

| TIMES | MEMORIAL OR FEAST | INTENTIONS |
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| SAT | 6.30pm Vigil Mass: 5 th Sunday of Easter | |
| SUN | 10.30am Eucharistic Service: 5 th Sunday of Sunday | |
| FRI | 9.00am Exposition | |
| | 9.30am Mass: Thursday of 5 th week in Eastertide | |
| SAT | 6.30pm Vigil Eucharistic Service: 6 th Sunday of Easter | |
| SUN | 10.30am Mass: 6 th Sunday of Sunday | |

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| Last week | Collection: £317.10 Maintenance Fund: £84 | Att: 59 |
| MINISTRIES | 18/5/2025 | 25/5/2025 |
| Church Cleaning | M & L Collins | - |
| Counters | Smith | Reid |
| Welcome | Collins/Harvey | Gray/James |
| Hall keeper | R Hendry | M Collins |
| Sat Reader | T Brennan | K Schouwenaars-Harms |
| Sat EMOHC | R Hendry | - |
| Sun Reader | E Danby, M Le Mero | E Reid, M Farrell |
| Sun EMOHC | - | R Harvey, I Grant |
| Flowers | L Collins | K Reid |
| Teas | Pauline & Keith | Carol & Graeme |

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



18th May 2025
5th Sunday of Easter (C I) Psalter Week

THE ANNOUNCER!

The Easter season is a time of renewal, love and hope. Today's readings call us to meditate on the renewal going on in the Church and world – it is a call to see how God is working in our time to renew us in love while we are facing the trials of our time – there is the message of new Churches, new heaven and earth and new commandment.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us about the achievements and successes of the first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas. They returned to the communities where they had preached, consolidated their faith and appointed elders for the communities. Finally, they returned to the community where they received their commission by the Holy Spirit in Antioch to give an account of their ministry.

In the second reading from the book of Revelation, John saw a vision of the new heaven and earth after a time of trial and distress. The image of a new heaven and earth is the coming together of the two realms, the holy city of God and the new Jerusalem coming down on the earth to be with people. God is coming to be with His people everywhere on earth. God's Kingdom will certainly come to us after our struggles in life.

In the gospel reading according to John, while Judas, who had evil in his heart, had gone away to plot with the Jews who would arrest Jesus, Jesus spoke to the rest of the disciples about His glory and the glorification of the Father in what would happen to Him. More importantly, He gave the disciples a new commandment of love: "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." People will recognise them due to the love they have in them.

We have the Christian calling to strengthen one another like Paul and Barnabas did for the nascent Churches in their ministry. We are called to carry love in us always, and with it we can be identified, with it we can build the body of Christ everywhere in the world, making God's kingdom come on earth. Let us hope in the God who is making all things new and who calls us to share in his mission of renewing the earth with His love.

Fr Kingsley

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

Feast of the Ascension: Thursday, 29th May. Mass in Keith at 9.30am

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and is celebrated as a 'Marian Month' in churches and homes. The custom of dedicating May to Mary is centuries old and is observed by Catholics worldwide.

Whisky Tasting: There are still a few places available, for tickets contact Mike Collins on 07821 914450 BEFORE Thursday 22nd. For £25 you get 5 quality Benromach whiskies, plus stovies, raffles and an auction for a couple of top quality whiskies, all under the expertise of our very own Keith Cruickshank.

Visitors: Thanks to the Cullen & Deskford Heritage Group who gave a donation of £40.10 following their visit to St. Thomas' - they were very impressed with our beautiful building, and commented on how well looked after it is.

Ordination: All are welcome to attend the Priestly Ordination of Rev Aidan Matheson in St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen on Friday 27th June at 6pm.

Second Collections in May: 24/25 Communications; 31/1 Day for Life. Due to the number of collections this month, we will omit the annual collection for Seminarian Bursary/ vocations if you, as an individual, wish to donate to this, please send it directly to the diocesan office.

The Community of Pluscarden Abbey Pentecost Lectures from Tuesday 10 – Thursday 12 June 2025 our Lecturer will be Professor Tracey Rowland from the University of Notre Dame, Australia. Her topic will be *"Trinitarian Anthropology: What Does it Mean for all of Creation to be Marked by the Form of the Trinity?"*

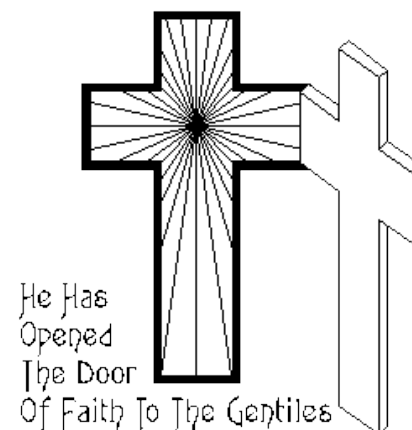
Prayer Group: Monday evenings, 7pm in the hall. Contact: Elizabeth Danby

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

Pope's Prayer Intention: May 2025: For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

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

| Diary Dates | |
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| Whisky Tasting | 23 rd May 2025 7.30pm |
| PPC | 21 st May 2025 7pm |
| Ascension Day | 29 th May Mass at 9.30am |
| Scalan Mass | 8 th June Mass 4pm |
| Pluscarden Lectures | 10-12 June 2025 |
| Ordination of Rev Aidan Matheson | 27 th June 6pm in Aberdeen |
| Pluscarden Pilgrimage | 29 th June Mass 3pm |
| Fabric & Finance | 20 th August 7pm |



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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.