

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Eucharistic Service: 4 th Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 4 th Sunday of Sunday	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Mem St Athanasius	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: 5 th Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 5 th Sunday of Sunday	



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



11th May 2025
4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday - (C I) Psalter Week 4

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today, on Good Shepherd Sunday, we are invited to look toward Jesus, the Shepherd of our souls. He knows us by name, calls us, walks with us, and never lets us go missing without finding us and bringing us home – our eternal home.

In the first reading, we hear the story of Paul and Barnabas ministering in a synagogue in Antioch to the Jews and converts to Judaism. Their influence grew, and almost the whole city came to listen to them by the next sabbath. But then there was the jealousy of some of the Jews, whose violent attacks and rebuttal led Paul and Barnabas to carry the Good News elsewhere to the Gentiles, who received the word joyfully. Their experience with the Jews became a catalyst to move them to make disciples of many nations. It is also a reminder that following Christ, the Good Shepherd, can bring us rejection, opposition and persecution.

The second reading from the book of Revelation tells us about John's vision of the great and innumerable multitude in heaven standing before the throne and the Lamb. They are called the survivors of the great distress, who have been washed Lamb's blood. In that vision, the ministering elder told John that the Lamb amid the throne will shepherd them to the living water, and God will wipe away their tears. This is a picture of Christ, who guides us through our lives in all our experiences as our good shepherd to the joys of heaven.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus speaks directly and personally about himself being the Shepherd and his relationship with His flock, that we are. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand". Those words are powerful, inspiring, and comforting, especially when we remember that sometimes we, the flock of Christ, may stray. He does not rest but finds us.

The Good Shepherd knows you—even when you feel forgotten. He sees your struggles, your efforts, your pain, and still calls you by name. We can hear his voice during our prayers and reflection on the Word of God. May His solemn promise to His flock be fulfilled in us.

Fr Kingsley

Last week	Collection: £367.15	Att: 64
MINISTRIES	11/5/2025	18/5/2025
Church Cleaning	-	M & L Collins
Counters	Collins	Smith
Welcome	Farrell/Danby	Collins/Harvey
Hall keeper	K James	R Hendry
Sat Reader	B Schouwenaars-Harms	T Brennan
Sat EMoHC	-	R Hendry
Sun Reader	T Coull, A Mitchell	E Danby, M Le Mero
Sun EMoHC	E Danby, R Harvey	-
Flowers	L Collins	L Collins
Teas	Liz & Ron	Pauline & Keith

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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 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: Ticket sales are slow for Friday, May 23 at 7.30pm in church hall in aid of church funds. Please spread the word among relatives and friends to help boost attendance. 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. For tickets contact Mike Collins 07821 914450

Visitors: On Thursday, the Cullen & Deskford Heritage Group came to Keith for a tour round, and visited 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.

SCIAF: Please bring in any remaining WEE BOXES as soon as possible, or get them directly to Ron Smith.

Second Collections in May: 10/11 Maintenance Fund; 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

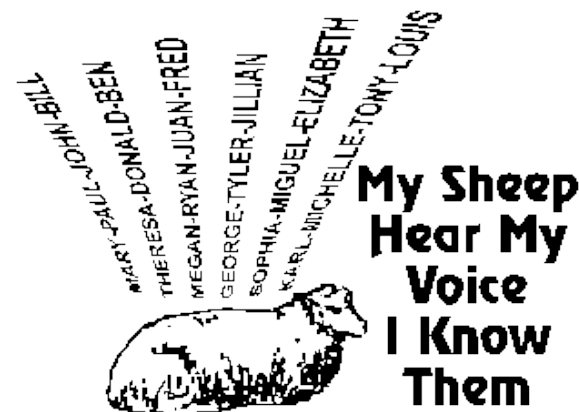
Tea & coffee in the hall after Mass each Sunday. All welcome.

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: 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	
Fabric & Finance	15 th May 2025 7pm
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



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