

NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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21st SEPTEMBER 2025 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
ST THOMAS Sat 20th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00
Sun 21st	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Dennie Higgins (RIP) 11.00 Missa Pro Populo
Mon 22nd	Feria	09.00 Agnes McGarrigle (P. Ints)
Tues 23rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina	09.00 Holy Souls Kevin Drew (Bday Int)
Wed 24th	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	*08.00
Thurs 25th	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Fri 26th	Feria	09:00 Arun Joseph (P. Ints)
ST THOMAS Sat 27th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Bill and Isabel Lothian
Sun 28th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Kieran Foody (Rip Ann) 11.00

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY: There will be a second collection today to mark Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Your donation will support the work of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. This day is dedicated to the domestic mission of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Inspired by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, it reminds us that each of us is called to be a missionary disciple, sharing our faith with joy in our parishes, schools, and communities. The 2025 theme, "*I believe...*", marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, where the Creed we profess each Sunday was first formulated. On this day, let us renew our commitment to living out that Creed, building our lives on its truth, and joyfully witnessing to the Gospel.

FIRST CONFESSIONS / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion [Eucharist] (Year 3 and above) lessons will start with Parents' Meeting on 1st October, 2025, at 7pm in the small hall. Registration forms are still available in the Parish Office until 28th September, 2025 (9.30 am to 1pm Tuesdays and Fridays.)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Online enrolment for The Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above) ends on Sunday 28th of September 2025. Go to: <http://lutonpastoralarea.org/registration/>

HARVEST FAST DAY: This year's CAFOD Harvest Fast Day will be on Friday 3rd October. Following that, a second collection will be taken up at all Masses on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October. CAFOD invites us to stand in solidarity with families affected by climate change and conflict. In Ethiopia, with CAFOD's support, communities now have safe water close to home. Across the world, including in Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan, CAFOD's partners bring food, water, shelter, and medical care to those most in need.

BETHANY MASS: Today, 3pm, with Fr Allan, at Sacred Heart Church, Stopsley. Refreshments will be provided in the hall after Mass.

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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, better known as Padre Pio, was an Italian Franciscan Capuchin friar, priest, stigmatist, and mystic. He lived from May 25, 1887, to September 23, 1968. His life was marked by deep spiritual experiences and numerous challenges, including enduring health issues and daily bleeding from stigmata wounds for fifty years. Padre Pio believed in the power of reflection to help individuals confront their faults and maintain a clear conscience. He was renowned for his extraordinary gifts, such as reading souls and bilocating, as well as performing miracles and healings. He was beatified in 1999 and canonization in 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II. He is the patron saint of civil defence workers, adolescents, and his hometown of Pietrelcina. His famous advice "Pray, hope, and don't worry," reminds us of the importance of faith and the mercy of God.



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.

CAN YOU HELP: Volunteer needed to Coordinate Parish Health and Safety requirements.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Weekend 06/07th & 13/14th September: £420.08/£444.08 Thanks for your generous offerings.

PRAY WITH THE POPE: Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of September: let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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



MARIAN INTERCESSION Loving Mother of the Redeemer, Gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people of have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature, you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.