

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Eucharistic Service: Solemnity of Christ the King	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Solemnity of Christ the King	
THURS	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Thursday of 34 <sup>th</sup> week in ordinary time	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: First Sunday of Advent Year C	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: First Sunday of Advent	
<b>Last week</b>	Collection: £276.00 Candles: £10.50	Attendance: 76
<b>MINISTRIES</b>	24/11/2024	1/12/2024
Church Cleaning	-	C & G Morrison
Counters	Reid	Foote
Welcome	Farrell/Coull	Collions/Harvey
Hall keeper	K James	R Hendry
Sat Reader	T Brennan	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EME		M Collins
Sun Reader	M Farrell, E Danby	J Munro, E Reid
Sun EME	M Moir, C Moir	
Flowers	Artificial	None in advent
Teas	Liz & Ron	Kevin

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



24<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
 Solemnity of Christ the King (B II) Psalter Week 2

### THE ANNOUNCER!

Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. We are called to meditate on the eternal sovereignty of Christ, what His kingdom is about and the blessed hope He brings to all believers and all the citizens of His kingdom. Christ is the King and Lord of our lives and the whole world.

The first reading is about Daniel's vision, where he saw "one like a son of man" coming on the clouds of heaven to the one of great age (a term used for God, the eternal one). He was given eternal sovereignty over all peoples. His kingdom will never pass away. Jesus often used the title of the "son of Man" to refer to himself. He is the one whom Daniel prophesied.

In the second reading from the book of Revelation, John greeted the readers of the text in the name of Jesus who he referred to as the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and Ruler of the Kings of the earth. Because we are connected to Jesus in His blood, He has made us into a line of kings and priests to serve God the Father. Also, John mentioned (as in the first reading) that Jesus is coming in the clouds of heaven, and everyone will behold Him, the Alpha and Omega – the eternal one.

In the Gospel, Pilate asked Jesus about His Kingship of the Jewish people. Jesus affirmed His Kingship but clarified that His kingdom is beyond that of this world. He was born into this world to make His Kingdom known, a kingdom of truth. Unlike worldly kingdoms established on dominance, power, violence, and territorial claims, the Kingdom of Christ is where love, justice and truth reign. All who are the citizens of His Kingdom live such virtuous lives.

This is an occasion to ask ourselves how much we have been living as the citizens of Christ's Kingdom. All who recognise Christ as their King are invited to live by the virtues of truth, love and justice everywhere they find themselves. May we keep trusting in the Lord, allowing Him to reign in our lives and His Kingdom to be in and around us. Let us keep bearing witness to His Kingdom.

*Fr Kingsley*

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

**RCIA:** The parish enjoyed a lovely day with Bishop Hugh last Sunday. Congratulations to Pauline & Wendy on the occasion of their Confirmation.

**Christmas stars:** would you like to purchase one of the stars in our beautiful dome in memory of a loved one? As a fundraiser, we will open up this opportunity, the first time this century! £10 per star, and you will receive a certificate of dedication in return. Please complete one of the forms which are in the front porch and return it to Margaret Farrell as soon as possible.



**New rotas:** coming soon!

**St Thomas Parent & Teacher Assoc:** are holding a Christmas Raffle. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a weekend at Cairnty luxury Holiday Pods, kindly donated by Jackie & Willie Edwards of Cairnty Lodges and Glamping Pods. Tickets £3 each or 4 for £10, available from Deacon Graeme.

**The month of November:** The book of remembrance is now in front of the altar, 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.

**Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion:** Please contact Deacon Graeme with the names of children who would like to begin classes for these sacraments.

**Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** If you would like to know more about your faith or know of anyone who is thinking about joining our faith, please contact Deacon Graeme as soon as possible.

**Second collections this month:** 7/8 Christmas flowers.

**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: November: For those who have lost a child:** Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

**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	
PPC	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 7pm
Fabric & Finance	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 7pm



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