



### 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.

## May

### For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### Tea and Coffee Morning Today



**Sunday 24th May after 9:30am Mass**

### 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

#### Last Week's Collections

|                         |                 |
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| Loose Plate             | £440.00         |
| Gift Aid                | £334.90         |
| 1st Holy Communion      | £229.02         |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>£1003.92</b> |
| Tea and Coffee Mornings | £300.00         |
| World Communications    | £289.63         |



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 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  
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**May is the month of Mary.**  
A time to pause and return to her quiet example of faith.

This month, take a little extra time for prayer and reflection, wherever you are.

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## Sunday 24th May 2026 Solemnity of Pentecost (A)

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| Sunday 24th May 2026<br>Solemnity of Pentecost (A)                         | 9:30am<br>5:00pm | Ian Bailey : RIP<br>Heliza and Ramsika in Thanksgiving |
| Monday<br>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary,<br>Mother of the Church     | 9:30am           | People of The Parish                                   |
| Tuesday                                                                    | No Public Mass   |                                                        |
| Wednesday                                                                  | No Public Mass   |                                                        |
| Thursday<br>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ,<br>the Eternal High Priest (A) | 9:30am           | Michael King : Healing                                 |
| Friday                                                                     | No Public Mass   |                                                        |
| Saturday                                                                   | No Public Mass   |                                                        |
| Sunday 31st May<br>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (A)                  | 9:30am<br>5:00pm | Terry Flynn : Anniversary<br>Cliffe Howe : Anniversary |

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request.**  
**Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.**

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| First Reading          | A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11                                                                   |
| Psalm Response         | Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. Ps 104 (103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R.cf.30 |
| Second Reading         | A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 12:3b, -7,12-13                                |
| The Gospel Acclamation | Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.                    |
| Gospel                 | A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 20:19-23                                                       |
| Communion Antiphon     | They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.                             |

### This Weeks Reflection



The Feast of Pentecost is the solemnity that concludes the 50-day Easter season and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, celebrating the birth of the Church.

At Pentecost, due to grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, people who would have been separated by language and nationality were brought together. This unity is a characteristic of the Church.

Pentecost reminds us that the Church is meant for all peoples.

### 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 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.



**Catholic Legacy Week**, 24-30 May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week at <https://cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek>

### Pentecost March

**This Sunday**  
24th May, 3pm - 5pm

All are warmly welcome to join us in gathering at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King** for a walk down Hope Street to **Liverpool Cathedral** in a time celebration. For more information,

visit: <https://www.ctmr.org.uk/Groups/341586/Pentecost.aspx>

## West Lancashire Deanery

### Novena of Holy Hours and Consecration of Deanery to the Sacred Heart

Wednesday 3rd to Friday 12th June 2026

#### Holy Hours

- Wed 3rd St Elizabeth's Scarisbrick 7:00pm
- Thur 4th St Richard's Skelmersdale 7:00pm
- Fri 5th St John the Evangelist Burscough 7:00pm
- Sat 6th St Joseph's Wrightington 3:00pm\*
- Sun 7th St Teresa's Upholland 7:00pm
- Mon 8th St Marie's Standish 7:00pm
- Tue 9th St Bernadette's Shevington 7:00pm
- Wed 10th St St James' Orrell 7:00pm
- Thur 11th St Anne's Ormskirk 7:00pm

**Holy Mass and Act of Consecration**  
Celebrant Rt Rev Thomas Neylon, Aux Bishop of Liverpool  
Fri 12th Our Lady and All Saints Parbold 7:00pm



## "EMBRACE YOUR LIFE TOGETHER IN LOVE"

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The Marriage Encounter weekend is an opportunity to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter Experience.

27th - 28th June 2026  
St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA



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