## Calendar Notes for 2021

### Lectionary

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### Additions to the Calendar


### Cycle of Prayer

**Openness to the Word of God** has moved from Advent to the Sunday of the Word of God (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time).

## Advent/Christmas

### 2020

- **First Sunday of Advent**
- **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **The Nativity of the Lord**
- **The Holy Family**

### 2021

- **Mary, Mother of God**
- **2nd Sunday after the Nativity**
- **Epiphany**
- **Baptism of the Lord**

### Cycle of Prayer

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

**Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**

- **Migrants’ Day**
- **Expectant Mothers**

- **Thursday 3 December**

- **Especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 20 December**

## Ordinary Time – Winter

- **Sunday 17 January**
- **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Presentation of the Lord**
- **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; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

- **Peace Day**
- **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity**
- **Sunday of the Word of God**
- **Racial Justice Day**
- **Day for Victims of Trafficking**
- **World Day for the Sick**
- **Day for the Unemployed**

- **Sunday 17 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]**
- **18–25 January**
- **Sunday 24 January [3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time]**
- **Sunday 31 January [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]**
- **Monday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]**
- **Thursday 11 February**
- **Sunday 14 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]**
Lent

Wednesday 17 February  
Sunday 21 February  
Monday 1 March  
Friday 19 March  
Thursday 25 March  

Ash Wednesday  
1st Sunday of Lent  
St David (in Wales)  
St Joseph  
The Annunciation of the Lord

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 5 March [1st Friday in March]
Lent Fast Day Friday 26 February [Friday 1st week of Lent]
Survivors of Sexual Abuse Friday 26 March [Friday 5th week of Lent]

Easter

Sunday 4 April  
Friday 23 April  
Thursday 13 May  
Sunday 23 May  

Easter Sunday  
St George  
Ascension of the Lord  
Pentecost

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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday 25 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
St Joseph the Worker Saturday 1 May
World Communications Day Sunday 16 May [7th Sunday of Easter]
The Church especially at Pentecost, 23 May

Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 24 May  
Thursday 27 May  
Sunday 30 May  
Sunday 6 June  
Friday 11 June  
Saturday 12 June  
Sunday 13 June  
Thursday 24 June  
Tuesday 29 June  
Friday 6 August  
Sunday 15 August  

Mary, Mother of the Church — Memorial [Week 8 in OT (Psalter Week IV)]
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest— Feast (in England and Wales)
Most Holy Trinity
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11th 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
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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 20 June [3rd Sunday in June] |
| St John Fisher and St Thomas More | Tuesday 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 | Sunday 11 July] |
| St Bridget | Friday 23 July |
| St Teresa Benedicta of Cross | Monday 9 August |
| Sea Sunday | Sunday 11 July [2nd Sunday in July] |

Ordinary Time – Autumn

| Tuesday 14 September | Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| Sunday 31 October | All Saints |
| Tuesday 2 November | All Souls |
| Tuesday 9 November | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica |
| Sunday 21 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 | Wednesday 1 September |
| Education Day | Sunday 12 September [2nd Sunday in September] |
| Home Mission Day | Sunday 19 September [3rd Sunday in September] |
| The Harvest, etc. | Sunday 26 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] |
| Harvest Fast Day | Friday 1 October [1st Friday in October] |
| Prisons Week | 10–16 October [2nd Week in October] |
| World Mission Day | Sunday 24 October [penultimate Sunday in October] |
| Remembrance Day | Sunday 14 November [2nd Sunday in November] |
| World Day of the Poor | Sunday 14 November [33rd Sunday in OT] |
| Youth Day | Sunday 21 November [Christ the King] |

Advent/Christmas

| Sunday 28 November | First Sunday of Advent |
| Wednesday 8 December | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Friday 10 December | Our Lady of Loreto |
| Saturday 25 December | The Nativity of the Lord |
| Sunday 26 December | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph |

Cycle of Prayer

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

**Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.**

| Migrants’ Day | Friday 3 December |
| Expectant Mothers | especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 19 December |