

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass : 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Ss Cyril & Methodius	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Eucharistic Service : 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	



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



**9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday of the Year (C I) Psalter Week 1**

**THE ANNOUNCER!**

<b>Last week</b>	Collection: £429.76 Candles £19.60 Maintenance: £5 Attendance: 64	
<b>MINISTRIES</b>	9/2/2025	16/2/2025
Church Cleaning	Grant & Moir	-
Counters	Reid	Foote
Welcome	Gray/Coull	Farrell/Danby
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EME	K Schouwenaars-Harms	-
Sun Reader	E Reid, M Farrell	A Mitchell, J Munro
Sun EME	-	M Moir, C Moir
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial
Teas	Carol & Graeme	Kevin

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We are invited to reflect today on our Christian mission. We find the theme of our being called and sent by God in the readings. How would we know it is God calling us for his mission? We would feel His awesome presence and impulse in and around us, drawing us to answer his call like the prophet Isaiah, St. Paul, and Simon Peter in the readings, and would feel our unworthiness except for the grace of God in us.

In the first reading, Isaiah had a vision of God's glory, surrounded by angels crying out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" Confronted with such holiness, Isaiah acknowledged his sinfulness before God. God sent his angel who purified him, and then God called him to be His prophet, which Isaiah accepted, responding, "Here I am! Send me". Like Isaiah, we are purified when we recognise our sinfulness before God and He sends us forth to bring His holiness to the world.

Similarly, St. Paul, in the second reading, acknowledged his unworthiness as an Apostle of Christ, calling himself the least of them because he once persecuted the Church. It was only through divine grace that he became a powerful witness to Christ. God's grace makes all the difference.

In the gospel according to Luke, we are presented with the story of the call of Simon Peter. Was it by chance, a coincidence, or a divine plan that Jesus would meet Peter there by the sea, and his fishing partners, James and John? They made no catch of fish all night. After getting into Simon's boat and preaching from there, Jesus told him to cast his nets again. This time, he made a miraculous catch that left him gobsmacked. It was only God's handwork and Simon felt his unworthiness before Jesus. At that moment, Jesus called him to be a fisher of people for God.

As God is calling us through different means, displaying his holiness to us and purifying us for his mission, he reminds us that He does not call the perfect, but He perfects those He calls. He doesn't count our sins and weaknesses but pardons us. And when we acknowledge them, His grace will convert them to strength for God's mission.

*Fr Kingsley*



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

**Finances:** Second Collection this weekend for the Maintenance Fund.

A word to the wise: our current monthly income is not covering outgoings, in spite of our attempts to reduce heating costs etc. Times are difficult for many people, but please consider when you last increased your contributions to the church, have you kept your donations in line with inflation? Many thanks to all those who are so generous, and especially to the Hall who

have made donations to help out, but it is up to each of us individually to consider if we are contributing as fully as we can to our church community, in all aspects, including financially.

**Fundraiser:** a Quiz Night at Keith Golf Club is being planned, **probably for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. Help will be needed on the night, plus donations of raffle prizes. Please speak to Kathleen Foote if you can help at all.

**St John Ogilvie Mass:** the annual celebration of the Feast of St John Ogilvie will be here on March 8<sup>th</sup>, with Mass at 2pm, followed by refreshments in the hall. We will be joined by the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage group who will be fresh from the Fishwives walk!

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

**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 **10am to 3pm** for private prayer. Please note, the church may not be open on weekdays in the event of severe weather.

**Pope's prayer intention: February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**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	
Fabric & Finance	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 7pm
PPC	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 7pm
St John Ogilvie Mass	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 2pm
Quiz Night	11 <sup>th</sup> April, Keith Golf Club
Easter Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2025



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