

### 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.

## February

### For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Join us at our next  
Tea and Coffee Morning  
on Sunday 8th February  
after 9.30am Mass



All Welcome!



**Office Hours**

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


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### Collection 25th January 2026

Gift Aid	£403.50
Loose Plate	£306.61
Donation	£10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£720.11</b>

**Thank you for your wonderful generosity!**  
**Mgr. Phil**



### Church Cleaning Rota

**This week is Group 5**


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**

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## St Joseph's Catholic Church


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### Sunday 1st February 2026

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



<b>1st February 2026</b> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Marie Howarth : Birthday Anne Gordon, Seamus Gordon, Frank and Kathleen Roper
Monday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	<b>9.30am</b>	Pauline Fowler : Anniversary
Tuesday	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
Wednesday	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
Thursday Memorial of St Agatha	<b>9.30am</b>	Sheila Jenkins : RIP
Friday : <b>First Friday</b> Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions	<b>9.30am</b>	Margaret Arrowsmith : RIP
Saturday	<b>No Public Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 8th February 2026</b> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>9.30am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Chris Duckett : 70th Birthday Dave Hesketh:Pam Davies Birthday 23rd Anniversary of Mgr.Phil's Ordination

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<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah. 2:3; 3:12-13</b>
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<b>Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 1:26-31</b>
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 5:1-12a</b>
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love, O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.</b>



### This Weeks Reflection

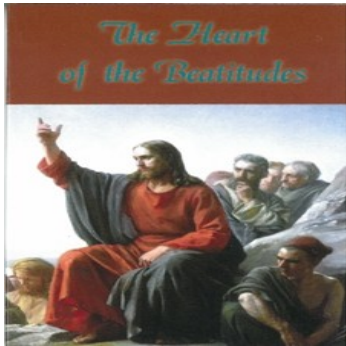
The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time shows us how God sees things differently than we do. In each reading, we hear about people the world may overlook - those who are weak, poor, or humble.

But God lifts them up.

He sees their faith and their trust.

The Gospel reading gives us the Beatitudes.

Jesus tells us who is truly blessed. It's not the rich or powerful. It's those who are gentle, those who show mercy, and those who suffer for doing what is right. These words are simple, but they show us how to live as followers of Christ.



### Mass Intentions

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 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.

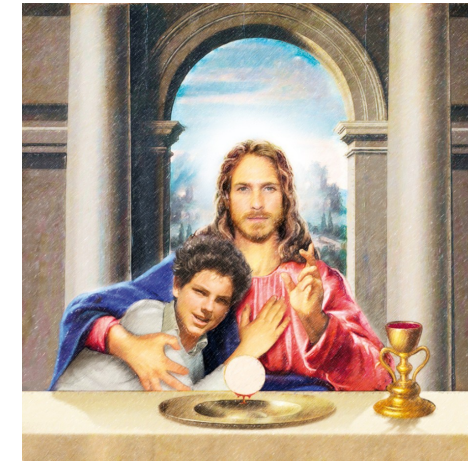


### Holy Souls



In your charity, please pray for those who have recently died Martha Ainscough, John Goggins, Teresa Richardson, Antonia Della Cerra 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.



### Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and Relics

**Carlo Acutis**  
**The First Millennial Saint**

Saturday 14th to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Opening times

**Saturdays and Sundays**

11:30am-3:00pm

**Monday to Friday**

11:30am-3:00pm, 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Relics :** Our Lady and All Saints Church, Lancaster Lane, Parbold  
**Exhibition:** Our Lady and All Saints School, Brandreth Drive, Parbold

### Polite Notice

### Church Posters and Notices

*To help keep our Church welcoming and orderly, we kindly ask that posters are not put up in Church without speaking to Mgr. Phil. If you would like to share information about an event or activity, please contact the Office or Mgr. Phil who will be happy to review your request and where appropriate will place the notice / poster in Church for you or discuss inclusion in the Weekly Newsletter.*

### Adventurous Accompaniment – open to all

Do you work with people in the church, or are you interested in doing so?

Have you ever thought about how can you can become an Adventurous Accompanier? Adventurous Accompaniment focuses on walking **alongside** people in their faith journey. It emphasises listening, presence, and empowering individuals to discover their own path, rather than directing them. Through the journey of a 6-week programme including 3 full-day workshops, you will not only explore the core principles of accompaniment but also going in-depth to embed those principles in practice. All costs of the programme will be covered by the archdiocese.

Please register online if you are interested.

Sign up here <https://archdioceseofliverpool.org/accompaniment>

For enquiries, please contact Moses Mui, Training Coordinator at

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You will choose either one workshop for each weekend when you sign up.