



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.



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. Mass intentions can also be given as a gift to people which can bring them comfort and joy, knowing they are remembered in the church's sacred space.

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.
 Mass envelopes can be handed to Mgr. Phil or the Parish Office.

Last Week's Collections

Gift Aid	£397.50
Loose Plate	£287.75
Total	£685.25



If you wish to have your child Baptised 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
 01257 676027
 Email stjwrightington@rcaol.org.uk

Tea, Coffee and Cakes Morning



Sunday 13th September
Following the 9:30 am Mass

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL
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St Joseph's Catholic Church

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 Sunday 30th August 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 		
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Monday	9.30am	Special Intention
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday Feast of St Gregory the Great	9:30am	Alfred Cheetham: 20th Anniversary
Friday	No Public Mass	Requiem Mass: Fr. Joe Kendall 12 Noon: The Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 6th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	Margaret Cheetham: Birthday People of The Parish

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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 Jeremiah. 20: 7-9
Psalm Response	For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God. Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. R.2b
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. 12:1-2
The Gospel Acclamation	May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 16:21-27
Communion Antiphon	How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

† This Week's Reflection †

Today's Gospel focuses on the cost of discipleship and God's ways versus human ways.

The readings challenge us to stop thinking like the world, embrace sacrifice, and truly follow Jesus through daily surrender.

When we give ourselves in love to God and to others, we do not lose our lives, we discover their deepest meaning.

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, Mary Chaffin, Shevon Rodrigo, Olivia Williams, Annalise Donelon, all the Patients in Wroughtington 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 Mary Chaffin, Fr. Joseph Kendall 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.

► AN EVENING WITH ◀
ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

An invitation for all young adults aged 18-35

 **Holy Mass at 5pm**
St Philip Neri

 **Dinner at 6:30pm**
Blackburne House

Book your place:
archdioceseofliverpool.org/youngadultmass

Archdiocese of Liverpool



TICKETS
On Sale Soon

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AFTER MASS

Vivaldi
THE FOUR SEASONS
AT
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

TICKETS £15 EACH CASH ONLY

DOORS OPEN 6:15 PM | STARTS 7:00 PM | APPROX. FINISH 9:30 PM

INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE
ONE GLASS OF PROSECCO OR SOFT DRINK

MARY'S MEALS CELLDH DANCE

Friday 11th September. St Teresa's Church Hall, Upholland.

Live music No partner needed. No experience necessary. All ticket money goes to Mary's Meals. Doors open 7pm for country dancing 7.30 – 10.15pm. Bar open. Tickets £10 payable on the door.

ST JOSEPH'S QUIZ NIGHT

It's Back

ALL WELCOME

YOUR ANSWER?

 **FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2026**

 **TICKETS ON SALE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AFTER MASS**

£10 PER PERSON

Gather • Laugh • Think • Win!
A FUN NIGHT FOR EVERYONE!

CRAFTING THE WORD OF THE LORD
An Exhibition of knitted Bible Scenes
CREATED BY FRANCESCA VAUSE

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

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mary's meals

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