

NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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16th AUGUST 2026 – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: YEAR A

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
ST THOMAS Sat 15 th	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (The Vigil)	17.00 Josephine McGovern (RIP) Uzo Agobodike's Family (Spe Int)
Sun 16 th	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	09.00 John Terry (RIP ANN) Bill & Isobel Lothian (RIP ANN) 11.00 Missa Pro Populo
Mon 17 th	FERIA	09.00 Talliah-Grace Drew (P.Int)
Tues 18 th	FERIA	09.00 Rebecca/Christopher Colman (P Int.)
Wed 19 th	FERIA	09.00 Uzo Agobodike's Family (Spe Int)
Thurs 20 th	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Fri 21 st	ST PIUS X, POPE	09.00 Fr. Samuel Ofia MSP (P.Int)
ST THOMAS Sat 22 nd	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Uzo Agobodike's Family (Spe Int)
Sun 23 rd	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Bridgie & Jimmie Kelly (RIP) 11.00 Missa Pro Populo

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: It is a doctrine of our faith which celebrates Mary, taken into heaven body and soul as, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Her Assumption is a sign of hope, assuring all Christians that faithful discipleship leads to eternal life with Christ. As the Catechism teaches, Mary shares fully in her Son's victory over sin and death.

FIRST CONFESSIONS / HOLY COMMUNION: Registration for 2026/2027 for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion [Eucharist] (Year 3 and above) Registration begins Sunday 23rd of August 2026 untill Sunday 27th of September 2026. Once registration is closed no more applications will be accepted until the following year. Forms are available in the Parish Office (9.30 am to 1pm Tuesdays and Fridays) OR Contact Fiona Johnson. First parents meeting will be on 12th October 2026 at 7 PM.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: enrolment (Year 8 and above) has started and will end on Sunday 27th of September 2026. Once registration is closed no more applications will be accepted until the following year. To register, go to:
<http://lutonpastoralarea.org/registration/>

NEW TO THE PARISH – Please ensure that you register with the parish office, to ensure you have access to all parish newsletters and information.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU – Following a visit from the Health and Safety Diocesan representative earlier this week, St. Margaret of Scotland is not where it should be with regard to Health and Safety issues. We need three volunteers who attend the three Sunday services on a relatively regular basis (one who attends the St. Thomas's Service on a Saturday evening, one who attends the 09:00 service at St. Margarets on a Sunday and one who attends the 11:00 am service at St Margarets on a Sunday). The position is for Fire Officers. There is very little time constraint and responsibility with this, just the ability, should a fire break out, to ring the alarm bell (instructions given) and advise parishioners to leave the church. If we can get this started, it will show that we are endeavouring to improve our record. Please speak to the office on 01582 720966 and further information can be given to you.

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.



CHURCH CLEANING: Group 3. Anne Scrase and Leticia Marunga. New Volunteers are welcomed.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 08/09 August 2026: £380.44. Thank you for your generous offerings.

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

PRIVATE MASS BOOKING INTENTIONS: Booking forms/envelopes are in the church foyer. Please book in advance. Ensure you print your Name; Intention and Contact clearly.

PRAYER: Blessed Mother Mary, assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, draw us closer to Jesus, your Son. Strengthen our faith, deepen our hope, and teach us humble obedience to God. May your glorious Assumption remind us of heaven's promise and inspire us to live faithfully in love and holiness. Amen.

MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – Every third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm followed by refreshments. Sacred Heart of Jesus, 148 Ashcroft Road, Luton, LU2 9AY New families always welcome – just turn up.

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