

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.

March

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Join us for our next Tea and Coffee Morning

Sunday 8th March
after 9.30am Mass
All Welcome!

Last Weeks Collection

Loose Plate £286.80
Gift Aid £492.00
Total £778.80



Thank you for your wonderful generosity!
Mgr. Phil

Nine First Fridays Devotion.

At St Joseph's we continue with our First Friday Devotion in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion **begs** God's infinite mercy for our World and for our Church. The "Great promise" associated with this devotion applied to those who went to Holy Mass and received the Eucharist on **nine consecutive First Fridays**: "I promise you, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that its all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments, My Divine Heart becoming their assured refuge at that last hour. " We encourage you to join us in begging the Lord for those graces promised through St. Margaret Mary to those who fulfil his directions by completing the Nine First Fridays devotion".

 **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. If you can help, please let Mgr. Phil Know

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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Sunday 1st March 2026 Second Sunday of Lent (A)		
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Monday	9.30am	Iain and Paul Rogers
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	7pm	Stations of The Cross
Thursday	9.30am	B.J Wenton : Anni
Friday : Friday in Lent (First Friday)	9.30am : During Lent	Jean O'Connell
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 8th March 2026 Third Sunday of Lent (A)	9.30am 5.00pm	Joyce Connolly and Jim Perry : RIP Deceased members of the Rogers and Cassidy Family

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Sacrament of Reconciliation on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.	
First Reading	A reading from the Book of Genesis 12:1- 4a
Psalm Response	May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord Ps 33 (32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22.R. 22
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 1:8b-10
The Gospel Acclamation	Glory to you, O Christ Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9
Communion Antiphon	This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

This Weeks Reflection

And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

There is an awful parallel between this scene and that of the Crucifixion:

Jesus is revealed on a hill – Mount Tabor and Calvary.

His clothes are noticeable – shining white and stripped off him.

He is flanked by two people – Moses and Elijah and the two thieves.

He is declared to be Son of God –
by a heavenly voice and by a Roman Centurion.

The two images explain and enrich one another. We learn to see the glory in the Cross and the Cross in the glory.

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, 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.

ST PATRICK'S PATRONAL FEAST

St Patrick's Church warmly invites you to celebrate their Patronal Feast with an Irish Night on Friday 13th March at Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club. Doors open at 7:00pm, with live music from The Flyby Knights, a DJ, hot food and a raffle. For Tickets Call Josh on 07713 520717 All are welcome to attend!



People of The Parish

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Nigeria 2026

All Saints
Church
Appley Bridge
2pm



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242

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 or our safeguarding team direct at



Or Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965
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Carrying of the Cross

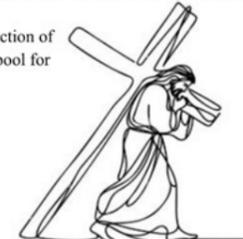
INVITATION

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on
Saturday 28 March 2026 at 2PM

This year, the carrying of the cross will be lead by Fr Peter Ross of St Bede's Parish, Widnes
We will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (bombed out church), and will be followed by a short service

Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for a 2pm prompt start

****Stewards Required****
please contact Jim Ross on
email: jimmy.ross7@gmail.com



Saturday 28 March 2026

Starting at:
Church St/Lord

Starts
2 PM

Finishing at:
St Luke's Church

SVP and CAFOD Work Experience

Applications close 6th April

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on the 6th April. Please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk