

### 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.

## JANUARY

### For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Join us Today  
after 9.30am  
Sunday Mass for our  
Tea and Coffee Morning



All Welcome!



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  
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Collection 18th January 2026

Gift Aid	£408.00
Loose Plate	£282.63
Donation	£25.00
Total	£715.63

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

Mgr. Phil

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


**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL**

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## St Joseph's Catholic Church


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### Sunday 25th January 2026

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



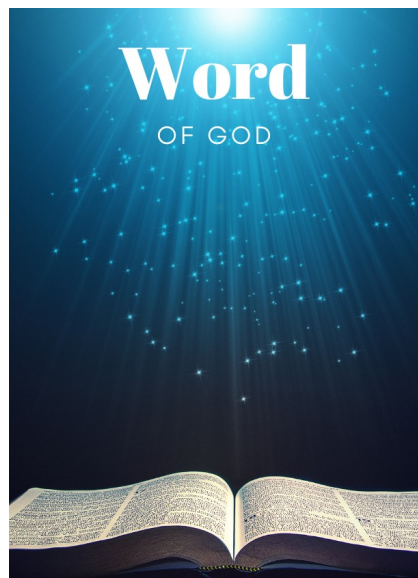
25th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.30am 5.00pm	Joseph O'Connor : Anniversary Agnes Mitchinson : Anniversary
Monday	9.30am	Ann and Gerald Ainscough
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9.30am	Ann Dunn : Anniversary
Friday	No Public Mass	
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 1st February 2026 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.30am 5.00pm	Marie Howarth : Birthday Anne Gordon, Seamus Gordon, Frank and Kathleen Roper

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Sacrament of Reconciliation on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.	
First Reading	A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 9:1b-4*
Psalm Response	The Lord is my light and my salvation. Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R. 1a
Second Reading	A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. 1:10-13, 17
The Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 4:12-23
Communion Antiphon	Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



### This Weeks Reflection

By embracing Jesus' cross, we can come to communion with the divine Person of Jesus Christ Himself. Only through this Cross can the Christian enter the life of the Son, and through the Son enter the embrace of the Father. In the order of salvation, this is the providential role of the Word of God.

### 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.

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 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.

### Sick in our Parish



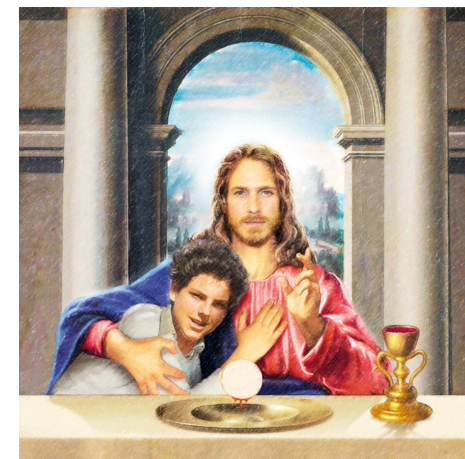
Please pray the sick in our community, those who are suffering from a terminal illness, remembering also Olivia Williams, Annalise Donelon, John Hughes and all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan Hospital, our local Hospice and members of the Royal Family. Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and 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 died including John Goggins, Tony Thompson 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.



### Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and Relics

**Carlo Acutis**  
**The First Millennial Saint**

**Saturday 14th to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Opening times**  
**Saturdays and Sundays**  
**11:30am-3:00pm**  
**Monday to Friday**

**11:30am-3:00pm, 5:00pm-7:00pm**

**Relics :** Our Lady and All Saints Church, Lancaster Lane, Parbold  
**Exhibition:** Our Lady and All Saints School, Brandreth Drive, Parbold

### Polite Notice

### Church Posters and Notices

*To help keep our Church welcoming and orderly, we kindly ask that posters are not put up in Church without speaking to Mgr. Phil. If you would like to share information about an event or activity, please contact the Office or Mgr. Phil who will be happy to review your request and where appropriate will place the notice / poster in Church for you or discuss inclusion in the Weekly Newsletter.*

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

*Would you like to help engaged couples to prepare for marriage?*

*The archdiocese is now recruiting catechists to join the marriage preparation team.*

*The catechist training will be provided at St Monica's Church, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 9GA and consists of 5 sessions:*



**Monday 23 February 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**

**Monday 2 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**

**Monday 9 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**

**Monday 16 March 2026 (6.30pm – 8pm)**

**Saturday 23 March 2026 (10am – 2pm)**

*Upon completion of training, the catechists will be asked to offer marriage preparation course for couples twice a year. If this is something you are interested in, please sign up*

*<https://forms.office.com/e/JGbP8AtZwn?origin=IprLink>*

*Or for more information, please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk).*