

NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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31st AUGUST 2025 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
ST THOMAS Sat 30th	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00
Sun 31st	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 11.00
Mon 01st	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Tues 02nd	Feria	09.00 Holy Souls
Wed 03rd	St Gregory the Great Pope. Doctor	09.00
Thurs 04th	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	**
Fri 05th	Feria	09.00 Sandra Dias Thanksgiving
ST THOMAS Sat 06th	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Marsie Cunningham (RIP)
Sun 07th	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 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: Volunteer needed to Coordinate Parish Health and Safety requirements.

WEEKLY COLLECTION:
Weekend 23/24th August: £501.71.
Thanks for your generous offerings -

PRAY WITH THE POPE: Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of September: let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:
Sign-up for admissions to Catholic Secondary Schools for 2026 is ongoing. Remember to sign/stamp your SIGN-UP CARD, if you are present at Mass with the child[ren] involved. The responsibility for this lies with parents/guardians/carers

NO 9AM MASS ON 25.08.2025:

It has not been possible to get cover for some of the daily Masses while Fr Ugochukwu is away on holiday. From Monday the 11th of August until the second week of September there will be no daily Masses on Monday mornings. For Mass schedules always check the newsletter. Sorry for any inconveniences.

FIRST CONFESSIONS / HOLY COMMUNION:

Registration for 2025/2026 for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion [Eucharist] (Year 3 and above) Registration begins Sunday 3rd of August 2025 till Sunday 28th of September 2025. 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/Joana Mariano.

Saint of the week: St. Gregory offers seven profound lessons on greatness that resonate through time. First, he exemplified the importance of education, excelling in his studies and becoming a legal expert, urging us to strive for excellence in our pursuits. When called to a higher responsibility, as he was when he became pope in 590, he accepted the role despite his reluctance, reminding us to step up when duty calls. Emphasizing a life of service, Gregory referred to himself as a "servant of God," a title that continues to inspire humility among popes today. His commitment to spreading the Gospel was evident in his missionary efforts, notably sending St. Augustine to evangelize England, highlighting our own mission to lead others to Christ. Gregory's compassion for the poor was remarkable; during a famine, he redirected Church resources to feed those in need, demonstrating the importance of using our gifts to assist others. He also practiced self-sacrifice, refusing to eat until his monks returned from their charitable work, and he made it a point to share meals with the less fortunate, reminding us to see the divine in the humble and to maintain perspective on our own significance before God. Gregory is widely considered to be the first medieval pope, a prolific writer and the last of the Western Church Fathers.

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.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Online enrolment for The Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 8 and above) Registration begins Sunday 3rd of August 2025 till Sunday 28th of September 2025. Once registration is closed no more applications will be accepted until the following year. To register, go to: <http://lutonpastoralarea.org/registration/>