



## 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.

## JANUARY

### For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## Tea and Coffee morning

Next Sunday 11th January  
After the 9.30am Mass



All Welcome!

### Office Hours

Monday 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Wednesday 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Thursday 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Friday 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Parish Administrator Stephanie Allen  
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### Collection 21st December 2025

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Gift Aid            | £462.80  |
| Loose Plate         | £285.33  |
| Additional Donation | £500.00  |
| Total               | £1248.13 |

### Christmas Collections

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Gift Aid            | £557.00  |
| Loose Plate         | £841.57  |
| Additional Donation | £210.00  |
| Total               | £1608.57 |

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!  
Mgr. Phil

### 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

### MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

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## St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## Sunday 4th January 2026 Second Sunday after the Nativity



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| 4th January<br>Second Sunday after the Nativity              | 9.30am<br>5.00pm | Edwin Howarth<br>Geraldine Harvey             |
| Monday   | No Public Mass   |   |
| Tuesday The Solemnity of the Epiphany - Holy Day             | 9.30am           | The Bailey Family                             |
| Wednesday  | No Public Mass   |   |
| Thursday   | No Public Mass   |   |
| Friday   | 9.30am           | The Carney Family                             |
| Saturday   | No Public Mass   |   |
| Sunday 11th January 2026<br>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord | 9.30am<br>5.00pm | Julie Sharrock LD.<br>John Hughes For Healing |

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.

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| First Reading          | A reading from the Book of Sirach. 24: 1-2, 8-12*  |
| Psalm Response         | The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.<br>Ps 147:12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R. John 1:14  |
| Second Reading         | A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.<br>1:3-6, 15-18  |
| The Gospel Acclamation | Alleluia, alleluia.<br>Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.<br>Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.<br>Alleluia. |
| Gospel                 | A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.<br>1:1-18  |
| Communion Antiphon     | To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become Children of God.  |



### The Epiphany of The Lord.

The Epiphany originally referred to the self-disclosure of Jesus which took place at his Baptism when the (public side) of his mission began.

Later it became associated with the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentile in the persons of the wise men or Magi in the Western Church, although it retains its original baptismal character in the Orthodox Church. A third event connected with this theme is also associated with today's feast, namely; when Jesus changed water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana as the first signs which would show who he was.

### Mass Intentions

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. 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 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

### Sick in our Parish



Please pray the sick in our community, those who are suffering from a terminal illness, remembering also Olivia Williams, Annalise Donelon, John Hughes and all the patients in Wrightington and Wigan Hospital, our local Hospice and members of the Royal Family. Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and put their trust in Thee. Send them healing O Lord and comfort from thy Holy Spirit



### Holy Souls



In your charity, please pray for those who have died including Julie Sharrock, Matthew McNally 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

### Feast of the Epiphany & Closing of the Jubilee Year of 2025

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we rejoice in Christ's light revealed to all nations. This year's celebration carries special significance as it marks the solemn conclusion of the Jubilee Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope".

Throughout this Holy Year, the Church has invited all the faithful to deepen their trust in God's mercy, renew their commitment to prayer, and witness to hope in our world. As the Holy Door in Rome is ceremonially closed, we pray that the graces of the Jubilee remain open in our hearts.

May the light of Christ, manifested at the Epiphany, guide us forward as we continue to live as joyful bearers of hope.

### Epiphany Blessings to you and your families



### A Message from Mgr. Phil and Fr. Andrew

Thank you to everyone for the gifts and cards received this Christmas, but especially for all your prayers and support receive throughout the year.

Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed New Year!

### Online Alpha Course Thursday 15th January

6:45pm – 8:00pm (online)

The Archdiocese of Liverpool begins a new 11-week online Alpha Course, running weekly until 26 March.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning in a friendly and open environment.

All are welcome.

For more information, email [pd@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pd@rcaol.org.uk).  
To register, visit: [archdioceseofliverpool.org/Alpha26](http://archdioceseofliverpool.org/Alpha26)

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