

TIMES	MEMORIAL OR FEAST	INTENTIONS
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Eucharistic Service: Solemnity Ss Peter & Paul	
SUN	10.30am Mass: Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul	
FRI	9.00am Exposition	
	9.30am Mass: Friday of week 13 in Ordinary Time	
SAT	6.30pm Vigil Mass: 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SUN	10.30am Mass: 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	



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



29th June 2025
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul(C I) Psalter Week 1

THE ANNOUNCER!

On this Sunday, we honour two great apostles: Saint Peter and Saint Paul. They are the twin pillars of the Church. But what an unlikely pair they were. Peter was a fisherman, impulsive, often afraid, and the one who denied Jesus three times. Paul was a scholar, zealous, intellectual, and once a fierce persecutor of Christians, even approving the stoning of Saint Stephen. With their different backgrounds, these two men laid a solid foundation for the Church.

In the first reading, Peter is in prison, bound with chains, and awaiting execution. Herod had already killed James, and it seemed the flame of the early Church was flickering. But then, light pierces the darkness. An angel awakens Peter, his chains fall, and he walks past the guards as if in a dream. God is not done with him. The mission continues.

In the second reading, Saint Paul is at the end of his journey. He is not writing from triumph but from prison, knowing that death is near. Yet his tone is not despair; it is victory. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Paul ran his race with purpose. He poured out his life for the Gospel.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks a critical question: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And everything changes. Jesus gives him a new name, changing it from Simon to *Peter*, the Rock, with a new mission to build the Church. But let us remember this rock had cracks. Peter would still stumble, still deny, still fall. Yet Jesus never gave up on him. Christ built His Church not on perfection but on conversion, not on flawless saints, but on forgiven sinners.

Peter and Paul both endured storms. They were imprisoned, persecuted, and martyred. And yet, they never let the flame of faith go out. They gave everything for the One who gave His life for them. As we honour these twin apostles, let us ask for their intercession for the Church and each one of us. May we be inspired by Peter's perseverance, Paul's courage, and their shared zeal to make Christ known. Today, we, too, can become living stones in the Church they helped to build.

Fr. Peter

Last week Collection: £ 230.50 Candles etc: 26.93 Att: 50

MINISTRIES	29/6/2025	6/7/2025
Church Cleaning	Danby & Harvey	-
Counters	Reid	Footo
Welcome	Collins/Coull	Gray/Danby
Hall keeper	K Gray	K James
Sat Reader	R Smith	K Schouwenaars-Harms
Sat EMOHC	-	M Collins
Sun Reader	J Munro, A Mitchell	T Coull, I Grant
Sun EMOHC	E Danby, I Grant	C Moir, M Moir
Flowers	D Greenhalgh	K Footo
Teas	No Teas	Kevin

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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 the month of July to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

Rev Fr Aidan Matheson: ordained on Friday 27th June, in the cathedral, Fr Aidan will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving in his home parish, St Sylvester's, Elgin, on Wednesday 2nd July at 7pm. All welcome.

June & July: Fr Kingsley will return this week from his holiday - hopefully rested and reinvigorated. Thanks to Fr Peter and Deacon Graeme for all their extra efforts over the last few weeks.

Chapel House: the house remains vacant, and the Fabric & Finance Committee recently had a meeting with Adam Clarke, Diocesan Property Manager, to discuss possible ways forward to protect, update and refurbish the property. There is a great deal of work to be done, but there are a number of possible routes to help us with some of the major costs involved.

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

Second Collections in July: 5/6 Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea); 12/13 Maintenance Fund

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.

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: June: 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"

July: For Formation In Discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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 through the Bishops Conference website.

Diary Dates	
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.