

### 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.

If you wish to have your Child Baptised here at St Joseph's Church, our next Baptism meeting will take place on  
**Sunday 3rd May**  
 following the 9:30am Mass.

### Last Weeks Collection

	Loose Plate	£345.02
	Gift Aid	£407.60
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£752.62</b>
	Nugent Care	£265.39


**Thank you for your wonderful generosity!**

### Volunteers Wanted

To help to prepare our beautiful Church for Easter  
 Wednesday 1st April 10am -12pm  
 If you have a couple of hours to spare please come along.

 **All are welcome!**

*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 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

### Office Hours



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

Parish Administrator Stephanie Allen  
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 <b>Sunday 29th March 2026</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)</b> 		
<b>29th March 2026</b> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	Tony Woods : Anni Tony Hilton
Monday	9:30am	Douglas Haselden : Anni
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday The Chrism Mass	7:30pm	At the Metropolitan Cathedral Liverpool
Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper	8:00pm With watching until 10:30pm	People of the Parish
Good Friday	11:30am 3:00pm	Stations of the Cross The Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil	8:00pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday 5th April 2026 The Resurrection of the Lord	9:30am No 5pm Mass	Cath and Chris 45th Wedding Anniversary remembrance

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<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request.</b> <b>Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.</b>	
First Reading	A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm Response	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R 2a
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Philippians. 2:6-11
The Gospel Acclamation	Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.
Gospel	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14-27:66
Communion Antiphon	The Children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying and saying; Hosanna in the highest.

## Palm Sunday Reflection



Palm Sunday is always a day of tension: joy and sorrow, triumph and tragedy intertwined. Jesus enters Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna!" yet within days, those shouts become "Crucify him!"

This paradox is not a flaw in the story; it is the story. It reveals how quickly human enthusiasm can fade, how fragile our convictions can be, and how steadfast Jesus remains even when we are not.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> is a spring bring & buy with hot cross buns. **For more info contact Marjorie 01257 424332 or Ruth 01257 422690**

**Today is your last chance to buy Easter Raffle Tickets .. Good Luck!**

### 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**

St Joseph's, Crow Orchard Rd, Wigan WN6 9PA

**7-9:30pm**

St Monica's, Fernhill Rd, Bootle, L20 9GA

For more info, contact **Sarah McGeehan**  
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### ANNUAL SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BURSCOUGH**

**Saturday 11th April:**

**Exposition 9:00am-9:00pm**

6:30pm Holy Mass

8:00pm Holy Hour and Benediction.

**Sunday 12th April:**

**Exposition 9:00am- 9:00pm**

9:00am Holy Mass

8:30pm Night Prayer and Benediction.

Saint John the Evangelist, Chapel Lane, Burscough L40 7RA.

There is plenty of parking on site.

### Continuing along the Path of Synodality – Tuesdays at 7pm, starting 21 April

Pope Leo has invited us to continue to embrace the journey of synodality recognising that 'our relationships do not respond to the logic of power but to that of love.' As we journey through Eastertime towards the great feast of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost we have an opportunity to reflect on the document that came from the final session of the Synod on Synodality called by Pope Francis that Pope Leo is now urging us to embrace at every level in the life of the Church.

**Tuesday evenings 21, 28 April, 5, 12, 19 May, 7pm to 8.30pm**

To join the zoom meeting use the weblink below, enter the meeting details or use the QR code: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=VBT0x3xbJiWrU8x00sbiuCGmnO97Xn.1>

Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285

Passcode: 981267

