



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 Today for our Tea and Coffee Morning
Sunday 22nd February
after 9.30am Mass



All Welcome!

Last Weeks Collection

Gift Aid £392.00
Loose Plate £303.45
Total £695.45



Thank you for your wonderful generosity!
Mgr. Phil



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 the 1st Sunday of the month following the 9.30am Mass.



Office Hours

Monday 9.30am - 1.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday 9.30am - 1.30pm
Friday 9.30am - 1.30pm
Parish Administrator Stephanie Allen
Telephone 01257 676027
Email stjwrightington@rcaol.org.uk



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

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

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St Joseph's Catholic Church

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Monday	9.30am	Eddie : 1st Anniversary
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	6.15pm - 6.55pm 7pm	Confessions Stations of The Cross with Benediction
Thursday	9.30am	Teresa and Chris O'Brien : Anni
Friday : Friday in Lent	9.30am : During Lent	For a Successful Operation (JW)
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 1st March 2026 Second Sunday of Lent (A)	9.30am 5.00pm	Florence Carney : Birthday Alfred Cheetham : Birthday

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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 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm Response	Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned. Ps 51 (50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R. cf. 3a
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. 5: 12-19
The Gospel Acclamation	Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11
Communion Antiphon	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



This Weeks Reflection

The First Sunday of Lent always invites us into the desert with Jesus not as a place of emptiness, but as a space of clarity. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus face temptation head-on. The devil's offers are subtle, appealing to hunger, power, and pride the same struggles that often tug at our own hearts.

Lent is our own "desert time" a season to strip away distractions, to listen more deeply, and to remember who we are in God's eyes.

Through prayer, fasting, and acts of love, we learn to say **NO** to what diminishes us and **YES** to what brings life.

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 (please refer to back of Newsletter for Office Hours)



Sick in our Parish

Please pray for the sick in our community and for those who are suffering from a terminal illness, remembering also Olivia Williams, Annalise Donelon 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 including Martha Ainscough 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Getting married in the Catholic Church?

Take time out from wedding planning to focus on your relationship and prepare for married life together.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is offering a four-session Marriage Preparation Course for engaged couples, led by trained lay facilitators.

Choose from two **identical** courses in June/July or September/October.

Course A:

16 June, 23 June, 30 June, 7 July
6:30pm – 8:30pm (Mondays)
Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Childwall, L15 6YQ

Course B:

29 Sept, 6 Oct, 13 Oct, 20 Oct
6:30pm – 8:30pm (Mondays)
St Helen's Church, Alexandra Road, Crosby, L23 7TQ

What's Covered?

- Communication skills
- Conflict management
- Forgiveness & reconciliation
- Parenthood
- Sexuality
- Sacramental marriage
- and much more!

Course fee: £50 per couple



Scan here to book now!



Get in touch with...
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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 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS: FIRST CLASS RELIC AND EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

This event finishes **this Sunday at 3:00pm**, with a Holy Hour and final opportunity to venerate and receive a blessing with the Relic.

The Relic is on display at Our Lady and All Saints Church, Lancaster Lane, Parbold WN87HS.

The Exhibition is held at Our Lady and All Saints School, Brandreth Drive, Parbold WN87HD.

Opening times are:

Saturday and Sunday: 11:30am - 3:00pm.

There is parking and accessibility at both sites and extra parking on Lancaster Lane.

Contact details: (01257) 463248 or email:

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Family Fast Day

Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday 27th February 2026

Your support this Family Fast Day will help more of our neighbours grow enough to eat - how will you get involved? Find everything you need to support CAFOD this Lent at home, at school or in your parish.