

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.

September

For the care of water.
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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. Mass intentions can also be given as a gift to people which can bring them comfort and joy, knowing they are remembered in the church's sacred space.

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.

Mass envelopes can be handed to Mgr. Phil or the Parish Office.

Join us for Tea, Coffee and Cakes Morning



Today Sunday 13th September
All Welcome!



Last Week's Collections

Gift Aid	£353.70
Loose Plate	£233.04
Total	£586.74



If you wish to have your child Baptised 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
01257 676027
Email stjwrightington@rcaol.org.uk

Thank you to all our Cleaning Volunteers

This week is Group 5

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

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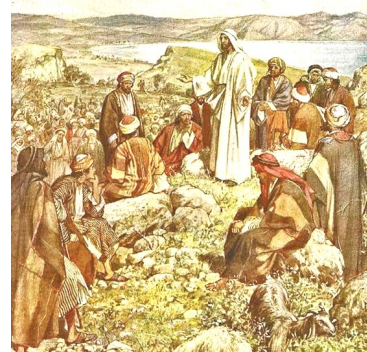
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Monday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.30am	Mary Chaffin L.D
Tuesday	No Public Mass	
Wednesday	No Public Mass	
Thursday	9:30am	Special Intention
Friday	No Public Mass	
Saturday	No Public Mass	
Sunday 20th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9:30am 5:00pm	Lynn Eyes: Birthday People of The Parish

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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 Sirach. 27:30-28:7*
Psalm Response	The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy. Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R. 8
Second Reading	A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. 14:7-9
The Gospel Acclamation	A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Gospel	A reading form the Gospel according to Matthew. 18:21-35
Communion Antiphon	How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



Reflection for 24th Sunday Year A

Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is at the heart of Christian Life and what's more has no limit. Just as God continually forgives us, we are called to forgive others from the heart. Let us not hold on to anger or resentment but choose mercy and reconciliation.

Lord, help us to receive your forgiveness and to share that same mercy with others. Amen.

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 (please refer to back of Newsletter for Office Hours)



Sick in our Parish

Please pray for the sick in our community remembering John Culligan, 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 Mary Chaffin, Laurie Evans 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.

Apostolic Nuncio visitation 2026

? Who is he?

Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia.

He is the **Holy Father's representative to the Church in Great Britain** and serves as the **Holy See's ambassador to Great Britain**. His visit is a significant occasion for the archdiocese, strengthening our communion with Pope Leo XIV and the Church across the world.



When is it happening?

He is visiting the Archdiocese of Liverpool from **Wednesday 9 September** until **Sunday 13 September**.

You are invited to a **music concert** followed by a **light supper** at St Francis de Sales Church, Walton on **12 September** at **7:30pm**.

You are also invited to **evening prayer** at the Metropolitan Cathedral on **Sunday 13 September** at **3pm**. This will be followed by a **drinks reception** in the crypt. This will be the final occasion on his 2026 visit to the archdiocese.

How do I address him?

You should address the Apostolic Nuncio as '**Your Excellency**'.

You should address Archbishop John Sherrington as '**Your Grace**'.



St Joseph's Quiz Night

'Hello all quizzers. First of all may we thank all the people supporting our Quiz. We are now sold out! The answer to last week's starter for 10 is the M4. This week's starter for 10:

What do these words have in common: MILD, CIVIL, LIVID and DILL? Good luck! May we also thank the people who have already donated/promised prizes

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Vivaldi THE FOUR SEASONS

AT
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
WRIGHTINGTON

SATURDAY
24TH OCTOBER

Available at the back of church
after Sunday Mass

Or via the Parish Office
Monday to Friday (except Tuesdays)
9.30am-1.30pm
(01257) 676027

TICKETS
£15
EACH
CASH ONLY

DOORS OPEN
6:15 PM

STARTS
7:00 PM

APPROX. FINISH
9:30 PM

INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE
ONE GLASS OF PROSECCO OR SOFT DRINK

St John Rigby
College

OPEN EVENT

SAT 26 SEPT

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On 11 September, MPs will debate the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill at its Second Reading in the House of Commons. Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool and Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has spoken about the importance of this issue, saying:

"Assisted suicide is a matter of life and death... I urge people to contact their Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this deeply flawed bill at Second Reading."

In response, we are inviting people from across the archdiocese to unite in prayer on Tuesday 8th September at 7.00pm via Zoom, ahead of the parliamentary debate.

For more information on how to register your interest visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

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