



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.

August

For evangelisation in the city
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



MASS INTENTIONS

By offering a Mass intention, you provide a spiritual blessing that honours your loved ones personally. Whether for the living or in memory of those who have died, it is a powerful gesture of love and goodwill. Mass intentions can also be given as a gift to people which can bring them comfort and joy, knowing they are remembered in the church's sacred space.

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 telephone number, 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.



Last Week's Collections

Gift Aid	£366.30
Loose Plate	£236.80
Total	£603.10



If you wish to have your child Baptised 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
01257 676027
Email stjwrightington@rcaol.org.uk

Tea, Coffee and Cakes Morning

Today
Sunday 23rd August



Following the 9:30 am Mass,
Served in the Parish Hall.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL
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Sunday 23rd August 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)		
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Monday Feast of St Bartholomew	9:30am	Nicholas Bailey and Family
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday Memorial of St Monica	9:30am	Special Intention : C.P
Friday	No Public Mass	
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	People of The Parish

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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 Isaiah 22:15,19-23
Psalm Response	O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 6, 8bc. R. 8bc
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. 11:33-36
The Gospel Acclamation	You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 16:13-20
Communion Antiphon	The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

This Weeks Reflection



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel.

Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Peter's inspired confession "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" shifts the focus from public speculation to personal faith and the foundation of the Church.

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 remembering John Culligan, Mary Chaffin, Shevon Rodrigo, Olivia Williams, Annalise Donelon, 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 those who have recently died including Fr. Joseph Kendall, Fr. John Joyce 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.

► AN EVENING WITH ◀
**ARCHBISHOP
JOHN SHERRINGTON**

**SATURDAY 3RD
OCTOBER**

An invitation for all young adults aged 18-35

 **Holy Mass at 5pm**
St Philip Neri

 **Dinner at 6:30pm**
Blackburne House

Book your place:
[archdioceseofliverpool.org/
youngadultmass](http://archdioceseofliverpool.org/youngadultmass)



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Contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returns to the House of Commons for its Second Reading on 11th September. Those wishing to express their opposition are encouraged to contact their MP using the online resources provided by CBCEW in association with Right to Life UK. For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

**CRAFTING
THE WORD OF THE LORD**

An Exhibition of knitted Bible Scenes

**CREATED BY
FRANCESCA VAUSE**

Monday 7th - Friday 11th September

Monday 11:00am - 3:00pm
Tuesday 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Wed'day 11:00am - 3:00pm
Thursday 11:30am - 4:00pm
Friday 11:00am - 3:00pm



Free Entry Carparking on site

**Our Lady & All Saints Church, Lancaster Lane
Parbold WN8 7HS**
Enquiries: parbold@hotmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

St. Joseph's Quiz Night
Friday 9th October 2026

Our annual brain strain is soon to arrive

Tickets are now on sale after Mass

£10 per person

Look out for the Poster at the back of Church
for further details

CEILIDH DANCE FOR MARY'S MEALS

**Friday 11th September. St Teresa's
Church Hall, Upholland.**

A wonderful opportunity for a fun night. Live music to dance to from 'Change of Key'. No partner needed. No experience necessary. All ticket money goes to Mary's Meals. Doors open 7pm for country dancing 7.30 – 10.15pm. Bar open. Tickets £10 payable on the door.

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, our team here at St Josephs or the Safeguarding team of The Archdiocese of Liverpool Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk