



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.

May

For Priests in Crisis


Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Our next Tea and Coffee Morning is on Sunday 10th May



Join us for a warm welcome After the 9:30am Mass

Church Cleaning Rota

This week is Group 2 

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

Last Weeks Collection

Loose Plate	£305.85
Gift Aid	£331.40
Total	£637.25
Priests in Training	£261.01

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!



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.



Office Hours

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

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People of The Parish

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



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 <h2 style="color: red;">Sunday 3rd May 2026</h2> <h3 style="color: red;">Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)</h3> 		
Sunday 3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	Molly Turton : Anni Tom Watson : Anni
Monday	No Public Mass	
Tuesday	9:30am	Christyan Virisithamma
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9:30am	Maureen Cartledge
Friday	No Public Mass	
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	John McVey : Birthday Remembrance Allan Boulton : Birthday Remembrance

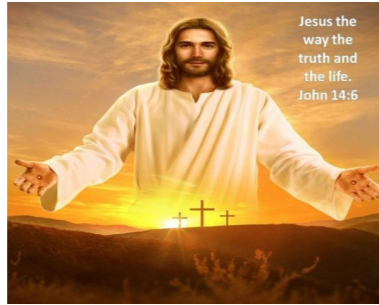
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<p style="color: red;">Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request.</p> <p style="color: red;">Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.</p>	
First Reading	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 6:1-7
Psalm Response	May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord. Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. 22
Second Reading	A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter. 2: 4-9
The Gospel Acclamation	I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 14:1-12
Communion Antiphon	I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Easter



In the Gospel, Jesus reassures His disciples not to be afraid and declares, "I am the way, the truth, and the life".

This reminds us that faith in Him leads to eternal life and that following Jesus is the path to the Father.

Trusting in His guidance allows us to navigate life's uncertainties with hope and confidence

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 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.

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2026 - Catholic Bishops' Conference

Tuesday 5th May marks the National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. We invite all parishioners to remember in their prayers those whose lives have been affected by abuse.

This year's theme is support for survivors of domestic abuse, and we hold in prayer all those who have suffered or continue to suffer as a result of this form of abuse. 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 or our safeguarding team direct

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

A Flower Festival to celebrate the Cathedral's 60th Diamond Jubilee 2027 - Florists Needed

The Cathedral is at the very early stage of planning this event to mark the Cathedral's Diamond Jubilee. The dates they are looking at are: Friday 14 May 2027 - Monday 17 May 2027.

The theme of the Festival will be 'Hope' in all its different forms.

They are reaching out to established and experienced individuals and groups who have a proven history of creating floral arrangements for their own parishes and similar settings. Their expertise, creativity and sensitivity would make a valuable contribution to this significant occasion.

If you have anyone in your parish whom you think may be interested, please ask them to contact Claire Hanlon at c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

A free event: BBC's Songs of Praise Sing Gospel

Tuesday 19th May 2026 - recording at 7pm (doors open from 5.30pm)

Invitation to come and join BBC Songs of Praise at Liverpool Olympia celebrating the joy and power of Gospel music with very special guests and plenty of opportunity to lift your voice and your spirits! There is no minimum age for entry, all ages are warmly welcomed but children aged 17 and under must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Venue: Liverpool Olympia, West Derby Road, Liverpool, L6 9BY.

Tickets can be obtained online at no cost by requesting online at www.lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1422

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

DEANERY NOVENA AND CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

A Novena of Holy Hours culminating in the Consecration of West Lancs Deanery to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - to take place at our Churches throughout the Deanery starting from

Wednesday 3rd—Friday 12th June



Full Details to follow