

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: Pentecost Sunday	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: Pentecost Sunday	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: St Antony of Padua	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Eucharistic Service: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	



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8th June 2025
Pentecost Sunday (C I) Psalter Week 2

THE ANNOUNCER!

The Spirit speaks in more than words

Recently, I had the blessing of visiting Rome and Southern Italy. It became a pilgrimage of the heart as much as one of geography. In Rome, the Eternal City, I was struck by the immense gathering of peoples: pilgrims from every corner of the world converging on sacred places, their footsteps reverberating centuries of faith. The basilicas overflowed with devotion, and the sense of the universal Church was overwhelming. In Southern Italy, I encountered a different but equally powerful expression of faith: vibrant, familial, joy-filled communities where the faith is lived as something both ancient and modern. The churches there sang with life—an enthusiasm passed from generation to generation.

Amid all the beauty, I also faced the challenge of language. Often, I found myself at a loss for words, struggling to follow homilies preached in unfamiliar tongues. I concelebrated Masses, reading the Eucharistic prayers in Italian—not fully understanding the words, yet somehow being understood by the people. There were moments when I felt like a stranger: unable to speak, yet deeply present. Still, even when words failed, the language of faith did not. A sign of the cross, a shared "Amen," or the reverent silence during the consecration—these spoke louder than any words. It was in these moments that Pentecost came alive for me.

On Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, as recounted in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The Spirit descended like tongues of fire, and suddenly, the apostles began to speak in different languages, languages they had never learned. And yet, all who heard them understood them in their tongues. What a miracle: the breaking of linguistic barriers, the birth of a Church that is one and yet many.

My own experience of the language barrier now feels like a small taste of the longing that existed before Pentecost—a longing for communion, connection, understanding, and, ultimately, faith that speaks a single language, the language of love. In our world, 'differences in language' can still divide us. But Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit transcends these divisions. What I could not express in words during my visit abroad, I often found expressed in gestures of kindness, in the universal rhythm of the Mass, and in the gaze and smile of a fellow pilgrim or believer. The Spirit speaks in more than words. How then can I become more attentive to the ways the Holy Spirit speaks beyond words in everyday life?

Fr. Peter

Last week	25/5/2025 Collection: £194.00	Att: 59
	1/6/2025 Collection: £349.80	Att: 60
MINISTRIES	8/6/2025	15/6/2025
Church Cleaning	-	Grant & Moir
Counters	Mitchell	Collins
Welcome	Collins/Danby	Gray/Harvey
Hall keeper	K James	R Hendry
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	R Hendry	-
Sun Reader	I Grant, T Coull	M Le Mero, E Danby
Sun EMoHC	-	M Moir, C Moir
Flowers	W Davidson	W Davidson
Teas	Michele & Louis	Liz & Ron

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

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 has now started 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.

Encouraging news: press reports tell of 500 young people in the Netherlands, 18000 (not a typo!) in Paris, plus hundreds in London, Glasgow and Edinburgh who converted to Catholicism at Easter this year. Sometimes we look around and see the gaps where people used to worship beside us, so it's good to know there is growth in the Church. We pray for growth in our own parish, in numbers and in Faith.

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 June: 7/8 Maintenance Fund: 28/29 Peter's Pence (not Fr Peter – the Vatican).

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

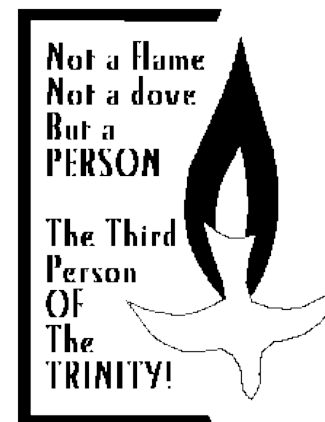
Tea & coffee in the hall after Mass each Sunday. All welcome.

Pope's Prayer Intention: 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 \(rcda.scot\)](https://rcda.scot) and the text of **In God's Image (V2)** is accessed through the Bishops Conference website.

Diary Dates	
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
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.