

LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2025/2026

General

Holy Church celebrates the saving work of Christ on prescribed days in the course of the year with sacred remembrance. Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, she commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity, together with his blessed Passion. In fact, throughout the course of the year the Church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and observes the birthdays of the saints. During the different periods of the liturgical year, in accord with traditional discipline, the Church completes the education of the faithful by means of both spiritual and bodily devotional practices, instruction, prayer, works of penance and works of mercy. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 1).

The work of the Armed Forces is, by its very definition, incredibly diverse and has the potential to be fraught with danger. The challenges facing a Calendar that is workable within such an environment are as varied as those whom it seeks to serve. Rooted in the General Calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, with specific inclusions as determined by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and special consideration given to the needs and celebrations of the Bishopric, the Cycle below is, it is hoped, flexible enough to cope with the circumstances in which the active and worshipping communities of sailors, soldiers and air personnel of the United Kingdom, together with their families and dependents, find themselves.

Ordinary Time

Besides the times of year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honoured in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time. (Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 42).

In this liturgical year, Ordinary Time consists of 34 weeks. There are six of these before Lent, running from 12th January (the day after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord), until 17th February (Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday). Ordinary Time then resumes on 25th May (the Monday after Pentecost Sunday) with the 8th Week of the cycle.

The Church celebrates the paschal mystery on the first day of each week, known as the Lord's Day or Sunday. This follows a tradition handed down from the apostles and having its origin from the day of Christ's resurrection. Thus Sunday must be ranked as the first feast day of all. (Vatican Council II, Constitution on the Liturgy Sacrosanctum Concilium, art. 106).

Because of its special importance, the celebration of Sunday gives way only to Solemnities and Feasts of the Lord: indeed the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter have precedence over all Feasts of the Lord and over all Solemnities. In fact, Solemnities occurring on these Sundays are transferred to the following Monday unless they occur on Palm Sunday or on Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection. (Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 5).

Holy Days of Obligation

With effect from the 1st Sunday of Advent 2017, two holydays of obligation were reinstated. This decision was made by the Bishops of England and Wales, and has been confirmed by the Holy See. The days are:

The Epiphany of the Lord
The Ascension of the Lord

Consequently the Holydays of Obligation in England and Wales are:

Every Sunday

The Nativity of the Lord (25 December)

The Epiphany of the Lord (6 January*)

The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday after 6th Sunday of Easter)

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, apostles (29 June*)

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven (15 August*)

All Saints (1 November*)

* According to a decision of the Bishops' Conference (1984) Holydays which fall on Saturday or Monday are transferred to the Sunday.

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Special Prayer Intentions

In accordance with the Calendar Notes issued by the Liturgy Office, some days have been nominated in the forthcoming year as times of particular prayer intention. These are indicated by commemorations given in **bold italics** beneath the day on which they should be remembered.

Special Collections

All of the Collections are mandated by the Holy See (Holy Places, Catholic Communications Network, Peter's Pence, World Mission Sunday) or the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (Day for Life, Stella Maris, Home Mission Sunday) or the Bishopric (Bishopric Charities and CAFOD Fast Days) and every attempt has been made to ensure an even distribution throughout the year. It is recommended that, where an Agency provides particular material in support of their mission, this be utilised in conjunction with the dates given in the Calendar. The amount given for all Special Collections (apart from those for CAFOD which are sent directly to the charity) should be forwarded to the appropriate Service Roman Catholic Trust Secretary/Treasurer.

25 January	Bishopric Charities
1 March	CAFOD
3 April	Holy Places
17 May	Catholic Communications Network
21 June	Day for Life
28 June	Peter's Pence
12 July	Stella Maris
20 September	Home Missions
4 October	CAFOD
18 October	World Missions

Annual Mass Count

The number of the Faithful attending Mass is collated and forwarded to the Bishopric Secretary on the sheet provided for the four Sunday's in October.

