



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.

March
For disarmament and peace

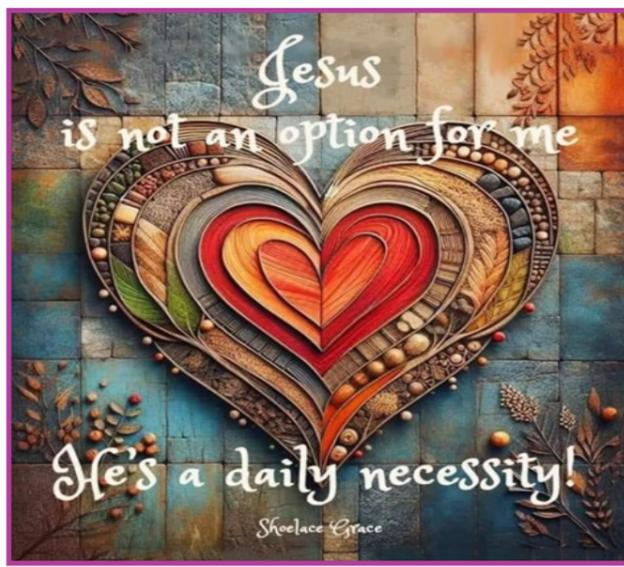
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Join us for our Tea and Coffee Morning today!
Sunday 8th March
after 9.30am Mass
All Welcome!

Last Weeks Collection

Loose Plate	£361.04	
Gift Aid	£412.20	
Total	£773.24	

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!
Mgr. Phil



Jesus is not an option for me
He's a daily necessity!
Shoelace Grace

We continue to ask Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to especially care for all those approaching the end of life. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care. Lord hear us".



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

Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9.30am - 1.30pm
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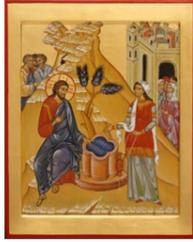
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Sunday 8th March 2026 Third Sunday of Lent (A)		
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Monday	9.30am	Brian Evans : Anni
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	6.15pm - 6.55pm 7pm	Confession Stations of The Cross and Benediction
Thursday	9.30am	Allan Bolton : Anni
Friday	9.30am : During Lent	Fred and Florence Wilson : Anni
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 15th March 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)	9.30am 5.00pm	Joanna Smith : Healing Jane Riley Sheerin : Anni

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Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.	
First Reading	A reading from the Book of Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm Response	O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.' Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R. 7c,8a
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.
The Gospel Acclamation	Glory to you, O Christ , you are the Word of God. Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-42
Communion Antiphon	For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



This Weeks Reflection

The Gospel today invites us into the profound encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. It's a story of thirst, not just for water, but for truth, belonging, and the life only God can give. The woman comes to the well in the heat of the day, perhaps to avoid others, carrying not only her water jar but also the weight of her past. Jesus meets her there, breaking social and cultural barriers, and speaks directly to her deepest need:

“Whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst”.

This moment reminds us that Lent is not only about giving things up, but about allowing Christ to meet us in our own places of emptiness. He doesn't shame or condemn; He offers living water grace that renews, heals, and transforms.

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.

ST PATRICK'S PATRONAL FEAST

St Patrick's Church warmly invites you to celebrate their Patronal Feast with an Irish Night on Friday 13th March at Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club. Doors open at 7:00pm, with live music from The Flyby Knights, a DJ, hot food and a raffle. For Tickets Call Josh on 07713 520717 All are welcome to attend!



People of The Parish

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

Gift Aid 26/27

For those who Gift Aid, please pick up your box of envelopes from the back of the church

If you are a UK Taxpayer your offertory can be recorded under the Gift Aid Scheme and the Parish will receive 25p for every pound you donate to the Church.

This is at NO EXTRA COST TO YOURSELF but is a greatly appreciated asset for the Parish!!

If you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme please give you name and contact number to Mgr. Phil

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Carrying of the Cross

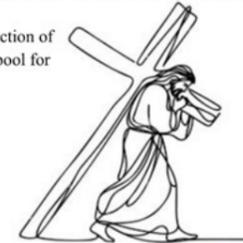
INVITATION

The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on **Saturday 28 March 2026 at 2PM**

This year, the carrying of the cross will be lead by Fr Peter Ross of St Bede's Parish, Widnes
We will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (bombed out church), and will be followed by a short service

Please join us from 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for a 2pm prompt start

****Stewards Required****
please contact Jim Ross on
email: jimmy.ross7@gmail.com



Saturday 28 March 2026

Starting at:
Church St/Lord

Starts
2 PM

Finishing at:
St Luke's Church

SVP and CAFOD Work Experience

Applications close 6th April

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Applications close on the 6th April. Please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk



Tickets are on sale now from the back of Church, Lucky Tickets will be drawn on Easter Weekend

Good Luck!