

Calendar Notes for 2026

Lectionary

Sunday

Year A

Weekdays

Year II

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Additions to Universal Calendar

5 September St Teresa of Calcutta (opt. mem)

Advent/Christmas

2025

Sunday 30 November

Monday 8 December

Thursday 25 December

Sunday 28 December

First Sunday of Advent

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Nativity of the Lord

The Holy Family

2026

Thursday 1 January

Tuesday 6 January

Sunday 11 January

Mary, Mother of God

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Wednesday 3 December
especially on 4th Sunday of Advent, 21 December

Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 18 January

Monday 2 February

Sunday 15 February

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The 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 18 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
18–25 January
Sunday 25 January [3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Sunday 1 February [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Sunday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]
Wednesday 11 February
Sunday 15 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]

Lent

Wednesday 18 February
 Sunday 22 February
 Monday 2 March
 Thursday 19 March
 Wednesday 25 March

Ash Wednesday
 1st Sunday of Lent
 St David (in Wales)
 St Joseph
 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
 Lent Fast Day
 Women's World Day of Prayer

especially on the Sundays of Lent
 Friday 27 February [Friday 1st week of Lent]
 Friday 6 March [1st Friday in March]

Easter

Sunday 5 April
 Thursday 23 April
 Thursday 14 May
 Sunday 24 May

Easter Sunday
 St George
 The Ascension of the Lord
 Pentecost

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
 St Joseph the Worker
 Survivors of Sexual Abuse
 World Communications Day
 The Church

Sunday 26 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
 Friday 1 May
 Tuesday 5 May [Tuesday 5th week of Easter]
 Sunday 17 May [7th Sunday of Easter]
 especially at Pentecost, 24 May

Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 25 May
 Thursday 28 May
 Sunday 31 May
 Sunday 7 June
 Friday 12 June
 Sunday 14 June
 Wednesday 24 June
 Sunday 28 June
 Thursday 6 August
 Sunday 16 August

Mary, Mother of the Church — Memorial
 [Week 8 in OT (Psalter Week IV)]
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest
 Feast (in England and Wales)
 The Most Holy Trinity
 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 The Nativity of St John the Baptist
 St Peter and St Paul
 The 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 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)] & St Catherine of Siena (29 April).]
St Benedict	Saturday 11 July
St Bridget	Thursday 23 July
[St Teresa Benedicta of Cross	Sunday 9 August]
Sea Sunday	Sunday 12 July [2nd Sunday in July]

Ordinary Time – Autumn

Saturday 5 September	St Teresa of Calcutta (opt. mem.)
Monday 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday 1 November	All Saints
Monday 2 November	All Souls
Monday 9 November	The 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:

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	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	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 27 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	Thursday 3 December
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday of Advent, 20 December