Ranks of Celebration

These are indicated by the typeface used, namely:

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

SOLEMNITIES

Feasts

Memorials

Optional Memorials

In the cycle of the year, as she celebrates the mystery of Christ, the Church also venerates with a particular love the Blessed Mother of God, Mary, and proposes to the devotion of the faithful Memorials of the Martyrs and other Saints. The Saints who have universal importance are celebrated in an obligatory way throughout the whole Church; other Saints are either inscribed in the calendar, but for optional celebration, or are left to be honoured by a particular Church or nation or religious family. Celebrations, according to the importance assigned to them, are hence distinguished one from another and termed: Solemnity, Feast, Memorial. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 8, 9, 10).

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Liturgical Changes

In accordance with the Decree issued by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales concerning the Conclusion of the Collects of the Roman Missal dated 9th November 2020, the second part of n. 54 in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal is to be adjusted as follows in all liturgies with effect from 29th November 2020, the First Sunday of Advent:

If the prayer is directed to the Father:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever;

If the prayer is directed to the Father, but the Son is mentioned at the end: Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever;

If the prayer is directed to the Son:

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for a new Lectionary. The Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, came into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024.

Additions to the Universal Calendar

5 September St Teresa of Calcutta

Sundays — Year A

Weekdays — Year II

Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered; and likewise when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period for devout and expectant delight. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 39).

Throughout the Advent Season the Gloria is omitted on Sundays but included on Solemnities and Feasts. The playing of the organ and other musical

instruments and decoration of the altar with flowers should be done in a moderate manner, as is consonant with the season, without anticipating the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. The same moderation should be observed in the celebration of Holy Matrimony. Advent Preface I is used at all Masses of the Season until 17 December.

DECEMBER 2025

- 1 Monday, Advent 1, purple
- 2 Tuesday, Advent 1, purple
- 3 Wednesday, St Francis Xavier, priest, white
Migrants' Day
- 4 Thursday, Advent 1, purple
or: St John Damascene, priest, doctor, white
- 5 Friday, Advent 1, purple
- 6 Saturday, Advent 1, purple
or: St Nicholas, bishop, white
- 7 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple**
Bible Sunday
Psalter Week II
- 8 Monday, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, white
- 9 Tuesday, Advent 2, purple
or: St John Diego Cuatlatatzin, white
- 10 Wednesday, Advent 2, purple
or: Our Lady of Loreto, white
or: St John Roberts, priest, martyr (in Wales), red
- 11 Thursday, Advent 2, purple
or: St Damasus I, pope, white
- 12 Friday, Advent 2, purple
or: Our Lady of Guadalupe, white
- 13 Saturday, St Lucy, virgin, martyr, red
- 14 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, rose pink or purple**
Psalter Week III
- 15 Monday, Advent 3, purple
- 16 Tuesday, Advent 3, purple

The weekdays of Advent from 17 to 24 December take precedence over the memorials of Saints, which may therefore be celebrated only in the particular form laid down by the liturgical books. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it may an appropriate Mass for various needs and occasions be celebrated.

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Votive Masses and daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited. In Eucharistic celebrations likewise proper readings are given for these days and should be used instead of those indicated for the weekdays for the third and fourth week of Advent. Advent Preface II is used at all Masses.

- 17 Wednesday, Advent 3, purple
- 18 Thursday, Advent 3, purple
- 19 Friday, Advent 3, purple
- 20 Saturday, Advent 3, purple
- 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple**
Expectant Mothers

Psalter Week IV

- 22 Monday, Advent 4, purple
- 23 Tuesday, Advent 4, purple (*St John of Kanty, priest*)
- 24 Wednesday, Advent 4, purple

After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church has no more ancient custom than celebrating the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord and of his first manifestations, and this takes place at Christmas Time. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 32).

