



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.

August

For evangelisation in the city
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



MASS INTENTIONS

By offering a Mass intention, you provide a spiritual blessing that honours your loved ones personally. Whether for the living or in memory of those who have died, it is a powerful gesture of love and goodwill. Mass intentions can also be given as a gift to people which can bring them comfort and joy, knowing they are remembered in the church's sacred space.

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.

Mass envelopes can be handed to Mgr. Phil or the Parish Office.

Church Cleaning Rota

This week is Group 1

Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

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Last Week's Collections

Gift Aid	£392.00
Loose Plate	£332.82
Total	£724.82
The Brick	£215.00



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.



Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9:30am - 1:30pm

Parish Administrator Stephanie Allen
01257 676027
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Our next Tea and Coffee Morning will take place on Sunday 23rd August after the 9:30am Mass



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Sunday 16th August 2026 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
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	5:00pm	People of The Parish
Monday	9:30am	Marie O'Connor : Anniversary
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday Memorial of St Bernard	9:30am	Fr. Joe Kendall L.D
Friday	No Public Mass	
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 23rd August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	Special Intention : The Murphy Family In Thanksgiving

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Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.	
First Reading	A reading from the book of Revelation. 11:19a: 12-6a, 10ab
Psalm Response	On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Ps 45(44);10. 11. 12. 16. R.10b
Second Reading	A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 15:20-27a
The Gospel Acclamation	Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-56
Communion Antiphon	All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



This Feast is usually celebrated on August 15th, but it has been transferred to this Sunday.

The Assumption marks the end of Mary's earthly life when she was taken body and soul into heavenly glory.

Defined as an infallible dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950, this feast day is a profound sign of hope, reminding us that our ultimate destiny is eternal life with God

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 John Culligan, Mary Chaffin, Shevon Rodrigo, Olivia Williams, Annalise Donelon, 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 including Fr. Joseph Kendall 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.

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meals

Whether you give money, time, prayer, or help to spread our message, your little act of love can give children living in some of the world's poorest countries hope for a better future.

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Contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returns to the House of Commons for its Second Reading on 11th September. Those wishing to express their opposition are encouraged to contact their MP using the online resources provided by CBCEW in association with Right to Life UK. For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

**CRAFTING
THE WORD OF THE LORD**
An Exhibition of knitted Bible Scenes
CREATED BY
FRANCESCA VAUSE

Monday 7th - Friday 11th September

Monday 11:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Wed'day 11:00am - 3:00pm
Thursday 11:30am - 4:00pm
Friday 11:00am - 3:00pm

Free Entry Carparking on site

Our Lady & All Saints Church, Lancaster Lane
Parbold WN8 7HS
Enquiries: parbold@hotmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

St. Joseph's Quiz Night
Friday 9th October 2026

Our annual brain strain is soon to arrive.

Tickets will be on sale from this Sunday
August 16th after Mass. £10 per person

Look out for the Poster at the back of Church
for further details

CAFOD School Volunteers Needed!

Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD**? We are looking for **volunteers** to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on **07710 094449** or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk



If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your local social services, our team here at St Josephs or the Safeguarding team of The Archdiocese of Liverpool Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk