

NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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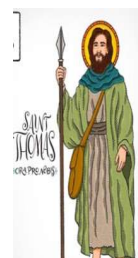
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12th JULY 2026 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
ST THOMAS Sat 11 th	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 John Lyons (Wbeing) Anne Carey (RIP)
Sun 12 th	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Julias Leange (RIP) Joe Purcell (RIP) 11.00 Joe Purcell (RIP)
Mon 13 th	MORNING PRAYER & ROSARY	09:00 - 09.30
Tues 14 th	ST. BONAVENTURE, Bsp. & Dr of the Church	09.00 Anton Ioja (INT)
Wed 15 th	FERIA	09.00 Maeve Chakrabarti (INT)
Thurs 16 th	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Fri 17 th	FERIA	09:00 Eily & Michael O'Brien (ANN)
ST THOMAS Sat 18 th	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Steven Curley (Wbeing) Maura & Derek Skelton (RIP ANN)
Sun 19 th	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Margaret Cleary (RIP) Bernard Burley (RIP) 11.00 Tom McCafferty (RIP) Sean Snr & Sean Gleasure (ANN)

CHURCH CLEANING:

Group 2. Margaret Rubery. New Volunteers are welcomed.

CONFESSIONS:

At St. Margaret's Church, Saturday, 11:30am-12:00 or by appointment.

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

4/5 July 2026: £282.90 Thank you for your generous offerings.

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV:

Let us pray for the protection and respect of human life at all stages, recognizing it as a gift from God

MASS BOOKINGS:

Booking forms are in the church foyer. Please book in advance. Ensure you print your Name; Intention and Contact clearly.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, prepare our hearts to receive the seed of Your Word. Remove every obstacle that keeps us from bearing fruit. Grant us attentive minds, faithful hearts, and generous spirits, that our lives may produce an abundant harvest of holiness, love, and service for Your glory. Amen.

MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS -

Third Sunday of the month 19th July 2026 - 3.00pm (CHCF) followed by refreshments Sacred Heart of Jesus, 148 Ashcroft Road, Luton, LU2 9AY New families always welcome – just turn up.

NOVENA: The Apostolate of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, United Kingdom & Ireland invites all to join the Precious Blood Novena which begins from 1st to 9th July; 13th - 15th July and 20th - 31st July.

TODAY'S WORD: Today's readings remind us that God's Word is always powerful and fruitful, but its effect depends on the condition of our hearts. Like the diverse crowd listening to Jesus, we each face unique struggles that can hinder our response to His message. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus describes four types of hearts: the distracted, the hardened, the worried, and the receptive. Those who understand God's Word, nurture it through prayer, repentance, and trust, and remove distractions and anxieties become the rich soil that bears abundant fruit. When we surrender our lives to God, His grace transforms us and brings lasting spiritual fruit.

SEA SUNDAY – This weekend's Second collection, is for Sea Sunday, formerly the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This is the day when the church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris.

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH: Please donate in the church collection basket or by: Standing Order (NatWest Bank S/C: 60-06-11 A/c No: 91052351 St Margaret's Parish, Luton); website: <https://stmargaretsparish.co.uk/donate> You can use the secure donation stations in the church porch, for weekly offertory, second collections, Mass intentions, candles, or the shop.

It's also now possible to donate directly on your phone or other device. Scan the QR code here, on the poster in the porch or visit the 'donations' page on the parish website.



FR. SAMUEL OFIA MSP – Please note that Fr. Samuel Ofia MSP will be with us until the end of July as Fr. Ugo will be away. The office will be open as usual if you have any queries.

REPOSITORY: Bags of Lavender to raise money for church funds, available at the church entrance for £1 a bag.

BISHOP DAVID - Pope Leo XIV has appointed Archbishop Richard Moth as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Northampton. This is a temporary appointment made by the Holy See to ensure the Diocese continues to be led and cared for while the diocesan Bishop is unable to carry out his duties. During this time, Archbishop Moth will remain resident in Westminster whilst he is responsible for the pastoral leadership and governance of our Diocese. A Letter is available at the back of church from Apostolic Administrator Richard Moth.

PRO-LIFE WITNESS 150 METRES FROM THE L&D HOSPITAL - Saturday 18th July 2026, 11.00am to 12 Noon Act of Prayer and Witness in support of life and against abortion at the junction of Pastures Way and Leagrave High Street, Luton (LU4 0PT) 150 metres from the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. Please come to witness to our faith, to pray for all involved and to give these innocent children a voice.

SAVE THE DATE Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families – Northampton Cathedral will host the annual Mass for Marriages and Families at 12pm on Saturday 5th September. All are welcome, and as usual we are looking forward to welcoming couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. A registration link will be provided in the coming weeks.