

NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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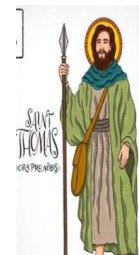
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28th SEPTEMBER 2025 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
ST THOMAS Sat 27th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Bill & Isabel Lothian RIP
Sun 28th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Kierian Foody (Rip Ann) 11.00 Missa Pro Populo
Mon 29th	SS MICHEAL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels	09.00 Savio & Abbie Dias & Family (Ints)
Tues 30th	St Jerome, Priest & Dc of Church	09.00 Holy Souls
Wed 01st	St Therese of Child Jesus, Virgin & Dr of Ch	09.00
Thurs 02nd	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Fri 03rd	Feria	09:00 Sandra Dias Thanksgiving
ST THOMAS Sat 04th	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Eddie Cunningham RIP
Sun 05th	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Missa Pro Populo 11.00

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.

CAN YOU HELP:

WEEKLY COLLECTION:
Weekend 20/21st September: £308.55. 2nd Collection £116.99
Thanks for your generous offerings.

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: this month that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day will be on Friday 3rd October. Please donate to the second collection at all Masses next Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October. If you are a taxpayer, please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided at the back of the Church. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Ware's in Ethiopia, where women have to walk for hours to get water. Thank you.

FIRST CONFESSIONS / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Registration for 2025/2026 for the Sacraments of First Confessions and First Holy Communion ends this weekend! Lessons will start with Parents' Meeting on 1st October, 2025, at 7pm in the small hall.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Online enrolment for The Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above) ends this Sunday (28th of September 2025). Register at: <http://lutonpastoralarea.org/registration/>

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.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: Saint Michael is often accompanied by his two fellow archangels — Sts Gabriel and Raphael. The three form a phalanx of protection, healing, and petition for those who ask for their intercession. The Church celebrates the three archangels with a joint feast day on Sept. 29. St. Michael the Archangel is hailed in the Book of Daniel as "the great prince who has charge of [God's] people." In the Book of Jude, he battles Satan for possession of Moses' body and in Revelation he "wages war with the dragon" alongside his fellow angels. Following a vision of Satan "running riot" on the planet, "Pope Leo XIII composed three prayers to St. Michael, ranging from short to long." The brief one, he commanded, should be prayed at the end of every Mass which stopped with the Vatican II era. In 1994 Pope John Paul II urged Catholics to make the prayer a regular part of their lives. St. Michael is there for us in the day of battle, which is every day. [St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.]

ST THERESA OF LISIEUX (2 January 1873 – 30 September 1897): She believed that the potential for holiness exists in every moment and in every person. To embrace this divine mission, we can engage in various practices. Connecting with God through prayer allows us to recognize opportunities to serve others. It's crucial not to accept or normalize sin, as the desire to fit in can hinder our spiritual growth. We should strive to give our whole selves to God. Maintaining purity in our thoughts, media consumption, and friendships is essential, as is overcoming selfishness. True sainthood involves a commitment to the well-being and salvation of those around us, just as Jesus faced his own challenges for the sake of humanity.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY: During the month of October, traditionally dedicated to Marian devotions, Pope Leo XIV has called on Catholics around the world to pray the Rosary daily, uniting in prayer for peace in war-torn regions. Announced during the Wednesday General Audience, the Pope's appeal invites clergy to share this message with their communities and encourage the faithful to join in this powerful prayer of intercession. Thou, O daughter, art blessed of the Lord, for through thee have we been made partakers of the fruit of life.