

NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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23rd AUGUST 2026 – TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
ST THOMAS Sat 22 nd	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Delia Kelly (RIP)
Sun 23 rd	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Bridgie & Jimmie Kelly (RIP) 11.00 Missa Pro Populo
Mon 24 th	ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE	09.00 Jennifer & Family (INT) Joanna Stanley (B'day INT)
Tues 25 th	FERIA	09.00 Maeve Chakrabarty (B'day INT)
Wed 26 th	FERIA	09.00 Bishop David Oakley (INT)
Thurs 27 th	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Fri 28 th	ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, BISH & DR OF THE CHURCH	09.00
ST THOMAS Sat 29 th	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00
Sun 30 th	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Keith R. Maugham (RIP Ann) 11.00

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Saint Monica (celebrated this Thursday) teaches us the power of persistent prayer, patient love, and unwavering faith. For many years, she prayed for the conversion of her son Saint Augustine (celebrated this Friday), trusting God even when change seemed impossible. Augustine eventually turned from a sinful life, became a great bishop, theologian, and saint. Their stories remind us never to give up on those we love. God's grace can transform even the hardest heart. Monica shows us faithful perseverance; Augustine shows us that our past does not define our future. With repentance, prayer, and openness to God, every life can be renewed and made holy.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES: Northampton Cathedral will host the annual Mass for Marriages and Families at 12pm on Saturday 5th September. All are welcome, and as usual we are looking forward to welcoming couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Please register online; <https://bit.ly/43Qkt0u>

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.



FIRST CONFESSIONS / HOLY COMMUNION: Registration for 2026/27, Sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion [Eucharist] (children in Year 3 and above) Begins this Sunday until 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. Save the date.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Enrolment has started, for young people in Year 8 and above. Registration ends on Sunday 27th of September 2026, after which no more applications will be accepted until the following year. To register, go to: <http://lutonpastoralarea.org/registration/>

REPOSITORY: Bags of Lavender (£1 a bag), Mass cards and other sacramentals, to raise money for church funds, are available at the church entrance. Your support will be appreciated.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION: 1st September. That celebration begins the extended Season of Creation until 4th October. A website compiles useful resources to support the liturgical celebration of this special day with the New Mass that Pope Leo added to the Missal: www.WorldDayCreation.com

CAN CATHOLICS BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION : a talk to be given on Thursday 10th September 7pm, Speaker Mr Anthony Nevard, Editor & Secretary of Daylight Origins Society at Our Lady Help of Christians, Catholic Church, Parish Hall, 52 Castle Street, Luton LU1 3AG

CHURCH CLEANING: Group 4: Helen Kirwan and Bianca Dinghile. New Volunteers are welcomed.

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

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 15/16 August 2026: £340.06. Thank you for your generous offerings.

MASS BOOKINGS: Booking forms are in the church foyer. Please book in advance. Ensure you print your Name; Intention and Contact clearly.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Son of the living God, strengthen our faith to recognise and proclaim who You truly are. Build our lives firmly upon You, guide Your Church in truth, and help us remain faithful to Your Word. May we follow You courageously and serve Your Kingdom with love and humility. Amen.

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

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.