

NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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21st December 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
ST THOMAS Sat 20th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (The Vigil)	17.00 David Hutchinson (RIP) Harold and Patricia Bourne (RIP) Peter Blessing (RIP Bday Rem)
Sun 21st	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09.00 Gopal Chakrabarti (RIP) Dermot Perera (RIP) 11.00 Bishop David Oakley (P.INT)
Mon 22nd	Feria	09.00 Anne O'Neill (RIP)
Tues 23rd	Feria	09.00 Holy Souls
Wed 24 th St Thomas	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS	17.00 Bridie Deery Vera & Jerry Devereux (P.INT) Sarah Thomas-Crampton (RIP)
Wed 24 th St Margaret	CAROLS/MIDNIGHT MASS	19.30-20.00 (Carols) 20.00 Missa Pro Populo
Thurs 25th	THE NATIVITY OF JESUS	09.00 Eily & Micheal O'Brien and family Maria Aitken (P. INTS) 11.00 Robert Kell (RIP) Breda Carey (RIP)
Fri 26th	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
ST THOMAS Sat 27th	HOLY FAMILY-JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (The Vigil)	17.00 Chris & Dick Kennedy (RIP) David Hutchinson (RIP)
Sun 28th	HOLY FAMILY-JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	09.00 Kathleen Kelleher (P.INT) Missa Pro Populo 11.00 Gregory Baldwin (RIP)

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Group 4– Helen Kirwan and Bianca Dinghile. If anyone has time to join the Cleaning Group you would be very welcomed.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 13/14th December: £348.89. 2nd Collection: £225.61 Thanks for your generous offerings.

PRAY WITH THE POPE: Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of December. Let us pray for Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, to be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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



ADVENT REFLECTION: Having to wait is a common aspect of life that many of us dislike. On this fourth Sunday of Advent the readings of our Liturgy emphasise a meaningful way to wait: by praying and trusting in God's constant presence as well as listening to God after sharing our needs; by remaining in a state of grace; by being grateful for the grace and peace found in our relationship with Jesus and by treating others with honour and practicing mercy to enrich our waiting experience.

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Envelopes are available in the foyer for your Christmas Offering. Your offerings are your thanksgiving to God. Customarily, your Christmas offering will go to the Parish Clergy in appreciation of the services they provide and Fr Ugochukwu will appreciate your generosity.

FROM FR UGOCHUKWU: Brothers and Sisters, Christmas greetings to you all. As we celebrate the Feast of God's Incarnation – (Emmanuel) God's presence among us- we have a lot to be thankful for. As we draw closer to the end of the year, my thoughts go back to what we have all experience together as a faith community. I think of the Liturgies we have celebrated; the listening and discernment process we have all participated while reflecting on our lives as Catholics in Luton; our pilgrimage as people of hope to Northampton Cathedral; the charities we supported and all that God has seen us through as individuals and families. We give thanks. This Christmas let us continue to be aware of God's love and care for us. To one and to all I say Merry Christmas.

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.



REPOSITORY: The Repository is still open to make purchases for your gift items and Sacramentals – Medals, Mass Cards, Calendars, Crucifixes, Rosaries and many more. Please support the church by patronising the Repository.



Have a Wonderful & Blessed Christmas