

# NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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## 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
<b>ST THOMAS</b> Sat 29th	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> (The Vigil)	17.00 Ellen Harigan (RIP)
Sun 30th	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	09.00 Casey Flissikowski (10 Yr Ann RIP) 11.00
Mon 01st	Feria	09.00 Nuala Mulloy (RIP)
Tues 02nd	Feria	*08.00 Holy Souls
Wed 03rd	St. Francis Xavier. Priest	09.00
Thurs 04th	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Fri 05th	Feria	09:00 Sandra Dias (Thanksgiving)
<b>ST THOMAS</b> Sat 06th	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> (The Vigil)	17.00 Missa Pro Populo
Sun 07th	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	09.00 11.00 Una Blennerhassett (RIP Ann)

**ADVENT SEASON:** A time when the Church invites us to reflect on the life of Christ through various liturgical moments. Advent serves as a preparation for celebrating Christ's first coming at Christmas while also directing our attention to His eventual return. Central to this preparation is our faith in Jesus' authority, exemplified by the centurion who humbly recognized that a mere word from Jesus could heal his servant. Jesus commended the centurion's faith, noting that such belief was rare in Israel. This encounter teaches us that authority, when exercised rightly, benefits society, families, and even ourselves through self-discipline. The centurion's humility allowed him to acknowledge Jesus' power, reminding us that we too must approach God with humility to experience His divine influence. While the presence of evil may seem daunting, it underscores the importance of submitting to God's authority, as chaos ensues when we resist it. In times of struggle, we should seek Jesus, viewing challenges as opportunities to deepen our relationship with Him rather than succumbing to self-pity or fear. God often uses our difficulties to enrich our understanding of ourselves and His will, inviting us to trust in His loving authority and to allow Him to guide our lives in His chosen way.

**ADVENT SERVICE:** Churches Together in Caddington and Slip End Ecumenical Advent Service. This Sunday 30th November 2025, 4.00 pm at St. Thomas's, Caddington. Please join us to begin the journey to Christmas. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

**FIRST CONFESSION** will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00 am.- 11.30am.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION:** For Christmas this year, we will need a person or two people to lead with organising as well as volunteers to help with setting up. This will be on the 14th of December after 11am 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.



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

### CHURCH CLEANING:

Group 1. Marie Aitken & Kay Waldock. If you have time to spare and join the Cleaning Group you would be very welcomed.

### CONFESIONS:

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

### WEEKLY COLLECTION:

Weekend 22nd/23<sup>rd</sup> November: £.361.39. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: £134.01 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](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56043) Or, scan the code below.

If you don't have an email address, please speak to the parish who can complete the form on your behalf.



### Cardinal Newman Catholic School Carol Service:

Our Carol Service at Cardinal Newman Catholic School will take place on Monday 8 December from 7.00 to 8.00pm in the school hall. All are very welcome to join us. Please use the following link to book a free ticket: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cardinal-newman-carol-service-2025-tickets-1975790155542?aff=odddtdcreateor>