

# Calendar Notes for 2018

## Lectionary

*Sunday*      Year B  
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## Holydays of Obligation

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has agreed the following changes to take effect from 1st Sunday of Advent 2017:

- **Epiphany of the Lord** to be celebrated on 6 January, except when this falls on a Saturday or a Monday when it is transferred to the adjacent Sunday.
- **Ascension of the Lord** to be celebrated on Thursday in the 6th Week of Easter.

Both are Holydays of Obligation. The other Holydays of Obligation for England and Wales remain the same.

For more information see <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Holydays.shtml>

## Advent/Christmas

### 2017

Sunday 3 December	First Sunday of Advent
Friday 8 December	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 31 December	The Holy Family

### 2018

Monday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God
Sunday 7 January	Epiphany [transferred from Saturday 6 January]
Monday 8 January	Baptism of the Lord

## Cycle of Prayer

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions

**Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.**

Migrants' Day	Sunday 3 December
Bible Sunday	Sunday 10 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 24 December

## Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 14 January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday 2 February	Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 11 February	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (last Sunday before Lent)

## Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Winter), i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

Peace Day	Sunday 14 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	18–25 January
Day for Victims of Trafficking [World Day for the Sick]	Thursday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita] Sunday 11 February ]
Racial Justice Day	Sunday 28 January [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Day for the Unemployed	Sunday 11 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]

## Lent

Wednesday 14 February  
Sunday 18 February  
Monday 19 March

Ash Wednesday  
1st Sunday of Lent  
St Joseph [transferred]

### Cycle of Prayer

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.**

Candidates for the Sacraments	especially on the Sundays of Lent
Women's World Day of Prayer	Friday 2 March [1st Friday in March]
Lent Fast Day	Friday 23 February [Friday 1st week of Lent]

## Easter

Sunday 1 April  
Monday 9 April  
Monday 23 April  
Thursday 10 May  
Sunday 13 May  
Sunday 20 May

Easter Sunday  
The Annunciation of the Lord  
St George  
Ascension of the Lord  
7th Sunday of Easter  
Pentecost

### Cycle of Prayer

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.**

St Joseph the Worker	Tuesday 1 May
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sunday 22 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
World Communications Day	Sunday 13 May [7th Sunday of Easter]
The Church	especially at Pentecost, 20 May

## Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 21 May  
Sunday 27 May  
Sunday 3 June  
Friday 8 June  
Sunday 10 June  
Sunday 24 June  
Friday 29 June  
Monday 6 August  
Wednesday 15 August

Week 7 in OT (Psalter Week III)  
Most Holy Trinity  
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Nativity of St John the Baptist  
St Peter and St Paul  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Cycle of Prayer**

During Ordinary Time (Summer), i.e. up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions:  
**A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.**

Day for Life	Sunday 17 June [3rd Sunday in June]
St John Fisher and St Thomas More	Friday 22 June
Europe	[St Benedict, St Bridget and St Teresa Benedicta as below. also Sts Cyril and Methodius (14 February) & St Catherine of Siena (29 April).]
St Benedict	Wednesday 11 July
[St Bridget	Monday 23 July]
St Teresa Benedicta of Cross	Thursday 9 August
Sea Sunday	Sunday 8 July [2nd Sunday in July]

**Ordinary Time – Autumn**

Friday 14 Sept.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday 1 November	All Saints
Friday 2 November	All Souls
Friday 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sunday 25 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ. King of the Universe

**Cycle of Prayer**

During Ordinary Time (Autumn), i.e. from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions:  
**Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	Saturday 1 September
Education Day	Sunday 9 September [2nd Sunday in September]
Home Mission Day	Sunday 16 September [3rd Sunday in September]
World Mission Day	Sunday 21 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
The Harvest, etc.	Sunday 23 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
Harvest Fast Day	Friday 5 October [1st Friday in October]
Prisons Week	14–20 October [2nd Week in October]
Remembrance Day	Sunday 11 November [2nd Sunday in November]
World Day of the Poor	Sunday 18 November [33rd Sunday in OT]
Youth Day	Sunday 25 November [Christ the King]

**Advent/Christmas**

Sunday 2 December	First Sunday of Advent
Saturday 8 December	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 30 December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Cycle of Prayer**

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