

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Eucharistic Service: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Mass : 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Mem. of St Francis de Sales	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Word of God Sunday</b>	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service : 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Word of God Sunday</b>	
<b>Last week</b>	Collection: tba	Attendance: 55
<b>MINISTRIES</b>	19/1/2025	26/1/2025
Church Cleaning	-	C & G Morrison
Counters	Mitchell	Collins
Welcome	Gray/Danby	Farrell/Harvey
Hall keeper	K James	R Hendry
Sat Reader	T Brennan	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EME	-	R Hendry
Sun Reader	J Munro, E Reid	T Coull, A Mitchell
Sun EME	L Le Mero, E Danby	-
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



19<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C I) Psalter Week 2

### THE ANNOUNCER!

Today, we celebrate the Lord who delights in His people, cares for them and is always near to assist in all their difficulties. He rejoices with us in our joyful moments and feels with us when we are down and in need of help. We share in His Spirit so that together, we can look after one another, and care for everyone and the world He has given us. These thoughts are reflected in today's readings.

In the first reading, we see a picture of God's steadfast love and care for His people. God promises not to stay silent on things that concern them until their salvation is achieved. Such a caring relationship of God for His people will show how special they are to God. He will give them a new name. He will delight and rejoice in them and be one with them.

St Paul in the second reading speaks of the gifts we have all received in our participation in the body of Christ. His emphasis is that though we have a diversity of gifts, there is only one Spirit given to us all (the Holy Spirit) in the one Lord (Jesus Christ). This message is for us to understand that we are one in the Lord and in the Spirit and all we do should be to promote the common good.

In the gospel reading, we hear about the first miracle of Jesus according to John's gospel, which took place in a wedding feast at Cana. "Wedding feast" represents the union of God and His people. "Wine" represents a thing that brings joy, as it is also used for celebrations. So, while the wedding celebration was going on, their wine finished. Mary interceded and Jesus turned water into wine. Celebration continued! Joy unending.

As we reflect on God's amazing love and grace for us, which made Him descend from on high to participate in our existence for our salvation, let us remember that we have been given the grace, manifested in diverse gifts, to be there for people who may be in need too, so that together all may be saved. Like Mary, let us keep interceding for those who need assistance, not keeping quiet until good is done and salvation is available for all as God wants.

*Fr Kingsley*

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

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Samuel Miller (from Deskford) who was buried on Friday.

**New Year Resolution?:** Pope Francis and Bishop Hugh have both, at separate times, reminded us that when we come together in church, we are first and foremost here to worship God, and we should all take time to still our minds by maintaining silence in church for **at least ten minutes** before Mass begins. Let's all try to remember this as we start a New Year, and form new habits -conversations can be held outside, before or after Mass.

**Fundraiser:** a Quiz Night at Keith Golf Club is being planned, probably for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Help will be needed on the night, plus donations of raffle prizes. Please speak to Kathleen Foote if you can help at all.

**Diocesan Priesthood:** Thinking about Diocesan Priesthood in 2025? The Catholic Church in Scotland is now inviting enquiries from those considering applying for seminary. For more information, please contact Fr Mark Impson, Director of Vocations email: [mark.impson@rcda.scot](mailto:mark.impson@rcda.scot)

**Weekday Mass:** The weekday Mass will be on Fridays at 9.30am in the house, preceded by Exposition and Confessions.

**The end of Christmas time** Please consider keeping a Nativity Scene in place in your homes until the 2nd February which is the solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord.

**Christmas stars:** £340 raised in total for the Maintenance Fund, thank you!

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

**Tea & coffee** in the hall after Sunday Mass



**Pope's prayer intention: December: For pilgrims of hope:** Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**January 2025: For the right to an education:** Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**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 by clicking on <https://www.bcos.org.uk/LinkClick.aspx?link=131&tabid=124&portalid=0&mid=584>

Diary Dates	
Fabric & Finance	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 7pm
PPC	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 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.