

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.

April

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Join us for our next Tea and Coffee Morning


Sunday 26th April after 9.30am Mass

All Welcome!



Church Cleaning Rota

This week is Group 8



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	£308.71
Gift Aid	£375.55
Total	£684.26

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

Baptism

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
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People of The Parish

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

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Monday	11:30am	Joan Boulton : Requiem Mass
Tuesday	12 Noon	Brian Andrews : Requiem Mass
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday Solemnity of St George	9:30am	People of the Parish
Friday	10:30am	David Rigby : Requiem Mass
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	50th Wedding Anniversary Tony Woods : Anni

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

First Reading	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2:14, 22b-33
Psalm Response	O Lord, you will show me the path of life. Ps 16 (15):1-2a, 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11. R. 11a
Second Reading	A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter. 1: 17-21
The Gospel Acclamation	Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 24:13-35
Communion Antiphon	The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

This Weeks Reflection



The 3rd Sunday of Easter invites us to recognise the risen Jesus in Scripture, in the breaking of the bread, and in our daily lives, transforming sorrow into hope and faith into action.

This Sunday challenges us to look for Jesus in our daily lives in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the people we meet.

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 David Rigby, Joan Boulton, Brian Andrews and Jean Monk 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.

Continuing along the Path of Synodality – Tuesdays at 7pm, starting 21 April

Pope Leo has invited us to continue to embrace the journey of synodality recognising that ‘our relationships do not respond to the logic of power but to that of love.’ As we journey through Eastertime towards the great feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost we have an opportunity to reflect on the document that came from the final session of the Synod on Synodality called by Pope Francis that Pope Leo is now urging us to embrace at every level in the life of the Church.

Tuesday evenings 21, 28 April, 5, 12, 19 May, 7pm to 8.30pm

To join the zoom meeting use the weblink below, enter the meeting details or use the QR code: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=VBTox3xbJiWrU8x00sbiuCGmnO97Xn.1>

Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285 Passcode: 981267

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool?

There will be a reunion on 17th May for all ex-pupils & teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch & a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated.

Please try to attend, all are welcome.

Reply by 3rd May to Bernie Shaw, 0161 483 0173
Berniemshaw@hotmail.com

Help us shape youth ministry for the future

We're reviewing youth ministry across our archdiocese, and we need **your ideas** to help us be a Church where young people flourish.



All teenagers and adults welcome!

Join one of our open meetings:
(Under-18s must be accompanied by an adult)

Monday 20 April 7-9:30pm **Tuesday 21 April 7-9:30pm**

St Joseph's, Crow Orchard Rd, Wigan WN6 9PA St Monica's, Fernhill Rd, Bootle, L20 9GA

For more info, contact **Sarah McGeehan** s.mcgeehan@rcaol.org.uk | 07415 099048 

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI 29 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2026

During the 800th anniversary year of St Francis of Assisi, we're offering an exciting opportunity to people aged **18-35** to go to on a pilgrimage to Assisi!

£990
PER PERSON

£799 per person
for the first 15 people
from the archdiocese to book
Offer valid for bookings made by 17 April 2026

**A LIMITED-TIME
ADVANCE BOOKING
OFFER IS
CURRENTLY
AVAILABLE!**

SCAN ME!



MORE INFORMATION
AND BOOKING:



**“Pray, hope, and
don't worry.
Worry is useless.
God is merciful and
will hear your prayer.”**
- SAINT PADRE PIO

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In 2025 St Joseph's RC church raised **£920.00** through Parishioners Red Boxes and donations. Thank you to everyone for supporting missionaries overseas through prayers and financial assistance. If you don't already have a Red Box at home or would like information on other ways to donate, details can be found in the Missio Mission Today booklet. Both found at the back of church.