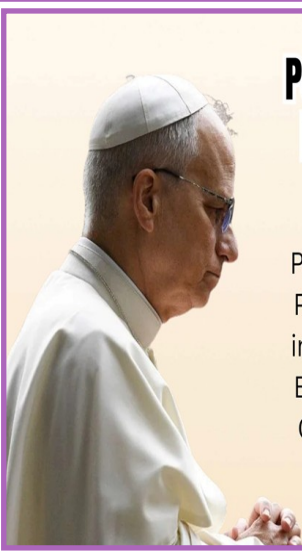




Pope Leo XIV's prayer intentions for 2026

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.



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. **Our next meeting is Sunday 6th September**

Collections

26th July 2026		2nd August	
Gift Aid	£332.00	Gift Aid	£516.00
Loose Plate	£216.57	Loose Plate	£304.71
Total	£548.57	Total	£820.71

Tea/Coffee Mornings £300.00

Mass Intentions

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.

Church Cleaning Rota

This week is Group 8

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



Please join us for our Tea and Coffee Morning, this Sunday 9th August after 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

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Sunday 9th August 2026 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)		
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Monday Feast of St Lawrence	9:30am	People of The Parish
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9:30am	Special Intention
Friday	No Public Mass	
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 16th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM	9:30am 5:00pm	The Relatives of The McVey Family In Thanksgiving

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Sacrament of Reconciliation also on request. Please contact the Parish Office or Monsignor Phil.	
First Reading	A reading from the First Book of Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm Response	Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Ps 85(84):9ab, 10. 11-12. 13-14. R. 8
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. 9:1-5
The Gospel Acclamation	I long for you, O Lord, my soul longs for his word.
Gospel	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 14:22-33
Communion Antiphon	O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

This Week's Reflection



The hand of God is a human hand. Jesus reaches out to guide us, steady us, support us - all the things a touch of the hand can do. Peter found that also in Jesus, when he took his eyes off the Lord on the water he began to sink. The Lord then held him close. Like Peter, we are always walking on water, putting our trust in Jesus Christ.

We trust in him for protection in the most frightening times of life, like at the hour of death. At times we can do nothing for those we love except place them in the hand of God,

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 John Culligan, Mary Chaffin, Shevon Rodrigo, Olivia Williams, Annalise Donelon, 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 including William Marsh, Betty Calderbank 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.

Care for Creation Walk & Mass

A Guided Pilgrimage Walk to celebrate the Season of Creation and the 800th Jubilee of St Francis

Meet at St Francis of Assisi Church, Garston L18 1RT

Prayer Stations along the way

Holy Mass 12.30pm

Walk through Sefton Park

Arrive at St Anthony of Padua Church, Mossley Hill L18 8AY

Join Archbishop John Sherrington on this immersive walk and Mass!

Bring a packed lunch and join us after Mass in St Anthony's Parish Hall

Sat, Sep 5 2026
Walk starts 10am
Mass starts 12.30pm

Sign up for the walk here
archdioceseofliverpool.org/creation

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Contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returns to the House of Commons for its Second Reading on 11th September. Those wishing to express their opposition are encouraged to contact their MP using the online resources provided by CBCEW in association with Right to Life UK. For more information and resources, visit: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

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

Free Entry Carparking on site

Our Lady & All Saints Church, Lancaster Lane
Parbold WN8 7HS
Enquiries: parbold@hotmail.com

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

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Whether you give money, time, prayer, or help to spread our message, your little act of love can give children living in some of the world's poorest countries hope for a better future.

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, our team here at St Josephs or the Safeguarding team of The Archdiocese of Liverpool

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

SAVE THE DATE

St. Joseph's Quiz Night
Friday 9th October 2026

Our annual brain strain is soon to arrive. Tickets will be on sale from August 16th after Mass. £10 per person

Look out for the Poster at the back of Church, for further details