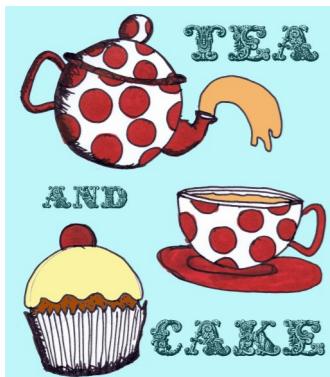




Pope Leo XIV's prayer intentions for 2026

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.

Our next Tea and Coffee Morning will take place after Mass on Sunday 25th January



All Welcome!



Office Hours

Monday 9.30am - 1.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday 9.30am - 1.30pm
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JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Collection 11th January 2026

Gift Aid	£1628.00
Loose Plate	£245.58
Donation	£100.00
Total	£1973.58
Animate Youth	£32.00

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!
Mgr. Phil



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

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

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Sunday 18th January 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

18th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.30am 5.00pm	Brenda and Albert Harmer People of The Parish
Monday	9.30am	Tony Wood : Anniversary and Birthday
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9.30am	Irene Campbell
Friday	No Public Mass	
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 25th January 2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.30am 5.00pm	Joseph O'Connor : Anniversary Agnes Mitchinson : Anniversary

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

First Reading	A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 49:3, 5-6
Psalm Response	Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will. Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R. 8a, 9a
Second Reading	The beginning of the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 1:1-3
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 1:29-34
Communion Antiphon	You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



This Weeks Reflection

Our Gospel reading is devoted to the words of the Baptist, his words about Jesus. In the 4th Gospel there is no direct description of Jesus' baptism as in the other three Gospels. What we get in today's Gospel is the Baptist's reflection after the event.

But in keeping with the other versions he mentions the two key ideas: the descent of the Spirit and the proclamation that Jesus is the Chosen One of God, though it is he, the Baptist, not the voice from heaven, who makes this proclamation.

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.

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 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.

Sick in our Parish



Please pray for the sick in our community, those who are suffering from a terminal illness, remembering also Olivia Williams, Annalise Donelon, John Hughes and all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan Hospital, our local Hospice and members of the Royal Family. Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and put their trust in Thee. Send them healing O Lord and comfort from thy Holy Spirit.



Holy Souls



In your charity, please pray for those who have died including John Goggins, Matthew McNally 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.



Meet Your Archbishop – Wednesday, 28 January, 5:00pm

The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are delighted to start the New Year with an evening with Archbishop John Sherrington.

It will commence with Mass at 5.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Then we will adjourn to the Gibberd Room where we will enjoy a hot pot supper and a glass of wine. There will be an opportunity to meet Archbishop John and share with him his ambitions and plans for our Archdiocese.

The cost is £30.00 per person which will include a hot pot supper, wine and a donation to the Friends. Anyone wishing to sign up should email Claire at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk in the first instance and details of how to pay will be shared. Numbers are limited so sign up fast!



St John Rigby College – deadline for Y11 pupil applications

The deadline for applying for a place at St John Rigby College in September 2026 is Monday 2 February 2026. Applications can be made online via the College website: www.sjr.ac.uk

St John Rigby College – applications for Examination Invigilators

SJR is now hiring examination invigilators for the May to June 2026 external examination season. Prior experience is not essential as full training will be provided to successful candidates.

Further information about this part time post may be obtained by contacting the College via HR@sjr.ac.uk or by phone on 01942 214797.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

 *Would you like to help engaged couples to prepare for marriage? The archdiocese is now recruiting catechists to join the marriage preparation team. The catechist training will be provided at St Monica's Church, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9GA and consists of 5 sessions:*

Monday 23 February 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)

Monday 2 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)

Monday 9 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)

Monday 16 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)

Saturday 23 March 2026 (10am – 2pm)

Upon completion of training, the catechists will be asked to offer marriage preparation course for couples twice a year. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up

<https://forms.office.com/e/JGbP8AtZwn?origin=lprLink>

Or for more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.