



**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.

## April

### For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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	£299.25
Gift Aid	£496.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£795.85</b>

**Thank you for your wonderful generosity!**

**Join us for our next Tea and Coffee Morning**



**Sunday 12th April**  
 after 9.30am Mass  
 All Welcome!

**People of The Parish**

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

**The Easter Raffle has now been drawn!**

Rugby Shirt **Blue Ticket 460**


Easter Chocolate Chicken **Yellow Ticket 333**

All prizes have been claimed, congratulations to the lucky winners and thank you to all who entered.



**Church Cleaning Rota**

**This week is Group 6**



Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers who help to clean and prepare our church throughout the year.

**Office Hours**

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



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**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL**

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 <b>Sunday 5th April 2026</b> <b>Easter Sunday : The Resurrection of the Lord</b> 		
<b>Sunday 5th April 2026</b> Easter Sunday : The resurrection of the Lord	9:30am  No 5:00pm Mass	Cath and Chris : 45th Wedding Anniversary remembrance
<b>Easter Monday</b> within the Octave of Easter	No Public Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b> within the Octave of Easter	9:30am	Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wednesday</b> within the Octave of Easter	No Public Mass	
<b>Thursday</b> Mass of the Lords Supper	9:30am	People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b> within the Octave of Easter	No Public Mass	
<b>Saturday</b> within the Octave of Easter	No Public Mass	
<b>Sunday 12th April</b> Second Sunday of Easter (A) Sunday of Divine Mercy	9:30am  5:00pm	Celia Eccleston Audrey and Gerard Kitchen : Anni

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<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request.</b> <b>Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 10:34a, 37-43
<b>Psalm Response</b>	This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad. Ps 118 (117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. 24
<b>Second Reading</b>	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians. 3:1-4
<b>The Gospel Acclamation</b>	Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
<b>Gospel</b>	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 20:1-9
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### Reflection



Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter Sunday.

Every Eucharist is a commemoration and a realisation of the Easter Mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord.

On this day of days, the Church shows that it takes seriously the words of Saint Paul, 'if Christ is not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain!'

### 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 David Rigby 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.

Wishing you all a Happy  
and Blessed and  
Peaceful Easter!

Mgr. Phil and Fr. Andrew



ANNUAL SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST,  
BURSCOUGH L40 7RA

**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.

### Male Voice Choir Concert

Our Lady and  
All Saints Church  
Parbold

**Saturday 18th April  
7:30pm**

Ticket price £10  
available via  
parbold@hotmail.com  
or (01257) 463248  
car parking available on site  
and on Lancaster Lane

### 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=VBTox3xbJiWrU8x00sbiuCGmnO97Xn.1>

Meeting ID: 899 8355 5285

Passcode: 981267

