Calendar Notes for 2013

Lectionary

Sunday       Year C
Weekdays     Year I

Advent/Christmas

2012
Sunday 2 December  First Sunday of Advent
Saturday 8 December  Immaculate Conception of BVM
Tuesday 25 December  The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 30 December  The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

2013
Tuesday 1 January  Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sunday 6 January  Epiphany of the Lord
[the Epiphany falls on the Sunday between 2–8 January]
Sunday 13 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: Monday 3 December
Bible Sunday: Sunday 9 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]
Expectant Mothers: especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 23 December

Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 20 January  2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 2 February  Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 10 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; Students and Teachers; The Unemployed.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18–25 January
World Day for the Sick: Monday 11 February
Education Day: Sunday 27 January [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Day for the Unemployed: Sunday 10 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]
### Lent

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**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 1 March [1st Friday in March]
  - Lent Fast Day Friday 22 February [Friday 1st week of Lent]

### Easter

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**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 Wednesday 1 May
  - World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday 21 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
  - World Communications Day Sunday 12 May [Ascension]
  - The Church especially at Pentecost, 19 May

### Ordinary Time – Summer

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<td>Tuesday 6 August</td>
<td>Transfiguration of the Lord</td>
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<td>Thursday 15 August</td>
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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.**

- **St John Fisher and St Thomas More** Saturday 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.]
- **St Benedict** Thursday 11 July
- **St Bridget** Tuesday 23 July
- **St Teresa Benedicta of Cross** Friday 9 August
- **Sea Sunday** Sunday 14 July [2nd Sunday in July]
- **Day for Life** Sunday 28 July [last Sunday in July]

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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; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

- **Racial Justice Day** Sunday 8 September [2nd Sunday in September]
- **Home Mission Day** Sunday 15 September [3rd Sunday in September]
- **World Mission Day** Sunday 20 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
- **The Harvest, etc.** Sunday 22 September [Sunday between 22-28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
- **Harvest Fast Day** Friday 4 October [1st Friday in October]
- **Remembrance Day** Sunday 10 November [2nd Sunday in November]
- **Prisons Week** 18-24 November [3rd week in November]
- **Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents** Sunday 17 November [3rd Sunday in November]
- **Youth Day** Sunday 24 November [Christ the King]

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- **Bible Sunday** Sunday 8 December [2nd Sunday of Advent] especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 22 December
- **Expectant Mothers**