Calendar Notes for 2023

Lectionary

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Cycle of Prayer

Home Mission day is now named Evangelii Gaudium day

Advent/Christmas

2022

- Sunday 27 November: First Sunday of Advent
- Thursday 8 December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday 25 December: The Nativity of the Lord
- Friday 30 December: The Holy Family

2023

- Sunday 1 January: Mary, Mother of God
- Friday 6 January: The Epiphany of the Lord
- Sunday 8 January: The 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 especially on 4th Sunday of Advent, 18 December

Ordinary Time – Winter

- Sunday 15 January: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday 2 February: The Presentation of the Lord
- Sunday 19 February: 7th 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: 18–25 January
- Sunday of the Word of God: Sunday 22 January [3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
- Racial Justice Day: Sunday 5 February [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
- Day for Victims of Trafficking: Wednesday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]
- World Day for the Sick: Saturday 11 February
- Day for the Unemployed: Sunday 19 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]

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**Lent**

Wednesday 22 February — Ash Wednesday
Sunday 26 February — 1st Sunday of Lent
Wednesday 1 March — St David
Monday 20 March — St Joseph
Saturday 25 March — The Annunciation of the Lord

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**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 3 March [1st Friday in March]
- Lent Fast Day Friday 3 March [Friday 1st week of Lent]

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**Easter**

Sunday 9 April — Easter Sunday
Monday 24 April — St George
Thursday 18 May — The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 28 May — Pentecost

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**Cycle of Prayer**

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

- **New Members of the Church; Human Work; Vocations; Survivors of Abuse; The Right Use of the Media; the Church.**
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday 30 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
- St Joseph the Worker Monday 1 May
- Survivors of Sexual Abuse Tuesday 9 May [Tuesday 5th week of Easter]
- World Communications Day Sunday 21 May [7th Sunday of Easter]
- The Church especially at Pentecost, 28 May

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**Ordinary Time – Summer**

Monday 29 May — Mary, Mother of the Church — Memorial [Week 8 in OT (Psalter Week IV)]
Thursday 1 June — Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest Feast (in England and Wales)
Sunday 4 June — The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 11 June — The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 16 June — The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sunday 18 June — 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 24 June — The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Thursday 29 June — St Peter and St Paul
Sunday 6 August — The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday 15 August — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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 18 June [3rd Sunday in June] |
| St John Fisher and St Thomas More | Thursday 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 | Tuesday 11 July |
| [St Bridget] | Sunday 23 July |
| St Teresa Benedicta of Cross | Wednesday 9 August |
| Sea Sunday | Sunday 9 July [2nd Sunday in July] |

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.

| Thursday 14 September | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| Wednesday 1 November | All Saints |
| Thursday 2 November | All Souls |
| Thursday 9 November | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica |
| Sunday 26 November | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe |

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

Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

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