

Calendar Notes for 2017

Lectionary

Sunday Year A
Weekdays Year I

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Changes to Roman Calendar

St Mary Magdalene (22 July) raised to a Feast

Changes to Cycle of Prayer

The Bishops' Conference made the following changes in 2016

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

Advent/Christmas

2016

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

2017

Sunday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God
Sunday 8 January	Epiphany [the Epiphany falls on the Sunday between 2–8 January]
Monday 9 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	Saturday 3 December
Bible Sunday	Sunday 4 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 18 December

Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 15 January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 2 February	Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 26 February	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (last Sunday before Lent)
Tuesday 28 February	St David [transferred Solemnity in Wales]

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 15 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	18–25 January
Day for Victims of Trafficking	Wednesday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]
World Day for the Sick	Saturday 11 February
Racial Justice Day	Sunday 12 February [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Day for the Unemployed	Sunday 26 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]

Lent

Wednesday 1 March	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 5 March	1st Sunday of Lent
Monday 20 March	St Joseph [transferred]
Saturday 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
Women's World Day of Prayer	Friday 3 March [1st Friday in March]
Lent Fast Day	Friday 10 March [Friday 1st week of Lent]

Easter

Sunday 16 April	Easter Sunday
Monday 24 April	St George (in England)
Sunday 28 May	Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 4 June	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	Monday 1 May
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sunday 7 May [4th Sunday of Easter]
World Communications Day	Sunday 28 May [Ascension]
The Church	especially at Pentecost, 4 June

Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 5 June	Week 9 in OT (Psalter Week I)
Sunday 11 June	Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 18 June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 23 June	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 24 June	Nativity of St John the Baptist
Thursday 29 June	St Peter and St Paul
Friday 22 July	St Mary Magdalene — Feast
Sunday 6 August	Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday 15 August	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 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	Friday 9 August
Sea Sunday	Sunday 9 July [2nd Sunday in July]

Ordinary Time – Autumn

Thursday 14 Sept.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 1 November	All Saints
Thursday 2 November	All Souls
Thursday 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sunday 26 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	Friday 1 September
Education Day	Sunday 10 September [2nd Sunday in September]
Home Mission Day	Sunday 17 September [3rd Sunday in September]
World Mission Day	Sunday 22 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
The Harvest, etc.	Sunday 24 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
Harvest Fast Day	Friday 6 October [1st Friday in October]
Prisons Week	8–14 October [2nd Week in October]
Remembrance Day	Sunday 12 November [2nd Sunday in November]
Youth Day	Sunday 26 November [Christ the King]

Advent/Christmas

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Friday 8 December	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

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