Calendar Notes for 2012

Lectionary

Sunday Year B
Weekdays Year II

National Calendar for England

The following celebrations have been added to the National Calendar:
9 October Blessed John Henry Newman (optional memorial)

Advent/Christmas

2011
Sunday 27 November First Sunday of Advent
Thursday 8 December Immaculate Conception BVM
Sunday 25 December The Birth of the Lord
Friday 30 December The Holy Family

2012
Sunday 1 January Mary, Mother of God
Sunday 8 January Epiphany of the Lord
[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 the 4th Sunday in Advent, 18 December

Ordinary Time – Winter

Tuesday 10 January Tuesday in Week 1 in Ordinary Time
Sunday 15 January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 2 February Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 19 February 7th 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.

Peace Day  Sunday 15 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity  18–25 January
World Day for the Sick  Saturday 11 February
Education Day  Sunday 5 February [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Day for the Unemployed  Sunday 19 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Lent

Wednesday 22 February  
Ash Wednesday
Sunday 26 February  
1st Sunday of Lent
Monday 19 March  
St Joseph
Monday 26 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; Penitents and Wanderers.

- Candidates for the Sacraments especially on the Sundays of Lent
- Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 2 March [1st Friday in March]
- Lent Fast Day Friday 2 March [Friday 1st week of Lent]

Easter

Sunday 8 April  
Easter Sunday
Sunday 20 May  
Ascension
Sunday 27 May  
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 Tuesday 1 May
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday 29 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
- The Church especially at Pentecost, 27 May

Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 28 May  
Monday, Week 8 in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)
Sunday 3 June  
Trinity Sunday
Sunday 10 June  
The Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 15 June  
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sunday 17 June  
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 24 June  
Birth of St John the Baptist
Friday 29 June  
St Peter and St Paul
Monday 6 August  
Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday 15 August  
The Assumption of BVM
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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: Friday 22 June
- Europe: [St Benedict, St Bridget and St Benedicta as below. Also Sts Cyril and Methodius (14 February) and St Catherine of Siena.]
- St Benedict: Wednesday 11 July
- St Bridget: Monday 23 July
- St Benedicta of Cross: Thursday 9 August
- Sea Sunday: Sunday 8 July [2nd Sunday in July]
- Day for Life: Sunday 29 July [last Sunday in July]

**Ordinary Time – Autumn**

- Friday 14 September: Triumph of the Cross
- Thursday 1 November: All Saints
- Friday 2 November: All Souls
- Friday 9 November: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Sunday 25 November: Christ the King

**Cycle of Prayer**

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 9 September [2nd Sunday in September]
- Home Mission Day: Sunday 16 September [3rd Sunday in September]
- World Mission Day: Sunday 21 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
- The Harvest, etc.: Sunday 23 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
- Harvest Fast Day: Friday 5 October [1st Friday in October]
- Remembrance Day: Sunday 11 November [2nd Sunday in November]
- Prisons Week: 18-24 November [3rd week in November]
- Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents: Sunday 18 November [3rd Sunday in November]
- Youth Day: Sunday 25 November [Christ the King]

**Advent/Christmas**

- Sunday 2 December: First Sunday of Advent
- Saturday 8 December: Immaculate Conception BVM
- Tuesday 25 December: The Birth of the Lord
- Sunday 30 December: The Holy Family

**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