

NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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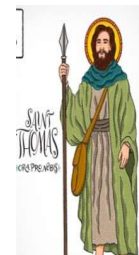
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16th NOVEMBER 2025 - THIRTY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
ST THOMAS Sat 15th	THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Patrick Rafferty (RIP) Ann O'Donnell (RIP)
Sun 16th	THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Missa Pro Populo Jim Kavanah RIP 11.00 Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) John McGregor (RIP)
Mon 17th	Feria	09.00 Gordon Reid (Wellbeing)
Tues 18th	Feria	09.00 Fr Jeremy Davies (RIP Ann)
Wed 19th	Feria	*08.00 Holy Souls
Thurs 20th	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Fri 21st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09:00 Elizabeth Crane (P Int)
ST THOMAS Sat 22nd	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (The Vigil)	17.00 Margaret Walsh (RIP) Missa Pro Populo
Sun 23rd	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	09.00 Phyllis Albert (RIP Ann) Tony Cordwell (RIP Ann) 11.00 Richard Bateman (RIP Ann)

TODAY'S WORD: The shortest verse in Scriptures is John 11:35 and simply says "JESUS WEPT". But there is another passage where Jesus weeps over Jerusalem and its inhabitants. Luke 19:41,42 recounts that: "As Jesus drew near Jerusalem and came in sight of the city, he shed tears over it and said, 'If you in your turn had only understood on this day the message of peace! But, alas, it is hidden from your eyes!'" What does this mean? God's message which is contained in the Scriptures and embodied by Jesus himself is presented to us as the rule of life and key to salvation. What have we done with it? We have abandoned it and chosen the path of self-will which leads to destruction (Proverbs 14:12). To abandon Christ is to abandon true peace and date calamity. Keep God's command, pray every chance you get, repent and confess your sins, go to Jesus in the Eucharist, love others unconditionally and serve others with your gifts, "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

PRO LIFE WITNESS: Saturday 22nd November 2025, 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.

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES: Next weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Youth Services. Thank you all for your generosity.

2026 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: There will be enrolment Mass this Sunday at the 11am Mass for all registered candidates. Keep all our candidates in your prayers.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Envelopes are available for you to include the names of deceased relatives and friends, along with your offering. All the names will remain in the basket in front of the altar throughout November. We believe that we can assist them in the afterlife by offering prayers and interceding for them before God.

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.



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: "O God, Who didst will that on this day the blessed ever Virgin Mary, the dwelling-place of the Holy Ghost, should be presented in the temple: grant, we beseech Thee, that through her intercession, we may be made worthy to be presented in the temple of Thy glory."

MASS BOOKINGS: Booking forms are in the church foyer. Please book in advance.

CHURCH CLEANING: Group 3. Anne Scrase. New Volunteers would be very welcomed.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Weekend 08th/09th November: £363.90. 2nd collection: £152.79 Thanks for your generous offerings.

PRAY WITH THE POPE: Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of November Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Please register by using the following browser: www.caspar.church/me?ID=56043 Or, scan the code below.



VACANCIES

Parish Secretary at St Margaret of Scotland, Luton. 7 hours per week, ideally Tuesday and Friday. Flexible working pattern to be agreed. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

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