

# NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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**14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**



Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
<b>ST THOMAS</b> Sat 13th	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (The Vigil)</b>	17.00 Savarimuthu Mariampillai (RIP) Annie Harrison (RIP)
Sun 14th	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE</b>	09.00 Anne Ijeh (RIP) Missa Pro Populo 11.00 Colin Ward (RIP) Gregory Baldwin (RIP) Molly Harkin (RIP)
Mon 15th	Feria	09.00 Victor Ijeh Jr (RIP)
Tues 16th	Feria	09.00 Irene Ijeh (RIP)
Wed 17th	Feria	09.00 Holy Souls
Thurs 18th	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Fri 19th	Feria	09.00 Michael and Anne O'Donnell (RIP)
<b>ST THOMAS</b> Sat 20th	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (The Vigil)</b>	17.00 David Hutchinson (RIP) Harold and Patricia Bourne (RIP) Peter Blessing (RIP Bday Rem)
Sun 21th	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	09.00 Gopal Chakrabarti (RIP) Missa Pro Populo 11.00 Bishop David Oakley (INT)

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

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

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

**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.

**ADVENT SEASON:** The third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday or "Joy Sunday," marks the approaching celebration of Christ's birth, the ultimate source of genuine joy. Saint Paul emphasizes this joy in his exhortation for Christians to rejoice always, praying for a peace that transcends understanding to protect our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:4-6). As we prepare for Christmas, consider embracing key principles that foster true joy: practice patience like a farmer awaiting the harvest, be selfless in serving others, and trust in God's perfect timing. Cultivate a relationship with the Holy Spirit, who guides and communicates with you, and rejoice in the blessings around you. Keep your focus on God's kingdom, recognizing salvation as His greatest gift, and live each day with gratitude for the life and resources you have.

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE:** There will be a second collection this weekend for Church maintenance. Please be generous. Thank you.

**REPOSITORY:** Thanks to Mary Ward the Repository is well stocked and with the help of Kirsten Johnson you can now make your Advent and Christmas purchases. We have various Religious Articles – Medals, Mass Cards, Calendars, Crucifixes, Rosaries and many more. Please support the church by patronising the Repository.

**CAROL AND NATIVITY PLAY:** The annual Christmas Celebration by the Children from St Margaret Primary School is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 5pm. All are invited. Come and celebrate with us.

**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.



## Christmas Services

**CHRISTMAS EVE: 24/12/2025**  
 VIGIL MASS (St. Thomas Caddington)  
**5.00pm**

"MIDNIGHT MASS" (St. Margaret Farley Hill)  
**Carols: 7.30- 8.00pm**  
**Mass : 8.00pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: 25/12/2025**  
 Solemn Mass of the Nativity of Jesus  
 9am and 11am

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



**BETHANY MASS:** The next Bethany Group mass will be this Sunday 14th December at 3PM at Sacred Heart Stopsley. Refreshments will be provided in the hall after mass.

**CANDLELIT CAROLS OF LIFE PRAYER VIGIL:** On Tuesday 16th December 2025 at the junction of Stuart Street and Buxton Road, Luton (LU1 1SD - near the Police Station). 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Remembering and praying for all babies killed by abortion.