



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.

April

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Tea and Coffee Morning


This Sunday after 9.30am Mass




Join us for a warm welcome

Church Cleaning Rota

This week is Group 1



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



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.

Last Weeks Collection

Loose Plate	£311.27
Gift Aid	£389.06
Total	£700.33

Sunday 26th April : Priests in Training Collection
Thank you for your wonderful generosity!

People of The Parish

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



Office Hours



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9.30am - 1.30pm

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Monday	9:30am	Peter and Shelagh Castelli
Tuesday	11:00am	Funeral Service for Jean Monk
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9:30am	People of the Parish
Friday 1st May : First Friday	9:30am	Special Intention
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	Molly Turton : Anni Tom Watson : Anni

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Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.	
First Reading	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm Response	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R. 1
Second Reading	A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter. 2:20b-25
The Gospel Acclamation	I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 10:1-10
Communion Antiphon	Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday



The 4th Sunday of Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday, a moment in the liturgical year when we pause to reflect on the tender, guiding, and protective love of Christ.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of Himself as the shepherd who knows His sheep by name, who leads them to safe pastures, and who lays down His life for them.

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 Jean Monk, 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.

Nine First Fridays Devotion.

At St Joseph's we continue with our First Friday Devotion in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion **begs** God's infinite mercy for our World and for our Church. The "Great promise" associated with this devotion applied to those who went to Holy Mass and received the Eucharist on **nine consecutive First Fridays:** "I promise you, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that its all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure nor without receiving the Sacraments, My Divine Heart becoming their assured refuge at that last hour." We encourage you to join us in begging the Lord for those graces promised through St. Margaret Mary to those who fulfil his directions by completing the Nine First Fridays devotion".



AN AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

Presented by Father O'Shea

2:00pm Saturday 2nd May

in Our Lady and All Saints Church and afterwards in the Priory for tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

All ages welcome to this afternoon of companionship in the Lord!

Did you attend a Notre Dame School in the Archdiocese of Liverpool?

There will be a reunion on 17th May for all ex-pupils & teachers, consisting of Mass at 11.00am followed by a complimentary light lunch & a social finishing at 3.00pm, at the Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo. A donation for our current charity & a raffle prize would be appreciated.

Please try to attend, all are welcome.

Reply by 3rd May to Bernie Shaw, 0161 483 0173



Pray in May – Mary's Meals

During the month of May, Mary's Meals is inviting churches and schools to take part in their Pray in May campaign, encouraging prayer and reflection for children around the world who rely on a daily school meal. Find out more at www.marysmeals.org.uk



In 2025 St Joseph's RC church raised **£920.00** through Parishioners Red Boxes and donations. Thank you to everyone for supporting missionaries overseas through prayers and financial assistance. If you don't already have a Red Box at home or would like information on other ways to donate, details can be found in the Missio Mission Today booklet. Both found at the back of church.