- 25 Thursday, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, white**
- 26 Friday, **St Stephen, protomartyr, red**
- 27 Saturday, **St John, apostle, evangelist, red**
- 28 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, white**
- 29 Monday, Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas, white
(*St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr*)
- 30 Tuesday, Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas, white
- 31 Wednesday, Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas, white
(*St Sylvester I, pope*)

JANUARY 2026

- 1** Thursday, MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, white
- 2** Friday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white
or: St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, bps, drs, white
Psalter Week I

- 3** Saturday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white
or: The Most Holy Name of Jesus, white
- 4 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY, white**
- 5** Monday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white
Psalter Week II
- 6 Tuesday, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, white**
- 7** Wednesday after the Epiphany, white
or: St Raymond of Penyafort, priest, white
- 8** Thursday after the Epiphany, white
- 9** Friday after the Epiphany, white
- 10** Saturday after the Epiphany, white
- 11 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, white**
Psalter Week I
- 12** Monday, Week 1, Year II, green
- 13** Tuesday, Week 1, Year II, green
or: St Hilary, bishop, doctor, white
Psalter Week I
- 14** Wednesday, Week 1, Year II, green
- 15** Thursday, Week 1, Year II, green
- 16** Friday, Week 1, Year II, green
- 17** Saturday, St Anthony, abbot, white
- 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25 January)
Peace Day
Psalter Week II
- 19** Monday, Week 2, Year II, green
- 20** Tuesday, Week 2, Year II, green
or: St Fabian, pope, martyr, red
or: St Sebastian, martyr, red
- 21** Wednesday, St Agnes, virgin, martyr, red
- 22** Thursday, Week 2, Year II, green
or: St Vincent, martyr, doctor, red
- 23** Friday, Week 2, Year II, green
- 24** Saturday, St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor, white
- 25 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Sunday of the Word of God
Special Collection: Bishopric Charities
Psalter Week III
- 26** Monday, St Timothy & St Titus, bishops, white
- 27** Tuesday, Week 3, Year II, green
or: St Angela Merici, virgin, white
- 28** Wednesday, St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor, white
- 29** Thursday, Week 3, Year II, green
- 30** Friday, Week 3, Year II, green
- 31** Saturday, St John Bosco, priest, white

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FEBRUARY 2026

1 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Racial Justice Day

Psalter Week IV

2 Monday, **The Presentation of the Lord, white**

3 Tuesday, Week 4, Year II, green

or: St Blaise, bishop, martyr, red

or: St Ansgar, bishop, white

4 Wednesday, Week 4, Year II, green

5 Thursday, St Agatha, virgin, martyr, red

6 Friday, St Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs, red

7 Saturday, Week 4, Year II, green

or: Our Lady on Saturday, white

8 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Day for Victims of Trafficking & those who work to combat it

Psalter Week I

9 Monday, Week 5, Year II, green

10 Tuesday, St Scholastica, virgin, white

11 Wednesday, Week 5, Year II, green

or: Our Lady of Lourdes, white

World Day for the Sick

12 Thursday, Week 5, Year II, green

13 Friday, Week 5, Year II, green

14 Saturday, **St Cyril, monk, St Methodius, bishop, Patrons of Europe, white**

15 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Day for the Unemployed

Psalter Week II

16 Monday, Week 6, Year II, green

17 Tuesday, Week 6, Year II, green

or: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white

Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, by various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 27).

The weekdays of Lent from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Palm Sunday take precedence over the memorials of the Saints, which therefore may be

celebrated only in the particular form laid down by the liturgical books. Memorials of saints occurring on weekdays may be celebrated by substituting the collect of the saint in the Mass of the Day. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it may an appropriate Mass for various needs and occasions be celebrated. Votive Masses and daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited. Throughout the Lent Season the Alleluia is always omitted. The Gloria is said or sung on solemnities, feasts and special occasions only, being omitted from Sunday Masses. It is not permitted to adorn the altar with flowers, and the organ and other instruments may only be played for the purpose of sustaining singing. An exception is made for Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), and for solemnities and feasts.

