



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.



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. **Our next meeting is this Sunday : 2nd August**

Last Weekends Collections

Thank you for your generous donations, the total collection will be published next week





Our Next Tea and Coffee Morning is Sunday 9th August after the 9:30am Mass

Mass Intentions

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.



Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 9:30am - 1:30pm
 Parish Administrator Stephanie Allen
 01257 676027
 Email stjwrightington@rcaol.org.uk

Church Cleaning Rota

This week is Group 7

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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 Sunday 2nd August 2026 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 		
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Monday	9:30am	Sick Person C.P
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	9:30am	Special Intention
Friday First Friday	9:30am	Special Intention
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 9th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	Deceased Members of The Parish In Thanksgiving

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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 55:1-3
Psalm Response	You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord. Ps. 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R. cf. 16
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. 8:35, 37-39
The Gospel Acclamation	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Gospel	A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. 14:13-21
Communion Antiphon	O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

This Week's Reflection



Jesus multiplies the bread and the fish to feed the hungry crowd. However, the crowd has been taken up only by the material things they could get from Christ. So, rather than first accepting Christ and the word of God he preached, they allowed physical hunger to overshadow their spiritual hunger.

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, 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 William Marsh, Betty Calderbank 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.



A Mother's Warmth: Icon Exhibition at the Metropolitan Cathedral 30 June – 30 August

The cathedral will be hosting *Mother's Warmth*, an exhibition by Bulgarian artist and iconographer Dian Kostov. Admission free.

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 direct at



Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965
Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237
or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

CRAFTING THE WORD OF THE LORD An Exhibition of knitted Bible Scenes

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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
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ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE

Look,
Listen,
Linger,
Love

A Day Retreat to encounter
God in the beauty of creation

Take time to see, hear and be still.

A peaceful day of reflection,
prayer and time together
to help us slow down, notice
God's presence and grow
in love for Him.



Quiet
Reflection
& Prayer



Time Together
in a Group



Take Time to
Appreciate
God's Creation



Deepen Your Love
for God

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
10.00 AM – 4.00 PM

AT ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Either phone or email The Prayer Centre on

01704 875850

theprayercentre.stj@psmgs.org.uk

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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.