

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: 3 rd Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 3 rd Sunday of Easter	
THURS	9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	9.30am Mass: Thursday of the 3 rd week of Eastertide	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: 4 th Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 4 th Sunday of Easter	
Collection	Last week: £255 SCIAF £4.21	Attendance 59
MINISTRIES	14/4/2024	21/4/2024
Church Cleaning	-	M & L Collins
Counters	Collins	Smith
Welcome	Gray/Harvey	Farrell/Coull
Hall keeper	K James	R Hendry
Sat Reader	R Smith	B Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EME	M Collins	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sun Reader	E Reid, I Grant	A Mitchell, J Munro
Sun EME	M Moir, C Moir	L Le Mero, E Danby
Flowers	D Greenhalgh	E Donaldson

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



14th April 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter (B II) Psalter Week 3

THE ANNOUNCER!

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Church continues to show us the witness of the disciples to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus was coming to them many times to strengthen their faith in the resurrection because up till then, it was something new and unheard of. The gospel reading showed us that the initial moments of Christ visit to them was frightening, but they would later get used to Him visiting.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter boldly proclaimed the message of repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. He testified to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, calling the people to turn from their sins and embrace the salvation offered through Him.

In the second reading, John reassured believers of Christ's role as their advocate with the Father. He emphasized the importance of obedience to Christ's commandments as evidence of genuine love for Him. Through Christ, believers receive forgiveness of sins and assurance of eternal life.

In the Gospel according to Luke, we witness the disciples' encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus and then in the upper room. When Jesus appeared to them, they were initially filled with doubts and fears, but Jesus greeted them with words of peace. He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and commissioned them to proclaim in His name the repentance and forgiveness of sins of all nations.

The central message of the resurrected Christ to us by the witness of the disciples today is that the promise of forgiveness and new life has been offered to all who repent and believe in Him. That is what Jesus told the disciples to preach after showing them that He is truly risen in the gospel. That is the message that Peter preached in the first reading and John in the second reading. That is the message for you and me. Jesus' death on the cross was not in vain, and His resurrection was for you and me to be reassured of the expiation of the sins of His believers and the whole world through his saving passion.

May His presence fill us with joy, peace, and courage to proclaim His message of love and redemption to all we encounter.

Fr Kingsley

Sacrament of Reconciliation: available on Thursdays during Adoration and on request.

Thank you: to the McKay family for their kind donation of £100 following the funeral of Rosie McKay RIP.

RCIA: Please continue to pray for our new members, who we welcomed into full communion at the Easter Vigil: Stephanie McPhee, John Mitchell and Keith Cruickshank.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Sunday 21st April, (Good Shepherd Sunday). There will be a 2nd collection for the promotion of vocations and the support of seminarians within the Diocese of Aberdeen. Please pray for our seminarians: Anh Tuan Nguyen, Rene de los Reyes, Richard Webster and Aidan Matheson. Aiden (from Elgin) was ordained to the transient diaconate on 13th April, and, God willing, will be ordained as a priest for our diocese next summer.

Second collections in April: 14/15: Maintenance Fund;
21/22: Diocesan Bursary & Vocations Fund.

Coffee Morning: URGENT: volunteers required to help organise this in advance and help out on the day. Saturday 1st June, including music by the Aberdeenshire Saxophone Orchestra. All hands on deck, the more volunteers we have the less each will have to do, so please, speak to Margaret Farrell as soon as possible! Any ideas for stalls and donations very welcome.

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



Tea & coffee in the hall after Sunday Mass. All welcome.



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

Pluscarden Pentecost lectures: "Scottish Catholic Literature and the 'transfiguration of the commonplace'" 4 talks by Dr Linden Bicket. 21st -23rd May 2024, including the works of George Friel, Muriel Spark, George and Ann Scott-Moncrieff and George Mackay-Brown. No charge, register with Pluscarden Abbey or by emailing guestmaster@pluscardenabbey.org

Pope's prayer intention: April: For the role of women: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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	
Fabric & Finance	22 nd May 2024 7.00pm in the hall
PPC	29 th May 7.00pm in the hall
Coffee morning with ASO	1 st June in the hall 10-12.30

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