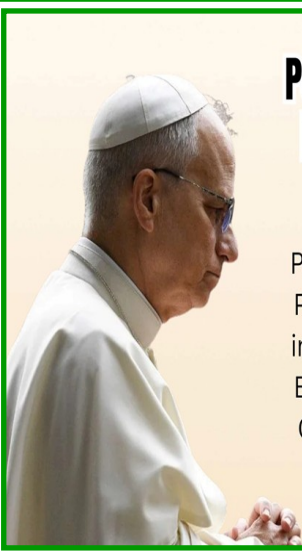




### Pope Leo XIV's prayer intentions for 2026

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.

## July

### For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



If you wish to have your child Baptised here at St Joseph's Church, please ring the Parish Office to book a place at the next Baptism Meeting. This takes place on the 1st Sunday of the month following the 9.30am Mass. **Our next meeting is Sunday : 2nd August**

### Mass Intentions

To arrange Mass intentions please collect an envelope from the back of Church and write clearly the name of the person/s who the Mass intention is for, along with your telephone number, preferred date and offering, we will do our very best to accommodate the date requested or nearest to it.

### Church Cleaning Rota

**This week is Group 4**

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 Weekends Collections

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Loose Plate | £332.71 |
| Gift Aid    | £517.30 |
| Total       | £850.01 |





**Please Note**

**There is NO Tea and Coffee Morning this Sunday due to the Summer Fair taking place on Saturday**

**Please join us for our next one Sunday 26th July after 9:30am Mass**



### Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9:30am - 1:30pm

Parish Administrator Stephanie Allen

01257 676027

Email stjwrightington@rcaol.org.uk

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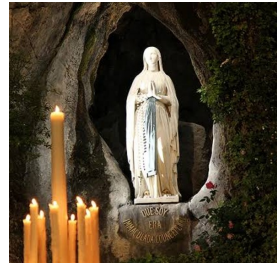
|  <b>Sunday 12th July 2026</b><br><b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>  |                  |                                         |
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| <b>Sunday 12th July 2026</b><br><b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | 9:30am<br>5:00pm | Julie Atherton<br>Special Intention     |
| Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No Public Mass   |                                         |
| Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No Public Mass   |                                         |
| Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | No Public Mass   |                                         |
| Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No Public Mass   |                                         |
| Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No Public Mass   |                                         |
| Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No Public Mass   |                                         |
| <b>Sunday 19th July</b><br><b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | 9:30am<br>5:00pm | David Blakemore<br>People of The Parish |

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| <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request.</b><br><b>Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.</b> |                                                                                                                |
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| First Reading                                                                                                     | A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 55:10-11                                                                    |
| Psalm Response                                                                                                    | Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.<br>Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R. Luke 8:8        |
| Second Reading                                                                                                    | A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. 8:18-23                                                 |
| The Gospel Acclamation                                                                                            | The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;<br>all who find him will live for ever.                         |
| Gospel                                                                                                            | A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 13:1-23                                                   |
| Communion Antiphon                                                                                                | The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him. |



### Liverpool Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

Once again, I will be traveling to Lourdes as Chaplain to Coach 7. Coach 7 originated in Southport in 2003 and in July of the same year, incidentally the year I was Ordained, we made our first trip to Lourdes.

I had the privilege of becoming it's first and up to date only chaplain for Coach 7. It is always a wonderful and uplifting experience especially for our young people.

If you would like me to take prayer petitions to leave at the Grotto of Our Lady, or to light a candle on your behalf, then please put your request in an envelope **marked Lourdes Petitions** and place them on the **collection plate** or **post them through the presbytery door** before the **20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

### 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 (please refer to back of Newsletter for Office Hours)



### 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 those 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.

Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has expressed his deep disappointment that the **Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will return to parliament in autumn:**

"I am deeply disappointed that the previously unsuccessful Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is being reintroduced in the House of Commons. It is likely to be debated in September.

"The Catholic Church opposes this Bill in principle and joins with many other people of faith and none in arguing that we should not cross this watershed. **Read more at [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)** Please contact your MP to make your voice heard to oppose this bill.



### A Mother's Warmth: Icon Exhibition at the Metropolitan Cathedral 30 June – 30 August

The cathedral will be hosting *Mother's Warmth*, an exhibition by Bulgarian artist and iconographer Dian Kostov. Admission free.

### Mary's Meals Appeal

#### Mary's Meals are looking for volunteers to become Faith Representatives

For people who can help raise awareness within their parish and inspire others to support this beautiful mission.

You would be a friendly point of contact, share updates from time to time, and help connect your church community with the work of Mary's Meals. It's a small commitment that can make a big difference. If you feel called to be part of this life-giving mission, please contact [info@marysmeals.org.uk](mailto:info@marysmeals.org.uk) or make an enquiry through the website [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk).

Together, we can ensure more children receive a daily meal and the chance of an education.



As part of the **UK Disasters Emergency Committee**, CAFOD is launching the **Venezuela Earthquake Appeal** to raise vital funds for communities affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. To offer your support please visit : [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

### CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER

During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District.

Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out [castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us](http://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)



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