Calendar Notes for 2014

Lectionary

Sunday  Year A
Weekdays  Year II

Blessed John Paul II
The Holy See have granted recognitio to the Bishops’ request for Blessed John Paul to included in the National Calendars for England and for Wales as an Optional Memorial on 22 October.

Changes to Cycle of Prayer
The Bishops’ Conference has agreed to add to Ordinary Time — Winter the intention of Victims of Human Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it with a Day of Prayer marked on 8 February, St Josephine Bakhita.
The Bishops’ Conference has also agreed to the moving of the Day of Prayer for Prisoners to the 2nd Sunday in October.

Advent/Christmas

2013
Sunday 1 December  First Sunday of Advent
Monday 9 December  Immaculate Conception of BVM
Wednesday 25 December  The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 29 December  The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

2014
Wednesday 1 January  Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sunday 5 January  Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday 29 January  [the Epiphany falls on the Sunday between 2–8 January]
Sunday 12 January  Baptism of the Lord

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions:
Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

Cycle of Prayer

Migrants’ Day  Tuesday 3 December
Bible Sunday  Sunday 8 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]
Expectant Mothers  especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 22 December

Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 19 January  2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 2 February  Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 2 March  8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(last Sunday before Lent)

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; Students and Teachers; The Unemployed.

Cycle of Prayer

Peace Day  Sunday 19 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity  18–25 January
Day for Victims of Trafficking  Saturday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]
World Day for the Sick  Tuesday 11 February
Education Day  Sunday 16 February [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Day for the Unemployed  Sunday 2 March [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Lent

Wednesday 5 March  Ash Wednesday
Sunday 9 March  1st Sunday of Lent
Wednesday 19 March  St Joseph, Spouse of BVM
Tuesday 25 March  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;**

- Candidates for the Sacraments especially on the Sundays of Lent
- Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 7 March [1st Friday in March]
- Lent Fast Day Friday 14 March [Friday, 1st week of Lent]

Easter

Sunday 20 April  Easter Sunday
Monday 28 April  St George
Sunday 1 June  Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 8 June  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.**

- St Joseph the Worker Thursday 1 May
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday 11 May [4th Sunday of Easter]
- World Communications Day Sunday 1 June [Ascension]
- The Church especially at Pentecost, 8 June

Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 9 June  Monday, Week 10 in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)
Sunday 15 June  The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 22 June  The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Tuesday 24 June  Nativity of St John the Baptist
Friday 27 June  The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 28 June  The Immaculate Heart of BVM, St Irenaeus

**Optional Memorial**

(when the Immaculate Heart falls on another Obligatory Memorial the rank of both celebrations is amended.)

- Sunday 29 June  St Peter and St Paul
- Wednesday 6 August  Transfiguration of the Lord
- Friday 15 August  The Assumption of BVM
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.**

Europe

[St Benedict, St Bridget and St Teresa Benedicta as below. also Sts Cyril and Methodius (14 February) and St Catherine of Siena.]

St Benedict  Friday 11 July
St Bridget  Wednesday 23 July
St Teresa Benedicta of Cross  Saturday 9 August
Sea Sunday  Sunday 13 July [2nd Sunday in July]
Day for Life  Sunday 27 July [last Sunday in July]

**Ordinary Time – Autumn**

Sunday 14 September  Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 22 October  Bl. John Paul II
Sunday 2 November  All Saints
Monday 3 November  All Souls
Sunday 9 November  Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sunday 23 November  Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

During Ordinary Time (Autumn), i.e. from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

Racial Justice Day  Sunday 14 September [2nd Sunday in September]
Home Mission Day  Sunday 21 September [3rd Sunday in September]
World Mission Day  Sunday 19 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
The Harvest, etc.  Sunday 28 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
Harvest Fast Day  Friday 3 October [1st Friday in October]
Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants  Sunday 12 October [2nd Sunday in October]
Remembrance Day  Sunday 9 November [2nd Sunday in November]
Youth Day  Sunday 23 November [Christ the King]

**Advent/Christmas**

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

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  Wednesday 3 December
Bible Sunday  Sunday 7 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]
Expectant Mothers  especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 21 December