



Pope Leo XIV's prayer intentions for 2026

The pope's Worldwide Prayer Network has released Pope Leo XIV's list of prayer intentions for the year 2026. Every month, Pope Leo asks Catholics around the world to pray for a particular intention.

April

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Join us Today for our Tea and Coffee Morning


Sunday 12th April after 9.30am Mass



All Welcome!

Church Cleaning Rota

This week is Group 7



Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year. If you can help, please let Mgr. Phil Know

Last Weeks Collection

	Loose Plate	£515.71
	Gift Aid	£582.50
	Easter Raffle	£650.00
	Total	£1748.21

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

If you wish to have your Child Baptised here at St Joseph's Church, our next Baptism meeting will take place on

Sunday 3rd May

following the 9:30am Mass.



Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9.30am - 1.30pm

Parish Administrator Stephanie Allen
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People of The Parish

Intentions for People of The Parish are said privately each week by Mgr. Philip Gregory

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

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Sunday 12th April 2026
Second Sunday of Easter (A) : Sunday of Divine Mercy

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Monday	9:30am	Derek Crank
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9:30am	Muriel and Brian Orsborn
Friday	No Public Mass	
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	Peter Carty : Anni Margaret Cheetham : Anni

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Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request.
Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.

First Reading	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2:42-47
Psalm Response	Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever. Ps 118 (117) : 2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R. 1
Second Reading	A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter. 1:3-9
The Gospel Acclamation	You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 20: 19-31
Communion Antiphon	Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

The Second Sunday of Easter, also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, invites us to rest in the peace of the Risen Christ and to trust in His unfailing mercy. The Gospel recounts Jesus appearing to His disciples behind locked doors, speaking the words, *“Peace be with you.”* In that moment, fear gives way to joy, and doubt begins to dissolve in the light of His presence.

Thomas’ journey from scepticism to belief reminds us that faith is often a process. Jesus does not shame him for questioning; instead, He meets Thomas exactly where he is, offering the very proof he seeks. This is the heart of Divine Mercy God’s willingness to step into our uncertainty, our wounds, and our locked rooms, bringing peace and hope.

Holy Communion Requests for Housebound Parishioners

If you know of anyone who is housebound, sick or in a care home within our Parish who would like to receive Holy Communion, please speak to Mgr. Phil or telephone the Parish Office on 01257 676027



Sick in our Parish

Please pray for the sick in our community remembering Shevon Rodrigo, Olivia Williams, Annalise Donelon and all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan Hospital and our local Hospice. Father Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick and put their trust in you. Send them healing O Lord and comfort from your Holy Spirit.



Holy Souls



Please pray for David Rigby, Joan Boulton and Brian Andrews who have recently died and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. We also remember the forgotten Holy Souls who have no one to pray for them including Priests and Religious. Eternal rest grant on to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in your peace. Amen.



You are invited to
Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday 12th April 2026
2.00pm
St John the Evangelist Church
Fountains Road, L4
Everybody is welcome



Jesus told St Faustina, “the souls that come on that feast day to Mass to receive Holy Communion and go to confession will not only have their sins forgiven, but all stains of sins removed.

Jesus said, “this is mankind’s last hope to turn to Mercy, and also I want to pour out Oceans of Mercy on you” (Mercy is forgiveness).

All day	Confessions
2.00pm	Testimony and talk on Divine Mercy Message
3.00pm	Adoration Chaplet of Divine Mercy Benediction
4.00pm	Holy Mass / Hymns by Marg & Sheila Veneration of the image Blessing with the relic of the true cross

Please come early to write petitions, which we will place on the altar.
For more info, contact Paula: 07984 970 296

Male Voice Choir Concert

Our Lady and
All Saints Church
Parbold

Saturday 18th April
7:30pm, Tickets £10

For more information available via
parbold@hotmail.com or ringing (01257) 463248

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI

29 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2026

During the 800th anniversary year of St Francis of Assisi, we’re offering an exciting opportunity to people aged 18-35 to go to on a pilgrimage to Assisi!

£990
PER PERSON

£799 per person
for the first 15 people
from the archdiocese to book
Offer valid for bookings made by 17 April 2026

**A LIMITED-TIME
ADVANCE BOOKING
OFFER IS
CURRENTLY
AVAILABLE:**

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MORE INFORMATION
AND BOOKING:

Help us shape youth ministry for the future

We’re reviewing youth ministry across our archdiocese, and we need **your ideas** to help us be a Church where young people flourish.



All teenagers and adults welcome!

Join one of our open meetings:
(Under-18s must be accompanied by an adult)

Monday 20 April Tuesday 21 April
7–9:30pm 7–9:30pm

St Joseph’s, Crow Orchard Rd, Wigan WN6 9PA
St Monica’s, Fernhill Rd, Bootle, L20 9GA

For more info, contact Sarah McGeehan
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Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April 2026

On May 5th 2000 Pope Saint John Paul II decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter, the Octave of Easter, would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Service Of Divine Mercy at St Mary's Wigan
3-0 clock Confessions available.

ANNUAL SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
BURSCOUGH L40 7RA

Saturday 11th April:

Exposition 9:00am-9:00pm

6:30pm Holy Mass

8:00pm Holy Hour and Benediction.

Sunday 12th April:

Exposition 9:00am– 9:00pm

9:00am Holy Mass