



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.

March

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Join us for our next Tea and Coffee Morning!

Sunday 22nd March
after 9.30am Mass
All Welcome!

Last Weeks Collection

Loose Plate	£325.47
Gift Aid	£479.50
Total	£804.97

Second Collection : Sunday 15th March Nugent

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!



Tickets are on sale now from the back of Church, Lucky Tickets will be drawn on Easter Weekend

Good Luck!

We continue to ask Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to especially care for all those approaching the end of life. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care. Lord hear us”.



Church Cleaning Rota
This week is Group 3

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

Office Hours

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

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL
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Sunday 15th March 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)		
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Monday	9:30am	Brian Andrews : Healing
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	7:00pm	Stations of The Cross
Thursday Patronal Feast Day Solemnity of St Joseph,	9:30am	Dora Scarth : Anni Joan Nolan RIP
Friday	9:30am : During Lent	Teresa Richardson
Saturday	No Public Mass	
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Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request.
Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.

First Reading	A reading from the First Book of Samuel. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalm Response	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R. 1
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians. 5:8-14
The Gospel Acclamation	Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 9:1-41
Communion Antiphon	The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

This Weeks Reflection

Imagine walking through life in complete darkness never having seen the face of a loved one, the colours of a sunrise, or the smile of a child. Now imagine that, in an instant, light floods in, and the world is revealed in all its beauty. This is the experience of the man born blind in today's Gospel but it is also the spiritual journey of every Christian during Lent.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, known as **Laetare Sunday**, is a moment of joy in the midst of our Lenten journey. The rose-coloured vestments remind us that Easter is drawing near, and that God's light is already breaking into our darkness.



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 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.

St. Marie's Church Ladies' Social Group

Ladies from all areas are welcome to join St. Marie's church ladies at their monthly social meetings. These are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 2pm at St. Marie's church hall. During the year we arrange: guest speakers or singer, cakes and a chat, lunch at the Owls, a memorial buffet and coach trips. Membership £8 per year. The next meeting on March 31st is a spring bring & buy with hot cross buns.

For more information contact
Marjorie 01257 424332 or Ruth 01257 422690



People of The Parish

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

Gift Aid 26/27

For those who Gift Aid, please pick up your box of envelopes from the back of the church

If you are a UK Taxpayer your offertory can be recorded under the **Gift Aid Scheme** and the **Parish will receive 25p for every pound you donate** to the Church.

This is at **NO EXTRA COST TO YOURSELF** but is a greatly appreciated asset for the Parish!!

If you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme please give you name and contact number to Mgr. Phil

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*Carrying
of the Cross*



INVITATION

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on
Saturday 28 March 2026 at 2PM

This year, the carrying of the cross will be lead by Fr Peter Ross of St Bede's Parish, Widnes
We will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (bombed out church), and will be followed by a short service

Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for a 2pm prompt start

Stewards Required
please contact Jim Ross on
email: jimmy.ross7@gmail.com



Saturday 28 March 2026

Starting at:
Church St/Lord

Starts
2 PM

Finishing at:
St Luke's Church

Reminder: Nugent Collection Sunday – 15th March

“Love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:31)

As we continue our Lenten journey, we kindly remind our parishes and parishioners that **Nugent Collection Sunday** takes place on the **4th Sunday of Lent, 15th March 2026**. This year's appeal invites us to put into action Jesus' call to *love our neighbour* by supporting those within our communities who are most in need. Through your generosity, Nugent is able to continue offering practical support to people facing homelessness, young care leavers, families experiencing poverty, and those escaping domestic violence. Every prayer, every donation, and every act of kindness helps us continue the mission begun by Fr James Nugent, serving our neighbours across the Archdiocese of Liverpool. For more information, please contact fundraising@wearenuigent.org. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers.



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