

# Calendar Notes for 2015

## Lectionary

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## 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

### 2014

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

### 2015

Thursday 1 January	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sunday 4 January	Epiphany of the Lord [the Epiphany falls on the Sunday between 2–8 January]
Sunday 11 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	Wednesday 3 December
Bible Sunday	Sunday 7 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 21 December

## Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 18 January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 2 February	Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 15 February	6th 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; Students and Teachers; The Unemployed.**

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

## Lent

Wednesday 18 February	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 22 February	1st Sunday of Lent
Monday 2 March	St David [Solemnity, transferred in Wales]
Thursday 19 March	St Joseph, Spouse of BVM
Wednesday 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 6 March [1st Friday in March]
Lent Fast Day	Friday 27 February [Friday, 1st week of Lent]

## Easter

Sunday 5 April	Easter Sunday
Thursday 23 April	St George
Sunday 17 May	Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 24 May	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	Friday 1 May
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sunday 26 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
World Communications Day	Sunday 17 May [Ascension]
The Church	especially at Pentecost, 24 May

## Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 25 May	Monday, Week 8 in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)
Sunday 31 May	The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 7 June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 12 June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 13 June	The Immaculate Heart of BVM, St Anthony of Padua
	<i>Optional Memorial</i>
	(when the Immaculate Heart falls on another Obligatory Memorial the rank of both celebrations is amended.)
Wednesday 24 June	Nativity of St John the Baptist
Sunday 28 June	St Peter and St Paul
Thursday 6 August	Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday 16 August	The Assumption of BVM

## 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.**

St John Fisher and St Thomas More Europe	Monday 22 June [St Benedict, St Bridget and St Teresa Benedicta as below. also Sts Cyril and Methodius (14 February) and St Catherine of Siena.]
St Benedict	Saturday 11 July
St Bridget	Thursday 23 July
[St Teresa Benedicta of Cross	Sunday 9 August]
Sea Sunday	Sunday 12 July [2nd Sunday in July]
Day for Life	Sunday 26 July [last Sunday in July]

## Ordinary Time – Autumn

Monday 14 September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday 22 October	St John Paul II (Optional Memorial in England, and in Wales)
Sunday 1 November	All Saints
Monday 2 November	All Souls
Monday 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sunday 22 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:

**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 13 September [2nd Sunday in September]
Home Mission Day	Sunday 20 September [3rd Sunday in September]
World Mission Day	Sunday 18 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
The Harvest, etc.	Sunday 27 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
Harvest Fast Day	Friday 2 October [1st Friday in October]
Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants	Sunday 11 October [2nd Sunday in October]
Remembrance Day	Sunday 8 November [2nd Sunday in November]
Youth Day	Sunday 22 November [Christ the King]

## Advent/Christmas

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