18 **Ash Wednesday, purple**

19 Thursday after Ash Wednesday, purple

20 Friday after Ash Wednesday, purple

21 Saturday after Ash Wednesday, purple (St Peter Damian)

22 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, purple**

Candidates for the Sacraments

Psalter Week I

23 Monday, Lent 1, purple (St Polycarp)

24 Tuesday, Lent 1, purple

25 Wednesday, Lent 1, purple

26 Thursday, Lent 1, purple

27 Friday, Lent 1, purple (St Gregory of Narek)

Lent Fast Day

28 Saturday, Lent 1, purple

MARCH 2026

1 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, purple**

Candidates for the Sacraments

Special Collection: CAFOD

Psalter Week II

2 Monday, Lent 2, purple

or: ST DAVID, BISHOP. PATRON OF WALES (in Wales), white

3 Tuesday, Lent 2, purple

4 Wednesday, Lent 2, purple (St Casimir)

5 Thursday, Lent 2, purple

6 Friday, Lent 2, purple

Women's World Day of Prayer

7 Saturday, Lent 2, purple (St Perpetua & St Felicity)

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8 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, purple

Candidates for the Sacraments

Psalter Week III

On this Sunday is celebrated the first scrutiny preparatory to the Baptism of catechumens who will be admitted to the sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, in accordance with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (nn. 152-166).

- 9 Monday, Lent 3, purple (St Frances of Rome)
- 10 Tuesday, Lent 3, purple
- 11 Wednesday, Lent 3, purple
- 12 Thursday, Lent 3, purple
- 13 Friday, Lent 3, purple
- 14 Saturday, Lent 3, purple

15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, rose pink or purple

Candidates for the Sacraments

Psalter Week IV

On this Sunday is celebrated the second scrutiny preparatory to the Baptism of catechumens who will be admitted to the sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, in accordance with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (nn. 167-173).

- 16 Monday, Lent 4, purple
- 17 Tuesday, Lent 4, purple (St Patrick)
- 18 Wednesday, Lent 4, purple (St Cyril of Jerusalem)
- 19 Thursday, ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM, white
- 20 Friday, Lent 4, purple
- 21 Saturday, Lent 4, purple

The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed as the Bishops' Conference has decided. The crosses are to remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Images are to remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, purple

Candidates for the Sacraments

Psalter Week I

On this Sunday is celebrated the third scrutiny preparatory to the Baptism of catechumens

who will be admitted to the sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, in accordance with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (nn. 174-180).

- 23 Monday, Lent 5, purple (St Turibius de Mogrovejo)
- 24 Tuesday, Lent 5, purple
- 25 Wednesday, THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, white
- 26 Thursday, Lent 5, purple
- 27 Friday, Lent 5, purple (St Stanislas)
- 28 Saturday, Lent 5, purple
- 29 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, red**
- Candidates for the Sacraments**
- Psalter Week II
- 30 **Monday of Holy Week, purple**
- 31 **Tuesday of Holy Week, purple**

APRIL 2026

- 1 Wednesday of Holy Week, purple

Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. Therefore the pre-eminence that Sunday has in the week, the Solemnity of Easter has in the liturgical year. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 18).

- 2 **Maundy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, white**
- 3 **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, red**
Special Collection: Holy Places
- 4 **HOLY SATURDAY, The Easter Vigil, white**
- 5 **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION, white**
- Psalter Week I

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast

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day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 22).

- 6 MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white
- 7 TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white
- 8 WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white
- 9 THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white
- 10 FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white
- 11 SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white
- 12 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday), white**
Psalter Week II
- 13 Monday, Easter 2, white
- 14 Tuesday, Easter 2, white
- 15 Wednesday, Easter 2, white
- 16 Thursday, Easter 2, white
- 17 Friday, Easter 2, white
- 18 Saturday, Easter 2, white
- 19 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**
Psalter Week III
- 20 Monday, Easter 3, white
or: St Bueno, abbot (in Wales), white
- 21 Tuesday, Easter 3, white
or: St Anslem, bishop, doctor, white
- 22 Wednesday, Easter 3, white
- 23 Thursday, ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, CO-PATRON OF THE BISHOPRIC, red
- 24 Friday, Easter 3, white
or: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr, red
- 25 Saturday, St Mark the Evangelist, red
- 26 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Psalter Week IV
- 27 Monday, Easter 4, white
- 28 Tuesday, Easter 4, white
or: St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, priest
- 29 Wednesday, **St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor, Patron of Europe, white**
- 30 Thursday, Easter 4, white
or: St Pius V. pope, religious, white

