

# draft Calendar Notes for 2026

*These draft Notes for 2025 are provided as an assistance to Ordo Compilers. Though it is not expected that there will be any significant changes, a definitive list will be sent out in 2025 together with a draft for 2027.*

**Lectionary**    Sunday — Year A    Weekdays — Year II

## Advent/Christmas

Sunday 30 November	First Sunday of Advent
Monday 8 December	Immaculate Conception BVM
Thursday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 28 December	The Holy Family

## 2026

Thursday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday 6 January	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday 11 January	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	Wednesday 3 December
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday of Advent, 21 December

## Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 18 January	2nd Sunday in OT
Monday 2 February	Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 15 February	6th Sunday in OT

### 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	Sunday 18 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	18–25 January
Sunday of the Word of God	Sunday 25 January [3rd Sunday]
Racial Justice Day	Sunday 1 February [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
[Day for Victims of Trafficking]	Sunday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]
World Day for the Sick	Wednesday 11 February
Day for the Unemployed	Sunday 15 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]

## Lent

Wednesday 18 February	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 22 February	1st Sunday of Lent
Monday 2 March	St David (in Wales)
Thursday 19 March	St Joseph
Wednesday 25 March	The Annunciation of the Lord

### 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
Lent Fast Day	Friday 27 February [Friday 1st week of Lent]
Women's World Day of Prayer	Friday 6 March [1st Friday in March]

## Easter

Sunday 5 April	Easter Sunday
Thursday 23 April	St George
Thursday 14 May	The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 24 May	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.**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sunday 26 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
St Joseph the Worker	Friday 1 May
Survivors of Sexual Abuse	Tuesday 5 May [Tuesday 5th week of Easter]
World Communications Day	Sunday 17 May [7th Sunday of Easter]
The Church	especially at Pentecost, 24 May

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## Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 25 May	Mary, Mother of the Church (Week 8 in OT) (Psalter Week IV)
Thursday 28 May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (FEAST EW)
Sunday 31 May	The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 7 June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 12 June	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sunday 14 June	11th Sunday in OT
Wednesday 24 June	Nativity of St John the Baptist
Sunday 28 June	St Peter and St Paul
Thursday 6 August	Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday 16 August	The Assumption of BVM

## 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; Human Life; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers.**

Day for Life	Sunday 21 June [3rd Sunday in June]
St John Fisher and St Thomas More	Monday 22 June
Europe	[St Benedict, St Bridget and St Teresa Benedicta as below. Also Sts Cyril and Methodius (14 February) and St Catherine of Siena (29 April).]
St Benedict	Saturday 11 July
St Bridget	Thursday 23 July
[St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Sunday 9 August]
Sea Sunday	Sunday 12 July [2nd Sunday in July]

## Ordinary Time – Autumn

Monday 14 September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday 1 November	All Saints
Monday 2 November	All Souls
Monday 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sunday 22 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: **Student 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	Tuesday 1 September
Education Day	Sunday 13 September [2nd Sunday in September]
Evangelii Gaudium Day	Sunday 20 September [3rd Sunday in September]
The Harvest, etc.	Sunday 27 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
Harvest Fast Day	Friday 2 October [1st Friday in October]
Prisons Week	11–17 October [2nd Week in October]
World Mission Day	Sunday 18 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
Remembrance Day	Sunday 8 November [2nd Sunday in November]
World Day of the Poor	Sunday 15 November [33rd Sunday in OT]
Youth Day	Sunday 22 November [Christ the King]

## Advent/Christmas

Sunday 29 November	First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 8 December	Immaculate Conception BVM
Friday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 27 December	The Holy Family

## 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	Thursday 3 December
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday of Advent, 20 December