



**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.

**May**

**For Priests in Crisis**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**Tea and Coffee Morning**



**Join us**  
**Sunday 24th May**  
**after 9:30am Mass**

**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 Weeks Collection**

Loose Plate	£336.37
Gift Aid	£379.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£715.37</b>

**Additional Collection this Sunday**  
**17th May for World Communications**



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.

**May is the month of Mary.**  
A time to pause and return to her quiet example of faith.

This month, take a little extra time for prayer and reflection, wherever you are.



**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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<b>Sunday 17th May 2026</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)</b>		
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Monday	9:30am	Anthony Ryan: RIP
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	<b>6pm until 7pm</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
Thursday	9:30am	Freda Preece : RIP
Friday	No Public Mass	
Saturday	No Public Mass	
<b>Sunday 24th May</b> <b>Solemnity of Pentecost (A) Whit Sunday</b>	9:30am 5:00pm	Ian Bailey : RIP Heliza and Ramsika in Thanksgiving

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<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request.</b> <b>Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 1:12-14
<b>Psalm Response</b>	I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Ps 27 (26):1. 4. 7-8a. R. 13
<b>Second Reading</b>	A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter. 4:13-16
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
<b>Gospel</b>	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 17:1-11a
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.



### Seventh Sunday of Easter

Today is a time for a moment of quiet yet profound anticipation. We stand with the disciples in that in-between space after the Ascension, but before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It's a time of waiting, trusting, and holding onto the promise that God's work is still unfolding. In the Gospel we hear Jesus' deeply intimate prayer to the Father often called the High Priestly Prayer. He prays not only for His disciples but for all who will believe through their witness. His words are filled with love, unity, and protection. It's a reminder that even before we were born, we were already in His heart.

### 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.

**Summer FAIR**  
COME ALONG FOR FUN!  
At St Joseph's RC Church, Wrightington  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of July  
12noon till 2.30pm  
all ages welcome  
GAMES  
TOMBOLA  
CRAFTS  
RAFFLES  
AND PLENTY MORE FOR ALL THE FAMILY!  
Tea, cake & refreshments available!  
CASH ONLY VENUE  
A wonderful community event - come along, bring your friends and enjoy!

### Pentecost March

24th May, 3pm  
From Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to Liverpool Cathedral  
At Pentecost we remember the Church going out with joy and courage. We mark that here in Liverpool by walking together down Hope Street. Many Voices, One Faith. All are welcome to take part.

### Walking with Jesus

a talk by **Mary Hardiman**

based on the gospel story The Road to Emmaus



7:00pm Wednesday 20th May  
Our Lady and All Saints School  
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Missionaries of Charity  
55 Seel Street Liverpool L1 4AZ

### May Procession

Liverpool City Centre

30<sup>th</sup> May INVITATION 2 pm

Father Peter Ross of St Wilfrid's Parish Widnes, will lead the procession.

We begin at St Peters Square Seel Street, and continuing along Berry Street, Bold Street, Church Street, Whitechapel and to finish at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine, on Queens Square

A special Invitation is extended to those who are making their 1st Holy Communion

We need volunteers, please contact the Missionaries of Charity directly, or Jim Ross via email: jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

STARTING AT St PETER'S SQ. FINISHING AT QUEENS SQUARE

### West Lancashire Deanery

### Novena of Holy Hours and Consecration of Deanery to the Sacred Heart

Wednesday 3rd to Friday 12th June 2026

### Holy Hours

- Wed 3rd St Elizabeth's Scarisbrick 7:00pm
- Thur 4th St Richard's Skelmersdale 7:00pm
- Fri 5th St John the Evangelist Burscough 7:00pm
- Sat 6th St Joseph's Wrightington 3:00pm\*
- Sun 7th St Teresa's Upholland 7:00pm
- Mon 8th St Marie's Standish 7:00pm
- Tue 9th St Bernadette's Shevington 7:00pm
- Wed 10th St St James' Orrell 7:00pm
- Thur 11th St Anne's Ormskirk 7:00pm

Holy Mass and Act of Consecration  
Celebrant Rt Rev Thomas Neylon, Aux Bishop of Liverpool

Fri 12th Our Lady and All Saints Parbold 7:00pm