

# Calendar Notes for 2023

## Lectionary

Sunday Year A Weekdays Year I

## Cycle of Prayer

Home Mission day is now named *Evangelii Gaudium day*

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## Advent/Christmas

### 2022

Sunday 27 November	First Sunday of Advent
Thursday 8 December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Friday 30 December	The Holy Family

### 2023

Sunday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God
Friday 6 January	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday 8 January	The Baptism of the Lord

## Cycle of Prayer

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions  
**Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**

Migrants' Day	Saturday 3 December
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday of Advent, 18 December

## Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 15 January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday 2 February	The 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; Openness to the Word of God; 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
Sunday of the Word of God	Sunday 22 January [3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Racial Justice Day	Sunday 5 February [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Day for Victims of Trafficking	Wednesday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]
World Day for the Sick	Saturday 11 February
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
Wednesday 1 March	St David
Monday 20 March	St Joseph
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 3 March [Friday 1st week of Lent]

## Easter

Sunday 9 April	Easter Sunday
Monday 24 April	St George
Thursday 18 May	The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 28 May	Pentecost

## Cycle of Prayer

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**New Members of the Church; Human Work; Vocations; Survivors of Abuse; The Right Use of the Media; the Church.**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sunday 30 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
St Joseph the Worker	Monday 1 May
Survivors of Sexual Abuse	Tuesday 9 May [Tuesday 5th week of Easter]
World Communications Day	Sunday 21 May [7th Sunday of Easter]
The Church	especially at Pentecost, 28 May

## Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 29 May	Mary, Mother of the Church — Memorial [Week 8 in OT (Psalter Week IV)]
Thursday 1 June	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest Feast (in England and Wales)
Sunday 4 June	The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 11 June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 16 June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sunday 18 June	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 24 June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Thursday 29 June	St Peter and St Paul
Sunday 6 August	The 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	Wednesday 9 August
Sea Sunday	Sunday 9 July [2nd Sunday in July]

**Ordinary Time – Autumn**

Thursday 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 1 November	All Saints
Thursday 2 November	All Souls
Thursday 9 November	The 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]
Evangelii Gaudium Day	Sunday 17 September [3rd Sunday in September]
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]
World Mission Day	Sunday 22 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
Remembrance Day	Sunday 12 November [2nd Sunday in November]
World Day of the Poor	Sunday 19 November [33rd Sunday in OT]
Youth Day	Sunday 26 November [Christ the King]

**Advent/Christmas**

Sunday 3 December	First Sunday of Advent
Friday 8 December	The 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

**Cycle of Prayer**

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions:  
**Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.**

Migrants' Day	Sunday 3 December
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday of Advent, 24 December