

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: Divine Mercy Sunday	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Divine Mercy Sunday	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Mem St Athanasius	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: 3 rd Sunday of Easter	
SUN	10.30am Eucharistic Service: 3 rd Sunday of Sunday	



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



27th April 2025
Divine Mercy Sunday (C I) Psalter Week 2

THE ANNOUNCER!

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate the mercy of God that flowed out from the heart of our risen Lord upon the world, the blood and water which came out of Him when He was pierced on the cross. Let us embrace the heart of our Lord, filled with infinite love and mercy for every soul, especially the broken, the fearful, the doubting.

In the first reading, we see the apostles filled with courage and power as they healed the sick, delivered those tormented by evil spirits, and restored lives. The risen Lord gave His power to the Apostles and His Church to bring God's mercy to those who desire it and draw closer to Him in faith. The people's faith in God's healing mercy is expressed in the fact that they laid their sick in an area where at least the shadow of Peter might touch them for their healing.

In Revelation, St. John sees the Son of man – our risen Jesus, radiant and majestic. And yet even as John falls before Him in awe, Jesus lays a hand on him and says: *"Do not be afraid."* Again, mercy. Again, intimacy. The Lord of glory bends low to lift the one He loves from their fears and trepidations. He reveals hidden things to His beloved people so that they are prepared and filled with courage to face the future.

In the Gospel, we see the disciples locked in fear, even after hearing the news of the resurrection. Jesus does not scold them. He enters through closed doors, through their doubts and wounds, and says, *"Peace be with you."* Then, He shows them His wounds—the marks of His suffering that are now signs of glory. And to Thomas, who doubted, He invited him to draw closer for a touch and personal experience to heal his doubts.

Divine mercy is all about Jesus. In Him, we see God who comes to us not when we are at our best, but precisely when we are hurting, doubting, locked up in fear, sick and wounded. A God who doesn't merely forgive from afar, but comes close to give us his healing and restorative touch, bearing wounds to heal ours.

Fr Kingsley

Last week	Collection: £862.00	Att: 83
MINISTRIES	27/4/2025	4/5/2025
Church Cleaning	-	T & P Brennan
Counters	Foote	Mitchell
Welcome	Collins/James	Gray/Coull
Hall keeper	M Collins	K Gray
Sat Reader	K Schouwenaars-Harms	R Smith
Sat EME	R Hendry	M Collins
Sun Reader	M Farrell, E Danby	J Munro, E Reid
Sun EME	M Moir, A Mitchell	-
Flowers	C Porter	C Porter
Teas	Kevin	Michele & Louis

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

Mission Appeal: a member of the Comboni Missionary Society will be with us today, Sunday, 27th April to make an appeal for the work of their society, and to explain a little about what they do.

Divine Mercy Sunday: today, the Second Sunday of Easter, which we used to call Low Sunday, has been known as Divine Mercy Sunday since 2000, when Pope St John Paul II canonised St Faustina Kowalska, who had been chosen by God to remind the world of God's infinite Mercy. *"For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

Please pray for: the repose of the soul of Margaret Rough. Her funeral service will take place on Tuesday 29th April at 11 am, followed by a private cremation. Her remains will be received into the church on Monday afternoon at 4pm.

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. Michele and Theresa, as one rota ends and another begins, I have managed to use you in consecutive weeks. Incidentally, a huge thank you to all our volunteers, in whatever capacity.

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

Fundraising: The next event is the Whisky Tasting on 23rd May. Tickets from Mike Collins, £25 which includes 5 drams, stovies and an entertaining and illuminating guided tasting by Keith Cruickshank.

Second Collections in May: 4th Comboni Missionary Society; 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: April 2025: For the use of new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

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
Pluscarden Lectures	10-12 June 2025
Pluscarden Pilgrimage	29 th June Mass 3pm



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