

## NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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### 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 – PENTECOST SUNDAY: YEAR A

| Date/Time                    | Celebration/Saint of the Day                  | Intentions                                                                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ST THOMAS</b><br>Sat 23rd | <b>PENTECOST</b><br>(The Vigil)               | 17.00 Mary Cunningham (RIP ANN)<br>Phyllis Cunningham (RIP ANN)                        |
| Sun 24th                     | <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>                       | 09.00 Cathy Berry (RIP)<br>Patrick McAvock (RIP)<br><br>11.00 Mary Moatt (RIP)         |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>         | The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church | 09:00 Muriel Drew (P. Int)                                                             |
| Tues 26th                    | ST Philip Neri, Priest                        | 09.00 Misa Pro Populo                                                                  |
| Wed 27th                     | St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop            | 09.00                                                                                  |
| Thurs 28th                   | <b>NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY</b>                   | **                                                                                     |
| Fri 29th                     | FERIA                                         | 09:00                                                                                  |
| <b>ST THOMAS</b><br>Sat 30th | <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b><br>(The Vigil)   | 17.00 Chris Kennedy (B'Day Ann)<br>Vera Devereux (T. Giving)                           |
| Sun 31st                     | <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>                  | 09.00 Chris Kennedy (Birthday Ann)<br>Foody Family (Ints)<br><br>11.00 Misa Pro Populo |

**PENTECOST:** Celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birth of the Church. Through Baptism and Confirmation, Christians receive the Holy Spirit and are called into a deep relationship with God. The Spirit gives life, sanctifying grace. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety and the fear of the Lord, alongside special charismatic gifts for service. The presence of the Holy Spirit is revealed through fruits like love, peace, kindness, and self-control. Prayer, Scripture, holiness, and love for others help a believer grow daily in the Spirit.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 7pm, the young people in our parish who have been preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation will be confirmed in Holy Ghost church, Westbourne Road, Luton. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

**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. Please ensure you use block capitals to record your Name; Intention and Contact clearly. **Include your** Mass stipends in the envelope. Thanks.

**MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY:** The month of May offers us a privileged opportunity for drawing closer to the Holy Spirit. How? By approaching the Blessed Virgin Mary with the piety of children. If we want to draw ever closer to the Holy Spirit and let him act in our souls, we should let ourselves be guided by the hand of Mother Mary who, by virtue of her divine motherhood and her fullness of grace, a living Temple of the most Holy Trinity and Spouse of the Paraclete.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE – SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026** - Led by Bishop Peter Collins (East Anglia). Cost of coaches-Adults £27.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. **Seats reserved only with payment.** For information see [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org). To book, [kevin.drew@btinternet.com](mailto:kevin.drew@btinternet.com) or call 07802 525581.

**THINKING with POPE LEO –** It is precisely because he loves us that the Lord does not leave us alone in life's trials; he promises us the Paraclete, that is, the Advocate, the "Spirit of truth". This gift is one that "the world cannot receive", as long as it persists in evil, oppressing the poor, excluding the weak and killing the innocent. Those who respond to Jesus' love for all, on the other hand, will find in the Holy Spirit an ally who will never fail: "You know him," says Jesus, "for he dwells with you, and will be in you". We can therefore bear witness to God, who is love, always and everywhere. Love is not an idea of the human mind, but the reality of divine life, through which all things were created out of nothing and redeemed from death.

#### CHURCH CLEANING:

Group 3. Anne Scrase and Leticia Marunga. New Volunteers would be welcomed.

#### CONFESSIONS:

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

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION:

17.05.26; TBA. Thank you for your generous offerings.

#### PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV:

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

#### FURNITURE BANK – NORTHAMPTON CARITAS:

provides essential furniture and household items including beds, storage, chairs, bedding, flooring, and cooking utensils to families and individuals in real need. Can you help? Donating furniture/Volunteering to help/Collect and distribute items? More information contact: Deacon Jim Hannigan 07756 685220 Email: [deaconjimhannigan@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconjimhannigan@northamptondiocese.org) Website: [northamptondiocese.org/caritas](http://northamptondiocese.org/caritas)

**PRAYER:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with Your fire and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us with wisdom, courage, and peace, that we may live as faithful disciples of Christ. Unite Your Church in love, and help us proclaim the Gospel with joy. Amen.