MAY 2026

- 1 Friday, Easter 5, white
or: St Joseph the worker, white
- 2 Saturday, St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
- 3 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**
Psalter Week I
- 4 Monday, **The English Martyrs, red**
- 5 Tuesday, Easter 5, white
or: St Asaph, bishop (in Wales), white
Survivors of Sexual Abuse
- 6 Wednesday, Easter 5, white
- 7 Thursday, Easter 5, white
- 8 Friday, Easter 5, white
- 9 Saturday, Easter 5, white
- 10 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**
Psalter Week II
- 11 Monday, Easter 6, white
- 12 Tuesday, Easter 6, white
or: St Nereus and St Achilleus, martyrs, red
or: St Pancras, martyr, red
- 13 Wednesday, Easter 6, white
or: Our Lady of Fatima, white
- 14 **Thursday, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, white**
- 15 Friday, Easter 6, white
- 16 Saturday, Easter 6, white
- 17 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**
World Communications Day
Special Collection: Catholic Communications Service
Psalter Week III
- 18 Monday, Easter 7, white
or: St John I, pope, white
- 19 Tuesday, Easter 7, white
or: St Dunstan, bishop (in England), white
- 20 Wednesday, Easter 7, white
or: St Bernadine of Siena, priest, religious, missionary, white
- 21 Thursday, Easter 7, white
or: Ss Christopher Magallanes, priest, & Companions, martyrs, red
- 22 Friday, Easter 7, white
or: St Rita of Cascia, religious, white
- 23 Saturday, Easter 7, white
- 24 **PENTECOST SUNDAY, red**
The Church

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The fifty days of the sacred season of Easter conclude with Pentecost Sunday, when the church recalls the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, the beginnings of the Church, and the start of her mission to all tongues and peoples and nations. After Pentecost Sunday the Easter candle is kept with honour in the baptistery, so that from its flame the candles of the baptised may be lit during their baptism. At funerals the Easter candle should be placed near the bier, to signify that Christian death is a true Passover.

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- 25 Monday, Mary, Mother of the Church, white
Psalter Week IV
- 26 Tuesday, St Philip Neri, priest
- 27 Wednesday, Week 8, Year II, green
or: St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop (in England), white
- 28 Thursday, **Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, white**
- 29 Friday, Week 8, Year II, green
or: St Paul VI, pope, white
- 30 Saturday, Week 8, Year II, green
- 31 **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, white**

JUNE 2026

- 1 Monday, St Justin Martyr, red
Psalter Week I
- 2 Tuesday, Week 9, Year II, green
or: St Marcellinus & St Peter, martyrs, red
- 3 Wednesday, St Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs, red
- 4 Thursday, Week 9, Year II, green
- 5 Friday, St Boniface, bishop, martyr, red

- 6 Saturday, Week 9, Year II, green
or: St Norbert, bishop, white
- 7 **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, white**
- 8 Monday, Week 10, Year II, green
Psalter Week II
- 9 Tuesday, Week 10, Year II, green
or: St Ephrem, deacon, doctor, white
or: St Columba, abbot (in England), white
- 10 Wednesday, Week 10, Year II, green
- 11 Thursday, St Barnabas, apostle, red
- 12 Friday, **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, white**
- 13 Saturday, St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor, white
- 14 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Psalter Week III
- 15 Monday, Week 11, Year II, green
- 16 Tuesday, Week 11, green
or: St Richard of Chichester, bishop (in England), white
- 17 Wednesday, Week 11, Year II, green
- 18 Thursday, Week 11, Year II, green
- 19 Friday, Week 11, Year II, green
or: St Romuald, abbot, white
- 20 Saturday, Week 11, Year II, green
or: St Alban, martyr (in England), red
or: St Alban, St Julius and St Aaron, martyrs (in Wales), red
- 21 **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Day for Life
Psalter Week IV
- 22 Monday, Week 12, Year II, green
or: St John Fisher, bishop, St Thomas More, martyrs (in England), red
or: St Paulinus of Nola, bishop (in Wales), white
- 23 Tuesday, Week 12, Year II, green
or: St Ethelreda (Audrey), abbess (in England), white
- 24 Wednesday, **THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, white**
- 25 Thursday, Week 12, Year II, green
- 26 Friday, Week 12, Year II, green
- 27 Saturday, Week 12, Year II, green
or: St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor, white
- 28 **ST PETER AND ST PAUL, APOSTLES, red**
Special Collection: Peter's Pence

