

# Calendar Notes for 2016

## Lectionary

*Sunday*      Year C  
*Weekdays*      Year II

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## Changes to Cycle of Prayer

The Bishops' Conference to the following changes  
**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

## Additions to Universal Calendar

The following celebrations have been added to the Universal Calendar: 11 October – St John XXIII, 22 October – St John Paul II. Both are Optional Memorials.

## Advent/Christmas

### 2015

Sunday 29 November	First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 8 December	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 27 December	The Holy Family

### 2016

Friday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God
Sunday 3 January	Epiphany [the Epiphany falls on the Sunday between 2–8 January]
Sunday 10 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	Thursday 3 December
Bible Sunday	Sunday 6 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 20 December

## Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 17 January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 2 February	Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 7 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; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

Peace Day	Sunday 17 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	18–25 January
Racial Justice Day	Sunday 24 January [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Day for Victims of Trafficking	Monday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]
World Day for the Sick	Thursday 11 February
Day for the Unemployed	Sunday 7 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]

## Lent

Wednesday 10 February  
Sunday 14 February  
Saturday 19 March

Ash Wednesday  
1st Sunday of Lent  
St Joseph

### 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  
Women's World Day of Prayer  
Lent Fast Day

especially on the Sundays of Lent  
Friday 4 March [1st Friday in March]  
Friday 19 February [Friday 1st week of Lent]

## Easter

Sunday 27 March  
Monday 4 April  
Saturday 23 April  
Sunday 8 May  
Sunday 15 May

Easter Sunday  
The Annunciation of the Lord  
St George  
Ascension of the Lord  
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  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
World Communications Day  
The Church

Sunday 1 May]  
Sunday 17 April [4th Sunday of Easter]  
Sunday 8 May [Ascension]  
especially at Pentecost, 15 May

## Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 16 May  
Sunday 22 May  
Sunday 29 May  
Friday 3 June  
Saturday 4 June  
Friday 24 June  
Wednesday 29 June  
Saturday 6 August  
Sunday 14 August

Week 7 in OT (Psalter Week III)  
Most Holy Trinity  
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Most Holy Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Nativity of St John the Baptist  
St Peter and St Paul  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
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 19 June [3rd Sunday in June]
St John Fisher and St Thomas More	Wednesday 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	Monday 11 July
St Bridget	Saturday 23 July
St Teresa Benedicta of Cross	Tuesday 9 August
Sea Sunday	Sunday 10 July [2nd Sunday in July]

## Ordinary Time – Autumn

Wednesday 14 Sept.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday 11 October	St John XXIII (Optional Memorial)
Saturday 22 October	St John Paul II (Optional Memorial)
Tuesday 1 November	All Saints
Wednesday 2 November	All Souls
Wednesday 9 November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sunday 20 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.**

Education Day	Sunday 11 September [2nd Sunday in September]
Home Mission Day	Sunday 18 September [3rd Sunday in September]
World Mission Day	Sunday 23 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
The Harvest, etc.	Sunday 25 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
Harvest Fast Day	Friday 7 October [1st Friday in October]
Prisons Week	9–15 October [2nd Week in October]
Remembrance Day	Sunday 13 November [2nd Sunday in November]
Youth Day	Sunday 20 November [Christ the King]

## Advent/Christmas

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