

NEWSLETTER: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH, LUTON

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17th AUGUST 2025 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C

Date/Time	Celebration/Saint of the Day	Intentions
ST THOMAS Sat 16th	TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Missa Pro Populo
Sun 17th	TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Jimmy Kellaheer (RIP) Susan Gibbons 11.00
Mon 18th	Communal Prayers	08.00 – 09.30
Tues 19th	Communal Prayers	08.00 – 09.30
Wed 20th	Communal Prayers	08.00 – 09.30
Thurs 21st	No Mass	**
Fri 22nd	Communal Prayers	08.00 – 09.30
ST THOMAS Sat 23rd	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (The Vigil)	17.00 Holy Souls
Sun 24th	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	09.00 Joseph (P Int) 11.00 Victor Dias (Bday Int)

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

CHURCH CLEANING: Group 2. Margaret Rubery. New Volunteers 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 09/10th August: £349.47. Thanks for your generous offerings.

PRAY WITH THE POPE: Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of August is: that societies avoid internal conflicts due to ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons" and encouraging us to "seek paths of dialogue" and "respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity."

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

Prayer by Pius X to the Immaculate Virgin Mary: O most holy Virgin who didst find favor in God's sight and hast become His Mother; O Virgin, immaculate in body and soul, in thy faith and in thy love, look down with pity on the wretched who in our need seek thy powerful protection.

NO 9AM MASS ON 18th – 22nd August, 2025:

It was not been possible to get cover for the daily Masses this week as Fr Ugochukwu is on holiday. there will be no daily Masses on Monday mornings until the second week of september. The church doors will be open in the morning from 8am to 9.30 for your personal prayers. For Mass schedules always check the newsletter. Sorry for any inconveniences. The Mass Intentions scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday have been moved to Saturday and Sunday next week.

Saint of the week - St Pius X, Pope: He was born in Riese, a small village near Venice, as one of ten children in a very impoverished family. At the age of 23, he became a priest and later served as the bishop of Mantua and Venice before being elected Pope in 1903, a position he accepted reluctantly. During his papacy, he aimed to restore all things in Christ, advocating for the separation of Church and State and prohibiting political groups from claiming religious endorsement for their agendas, regardless of their political leanings. Despite his high office, he lived in humility and poverty, delivering sermons in the Vatican courtyards every Sunday to anyone willing to listen. His simple goodness was so profound that he was credited with miracles during his lifetime, and following his death on August 20, 1914, amid the sorrow of World War I's onset, calls for his canonization began almost immediately.

The motto of Pope St. Pius X, to restore all things in Christ, serves as a reminder of our collective mission as children of God, baptized Christians, and citizens of both earth and heaven, to guide others toward salvation.

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 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.

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/>