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- 29 Monday, Week 13, Year II, green
Psalter Week I
- 30 Tuesday, Week 13, Year II, green
or: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church, red

JULY 2026

- 1 Wednesday, Week 13, green
or: St Oliver Plunket, bishop, martyr (in England), red
- 2 Thursday, Week 13, Year II, green
- 3 Friday, **St Thomas, apostle, red**
- 4 Saturday, Week 13, Year II, green
or: St Elizabeth of Portugal, white
- 5 **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Psalter Week II
- 6 Monday, Week 14, Year II, green
or: St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr, red
- 7 Tuesday, Week 14, Year II, green
- 8 Wednesday, Week 14, Year II, green
- 9 Thursday, Week 14, Year II, green
or: Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and Companions, martyrs, red
- 10 Friday, Week 14, Year II, green
- 11 Saturday, **St Benedict, abbot, Patron of Europe, white**
- 12 **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Sea Sunday
Special Collection: Stella Maris
Psalter Week III
- 13 Monday, Week 15, Year II, green
or: St Henry, white
- 14 Tuesday, Week 15, Year II, green
or: St Camillus de Lellis, priest, white
- 15 Wednesday, St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor, white
- 16 Thursday, Week 15, Year II, green
or: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, white
- 17 Friday, Week 15, Year II, green
- 18 Saturday, Week 15, Year II, green
- 19 **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Dedication of the Bishopric
Psalter Week IV
- 20 Monday, Week 16, Year II, green
or: St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr, red

- 21 Tuesday, Week 16, Year II, green
or: St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor, white
- 22 Wednesday, **St Mary Magdalene, white**
- 23 Thursday, **St Bridget, religious, Patron of Europe, white**
or: St Philip Evans & St John Lloyd, priests, martyrs (in Wales) red
- 24 Friday, Week 16, Year II, green
or: St Sharbel Makhlûf, priest, white
- 25 Saturday, **St James, apostle, red**
- 26 **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Psalter Week I
- 27 Monday, Week 17, Year II, green
- 28 Tuesday, Week 17, Year II, green
- 29 Wednesday, Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, white
- 30 Thursday, Week 17, Year II, green
or: St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor, white
- 31 Friday, St Ignatius of Loyola, priest, white

AUGUST 2026

- 1 Saturday, St Alphonsus Mary de' Ligouri, bishop, doctor, white
- 2 **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Psalter Week II

On 2 August, or another day determined by the Ordinary for the convenience of the people, the plenary indulgence traditionally called the "Portiuncula" indulgence may be acquired in minor basilicas, shrines and parish churches. The practices prescribed for the obtaining of the indulgence are a devout visit to a church and the recitation there of the Lord's Prayer and the Creed and in addition a sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. This indulgence may be acquired only once. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight of the day itself. (Enchiridion of Indulgences, concession 33)

- 3 Monday, Week 18, Year II, green
or: St Germanus of Auxerre, bishop (in Wales), white

