

Calendar Notes for 2016

Lectionary

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Weekdays Year II

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Changes to Cycle of Prayer

The Bishops' Conference to the following changes
Education Day to 2nd Sunday in September
Day for Life to the 3rd Sunday in June.
Racial Justice Day to 3 Sundays before the 1st Sunday of Lent

Additions to Universal Calendar

The following celebrations have been added to the Universal Calendar: 11 October – St John XXIII, 22 October – St John Paul II. Both are Optional Memorials.

Advent/Christmas

2015

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

2016

Friday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God
Sunday 3 January	Epiphany [the Epiphany falls on the Sunday between 2–8 January]
Sunday 10 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	Thursday 3 December
Bible Sunday	Sunday 6 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 20 December

Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 17 January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 2 February	Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 7 February	5th 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 17 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	18–25 January
Racial Justice Day	Sunday 24 January [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Day for Victims of Trafficking	Monday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]
World Day for the Sick	Thursday 11 February
Day for the Unemployed	Sunday 7 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]

Lent

Wednesday 10 February
 Sunday 14 February
 Saturday 19 March

Ash Wednesday
 1st Sunday of Lent
 St Joseph

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 4 March [1st Friday in March]
Lent Fast Day	Friday 19 February [Friday 1st week of Lent]

Easter

Sunday 27 March
 Monday 4 April
 Saturday 23 April
 Sunday 8 May
 Sunday 15 May

Easter Sunday
 The Annunciation of the Lord
 St George
 Ascension of the Lord
 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	Sunday 1 May]
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sunday 17 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
World Communications Day	Sunday 8 May [Ascension]
The Church	especially at Pentecost, 15 May

Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 16 May
 Sunday 22 May
 Sunday 29 May
 Friday 3 June
 Saturday 4 June
 Friday 24 June
 Wednesday 29 June
 Saturday 6 August
 Sunday 14 August

Week 7 in OT (Psalter Week III)
 Most Holy Trinity
 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 Most Holy Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 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 19 June [3rd Sunday in June]
St John Fisher and St Thomas More	Wednesday 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	Monday 11 July
St Bridget	Saturday 23 July
St Teresa Benedicta of Cross	Tuesday 9 August
Sea Sunday	Sunday 10 July [2nd Sunday in July]

Ordinary Time – Autumn

Wednesday 14 Sept.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday 11 October	St John XXIII (Optional Memorial)
Saturday 22 October	St John Paul II (Optional Memorial)
Tuesday 1 November	All Saints
Wednesday 2 November	All Souls
Wednesday 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sunday 20 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.

Education Day	Sunday 11 September [2nd Sunday in September]
Home Mission Day	Sunday 18 September [3rd Sunday in September]
World Mission Day	Sunday 23 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
The Harvest, etc.	Sunday 25 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
Harvest Fast Day	Friday 7 October [1st Friday in October]
Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents	Sunday 9 October [2nd Sunday in October]
Remembrance Day	Sunday 13 November [2nd Sunday in November]
Youth Day	Sunday 20 November [Christ the King]

Advent/Christmas

Sunday 27 November	First Sunday of Advent
Thursday 8 December	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Friday 30 December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Cycle of Prayer

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Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 18 December