed to sit at his right and left in his glory. It was a request for a position of power and authority. At that time, they had not understood what it meant to be a disciple of Christ and more still to be a leader after Christ. Christ, who understands us, seeing through their naivety told them they had no idea what they were asking. He used the opportunity to teach them and all the disciples that true greatness is found in serving others, even to the point of becoming a slave and giving one's life for them.

Let us remember that the path of suffering and service is where Jesus calls us to follow. It is not an easy road, but it surely leads to eternal life. Our mission is to serve, give of ourselves, and trust that God will bring redemption through our sacrifices. Let us confidently approach Him, knowing that He, our compassionate high priest, will offer us the necessary grace to live out this call. Amen.

Fr Kingsley

Welcome: to all those visiting us while on holiday, feel free to look around our beautiful church, particularly the St John Ogilvie Chapel & Exhibition.

New lectionary: these have arrived, and will soon be available for everyone to see. They will come into use on the First Sunday in Advent (1st December) this year. Bishop Hugh gave an informative talk recently about this, and it can be found on [Bishop Hugh Gilbert on the New Lectionary - YouTube](#). Thanks again to everyone who donated towards the purchase of these volumes.

SCIAF: there will be a presentation by SCIAF for all 4 parishes in St Thomas Hall on Wednesday 6th November at 7pm. They wish to thank everyone for the amazing work we do in raising money for the special projects around the world, and to explain how Church teaching and Scripture is entwined with the work they do. Please come along and support this joint parish evening. Teas/coffees will be served.

The month of November: The book of remembrance will be available soon, please add the names of family and friends you wish to be remembered, and it will be placed before the altar throughout this Month of The Holy Souls.

Feast of All Saints: Friday 1st November Mass times: Keith 9.30am, Buckie 10.30am, Fochabers & Huntly 6pm

All Souls: Saturday 2nd November Mass times Huntly 9am, Buckie 10am, Keith 10.30am, Fochabers 11.30am

Second collections this month: 26/27th MISSIO

Women's and Men's Discipleship Retreats: at Kilcoy Castle, near Inverness. Women's retreat – 15-17 Nov 2024. For more information or to register please contact: Sr. Mary Gianna at ogilvie@rcda.scot

RCIA: Please pray for Wendy & Pauline who have now completed their RCIA course, and are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on 10th November, and Bishop Hugh will be here on 17th November to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, with the traditional celebration in the hall afterwards!

Prayer Group: Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Contact Elizabeth Danby for information.

Tea & coffee in the hall after Sunday Mass

St Thomas' Church is open each day from 9am to 3pm for private prayer.

Pope's prayer intention: October: For a shared mission: Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

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://www.rcda.scot) and the text of **In God's Image (V2)** is accessed by clicking on <https://www.bcos.org.uk/LinkClick.aspx?link=131&tabid=124&portalid=0&mid=584>

Diary Dates	
All Saints & All Souls Masses	1 st & 2 nd November – as shown
SCIAF evening in St Thomas' hall	6 th November 7pm
Fabric & Finance	THURS 14 th November 2024 7pm
Confirmations	17 th November 10.30am
PPC	20 th November 2024 7pm