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- 4 Tuesday, St John Mary Vianney, priest, white
- 5 Wednesday, Week 18, Year II, green
or: The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary, white
- 6 Thursday, **The Transfiguration of the Lord, white**
- 7 Friday, Week 18, Year II, green
or: St Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs, red
or: St Cajetan, priest, white
- 8 Saturday, St Dominic, priest, white
- 9 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Psalter Week III
- 10 Monday, St Lawrence, deacon, martyr, red
- 11 Tuesday, St Clare, virgin, white
- 12 Wednesday, Week 19, Year II, green
or: St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious, white
- 13 Thursday, St Pontian, pope, and St Hippolytus, priest, martyrs, red
- 14 Friday, St Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr, red
- 15 Saturday, Week 19, Year II, green
- 16 **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, white**
- 17 Monday, Week 20, Year II, green
Psalter Week IV
- 18 Tuesday, Week 20, Year II, green
- 19 Wednesday, Week 20, Year II, green
or: St John Eudes, priest, white
- 20 Thursday, St Bernard, abbot, doctor, white
- 21 Friday, St Pius X, pope, white
- 22 Saturday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white
- 23 **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Psalter Week I
- 24 Monday, **St Bartholomew, apostle, red**
- 25 Tuesday, Week 21, Year II, green
or: St Louis, white
or: St Joseph Calasanz, priest, white
- 26 Wednesday, Week 21, Year II, green
or: Bl Dominic of the Mother of God, priest (in England), white
or: St David Lewis, priest, martyr (in Wales), red
- 27 Thursday, St Monica, white
- 28 Friday, St Augustine, bishop, doctor, white

- 29 Saturday, The Passion of St John the Baptist, red
- 30 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Psalter Week II
- 31 Monday, Week 22, Year II, green
or: St Aidan, bishop, and Saints of Lindisfarne (in England), white

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- 1 Tuesday, Week 22, Year II, green
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- 2 Wednesday, Week 22, Year II, green
- 3 Thursday, **St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor (in England), white**
- 4 Friday, Week 22, Year II, green
or: St Cuthbert, bishop (in England), white
- 5 Saturday, Week 22, Year II, green
or: St Teresa of Calcutta, white
- 6 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Psalter Week III
- 7 Monday, Week 23, Year II, green
- 8 Tuesday, **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white**
- 9 Wednesday, Week 23, Year II, green
or: St Peter Claver, priest, white
- 10 Thursday, Week 23, Year II, green
- 11 Friday, Week 23, Year II, green
or: St Deiniol, bishop (in Wales), white
- 12 Saturday, Week 23, Year II, green
or: Most Holy Name of Mary, white
- 13 **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**
Education Day
Psalter Week IV
- 14 Monday, **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, red**
- 15 Tuesday, Our Lady of Sorrows, white
- 16 Wednesday, St Cornelius, pope, and St Cyprian, bishop, martyrs, red
- 17 Thursday, Week 24, Year II, green
or: St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor, white
or: St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctor, white

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- 18 Friday, Week 24, Year II, green
 19 Saturday, Week 24, Year II, green
or: St Januarius, bishop, martyr, red
or: St Theodore of Canterbury, bishop (in England), white
- 20 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**
TIME, green
Evangelii Gaudium Day
 Special Collection: Home Missions
 Psalter Week I
- 21 Monday, **St Matthew, apostle, red**
 22 Tuesday, Week 25, Year II, green
 23 Wednesday, St Pio of Pietrelcina, priest, white
 24 Thursday, **Our Lady of Walsingham (in England), white**
- 25 Friday, Week 25, Year II, green
 26 Saturday, Week 25, Year II, green
or: St Cosmas and St Damian, martyrs, red
- 27 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**
TIME, green
The Harvest
 Psalter Week II
- 28 Monday, Week 26, Year II, green
or: St Wenceslaus, martyr, red
or: St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs, red
- 29 Tuesday, **St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael, archangels, white**
 30 Wednesday, St Jerome, priest, doctor, white

OCTOBER 2026

The Rosary should be recommended to the faithful, and its nature and importance explained. A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting five decades of the Rosary in Church, as a family at home, as a religious community, or as a pious fraternity, or in general whenever several persons have gathered for a good purpose; in other circumstances, a partial indulgence may be gained.

