

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: Sol. of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: "	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Eucharistic Service: Solemnity Ss Peter & Paul	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul	



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



22nd June 2025
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ(C I) Psalter Week 4

THE ANNOUNCER!

This Sunday, we celebrate the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It underscores the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, His Body, His Blood, His Soul, and His Divinity. We celebrate the divine gift of love so great that it sustains and unites us in a bond stronger than any earthly connection. Today's readings invite us to open our hearts to this mystery. In the First Reading, Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of God Most High, offers bread and wine to Abraham and blesses him. This gesture foreshadows the Eucharist, where bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ. God's provision and covenant are rooted in divine hospitality and blessing, which are a sign of His eternal care for His children. Abraham received this blessing with gratitude and trust, just as God calls us to His loving provision and invites us to respond with reverence and faith.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul's words deepen our understanding of the Eucharist as a participation in Christ's sacrifice. "Do this in remembrance of me." These words resound through time and remain central to our Catholic doctrine, discipline, and devotion. The Eucharist is both a commemoration and communion. It is an encounter with the living Christ who offers His very self to us. Partaking of the Eucharist is an act of love which unites us in Christ's body, transforms us and calls us to love others as He has loved us.

In the Gospel, the feeding of the five thousand reveals the compassion of Jesus. He takes the little that is offered and creates abundance. This is the miracle of multiplication where our Lord turns scarcity into sufficiency, loneliness into fellowship, and despair into hope. It speaks of divine provision and God's ability to nourish our bodies and souls. We must trust in God's power to fulfil our deepest needs through the gift of the Eucharist.

In the Eucharist, we celebrate the true and real presence of Christ. This sacrament is the culmination of God's saving plan, a divine meal where bread and wine become His very self, given out of love. When we go to Holy Communion, let us recognise that it is Christ Himself whom we receive. As recipients of the Eucharistic love, should we not become Christ's hands and feet, bringing His love where it is most needed?

Fr. Peter

Last week

Collection: £199.00

Att: 54

MINISTRIES	22/6/2025	29/6/2025
Church Cleaning	-	Danby & Harvey
Counters	Smith	Reid
Welcome	Farrell/James	Collins/Coull
Hall keeper	M Collins	K Gray
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	R Smith
Sat EMoHC	K Schouwenaars-Harms	-
Sun Reader	M Farrell, E Reid	J Munro, A Mitchell
Sun EMoHC	-	E Danby, I Grant
Flowers	D Greenhalgh	D Greenhalgh
Teas	Pauline & Keith	Carol & Graeme

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

Bequest: Mrs Margaret Rough, a much loved and very active member of our congregation for many, many years died recently, and kindly left £200 to St Thomas Church in her will. May she rest in peace.

Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer): in St Margaret's, Huntly on Sunday 22nd June at 4pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and this year we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 27th June.

June & July: Fr Kingsley continues his much needed holiday, returning at the start of July, we look forward to his return, rested and reinvigorated. In the meantime he has handed all his work over to Fr Peter and Deacon Graeme!

Communications: on the diocesan website (rcda.scot), if you click Contact on the drop down menu, and scroll down, you will find a pro forma to sign up for the Diocesan newsletter, and to opt in to other communications.

Diocesan vacancy: The Diocese is looking to recruit a Chairperson for the Finance Sub-committee, which meets quarterly to review and discuss the Finance Report which is prepared by the Diocesan Finance Manager. The meetings are generally held in Aberdeen but may, on occasion, be held elsewhere in the Diocese. This is a volunteer post. A full job description is on our website & Fb page.

Second Collections in June: 28/29 Peter's Pence (not Fr Peter – the Vatican).

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

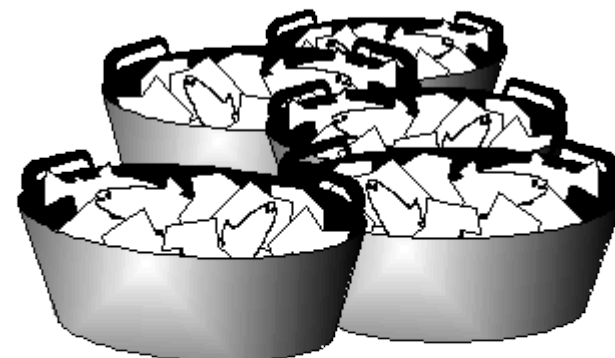
Tea & coffee in the hall after Mass each Sunday. All welcome.

Pope's Prayer Intention: Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for June, a month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is "that the world might grow in compassion."

"Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his heart, learn to have compassion on 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://Safeguarding – Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen (rcda.scot)) and the text of **In God's Image (V2)** is accessed through the Bishops Conference website.

Diary Dates	
Ordination of Rev Aiden Matheson	27 th June 6pm in Aberdeen
Pluscarden Pilgrimage	29 th June Mass 3pm
Fabric & Finance	20 th August 7pm
PPC	27 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.