

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 Today!

Tea and Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd March
after 9.30am Mass



All Welcome!

Last Weeks Collection

	Loose Plate	£296.90
	Gift Aid	£391.90
	Total	£688.80

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!



EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale now from the back of Church, Lucky Tickets will be drawn on Easter Weekend

Good Luck!

We continue to ask Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to especially care for all those approaching the end of life. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care. Lord hear us".



Church Cleaning Rota

This week is Group 4

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 22nd March 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)		
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Monday	9:30am	Ann Dunn : Anni
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	6:15pm - 6:55pm 7pm	Confessions Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Thursday	9:30am	Fr. John Johnson : L.D
Friday	9:30am : During Lent	Joseph Mitchinson : Anni
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	Tony Woods : Anni Tony Hilton

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Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.	
First Reading	A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm Response	With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption. Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R. 7bc
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. 8:8-11
The Gospel Acclamation	I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11: 1-45
Communion Antiphon	Because of that great love of his with which God loved us, he sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh.



The 5th Sunday of Lent invites us to trust in God's power to bring new life, experience his mercy and embrace the hope of resurrection.

Trust in God's Promise of Life.

The readings for this Sunday remind us that even in moments of despair, God can bring life and renewal.

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 Raymond Sharratt who has 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. Marie's Church Ladies' Social Group

Ladies from all areas are welcome to join St. Marie's church ladies at their monthly social meetings. These are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 2pm at St. Marie's church hall. During the year we arrange: guest speakers or singer, cakes and a chat, lunch at the Owls, a memorial buffet and coach trips. Membership £8 per year. The next meeting on March 31st is a spring bring & buy with hot cross buns.

**For more information contact
Marjorie 01257 424332 or Ruth 01257 422690**



People of The Parish

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

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.*



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

Monday 20 April Tuesday 21 April

7-9:30pm

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**
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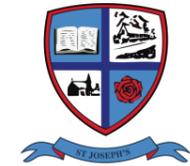
We have a lovely new selection of cards available to buy at the back of church. If you wish to make a purchase, please feel free to take one and leave your payment in the box provided.



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Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral Update – Treasurer Wanted

The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are looking for a Treasurer for the Committee. If you might be interested, contact the Secretary Ultan Russell on u.russell@rcaol.org.uk



Sunday 22nd March

Today we offer a warm welcome to the Children, Parents and Teachers of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School who are joining us for their 'Come and Pray' celebration during our 9.30am Mass.