- 1 Thursday, St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor, white
 2 Friday, The Holy Guardian Angels, white
Harvest Fast Day
 3 Saturday, Week 26, Year II, green
4 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME, green
 Special Collection: CAFOD
 Psalter Week II

- 5 Monday, Week 27, Year II, green
or: St Faustina Kowalska, virgin, white
- 6 Tuesday, Week 27, Year II, green
or: St Bruno, priest, white
- 7 Wednesday, Our Lady of the Rosary, white
 8 Thursday, Week 27, Year II, green
 9 Friday, **St John Henry Newman, doctor, white**
- 10 Saturday, Week 27, Year II, green
or: St Paulinus of York, bishop (in England), white
or: St Denis, bishop, and Companions, martyrs, red
or: St John Leonardi, priest, white
- 11 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**
TIME, green
 Psalter Week IV
Prisons Week (until 17 October)
- 12 Monday, Week 28, Year II, green
or: St Wilfred, bishop (in England), white
- 13 Tuesday, Week 28, Year II, green
or: St Edward the Confessor (in England), white
- 14 Wednesday, Week 28, Year II, green
or: St Callistus I, pope, martyr, red
- 15 Thursday, St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor, white
 16 Friday, Week 28, Year II, green
or: St Hedwig, religious, white
or: St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin, white
or: St Richard Gwyn, martyr (in Wales), red
- 17 Saturday, St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr, red
- 18 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**
TIME, green
World Mission Day
 Special Collection: World Missions
 Psalter Week I
- 19 Monday, Week 29, Year II, green
or: St John de Brébeuf and St Isaac Jogues, priests, and their Companions, martyrs, red
- 20 Tuesday, Week 29, Year II, green
 21 Wednesday, Week 29, Year II, green
 22 Thursday, Week 29, Year II, green
or: St John Paul II, pope, white
- 23 Friday, Week 29, Year II, green
or: St John of Capistrano, priest, white
- 24 Saturday, Week 29, Year II, green
or: St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop, white

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25 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green

Psalter Week II

26 Monday, Week 30, Year II, green
or: St Chad and St Cedd, bishops (in England), white

27 Tuesday, Week 30, Year II, green

28 Wednesday, **St Simon and St Jude, apostles, red**

29 Thursday, Week 30, Year II, green

30 Friday, Week 30, Year II, green

31 Saturday, Week 30, Year II, green

NOVEMBER 2026

1 ALL SAINTS, white

2 Monday, **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls), purple or black**

Psalter Week III

3 Tuesday, Week 31, Year II, green
or: St Martin de Porres, religious, white
or: St Winefride, virgin, white

4 Wednesday, St Charles Borromeo, bishop, white

5 Thursday, Week 31, Year II, green
or: Sr Faustina Kowalski, white

6 Friday, Week 31, Year II, green
or: St Illtud, abbot (in Wales), white

7 Saturday, Week 31, Year II, green
or: St Willibrord, bishop, white

8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, purple or red

In Service Chapels Mass for The Fallen may be celebrated

or: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green

Psalter Week IV

9 Monday, **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, white**

10 Tuesday, St Leo the Great, pope, doctor, white

11 Wednesday, St Martin of Tours, bishop, white

12 Thursday, St Josaphat, bishop, martyr, red

13 Friday, Week 32, Year II, green

14 Saturday, Week 32, Year II, green
or: St Dyfrig, bishop (in Wales), white

15 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green

World Day of the Poor

Psalter Week I

16 Monday, Week 33, Year II, green
or: St Margaret of Scotland, white
or: St Gertrude, virgin, white

or: St Edmund of Abingdon, bishop (in England), white

17 Tuesday, St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious, white

18 Wednesday, Week 33, Year II, green
or: The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul, white

19 Thursday, Week 33, Year II, green

20 Friday, Week 33, Year II, green

21 Saturday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white

22 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, white **Youth Day**

23 Monday, Week 34, Year II, green
or: St Clement I, pope, martyr, red
or: St Columban, abbot, missionary, white

Psalter Week II

24 Tuesday, St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and Companions, martyrs, red

25 Wednesday, Week 34, Year II, green
or: St Catherine of Alexandria, white

26 Thursday, Week 34, Year II, green

27 Friday, Week 34, Year II, green

28 Saturday, Week 34, Year II, green

The liturgical year 2025/2026 ends here.

Sundays — Year B

Weekdays — Year I

Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered; and likewise when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period for devout and expectant delight. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 39).

Throughout the Advent Season the Gloria is omitted on Sundays but included on Solemnities and Feasts. The playing of the organ and other musical instruments and decoration of the altar with flowers should be done in a moderate manner, as is consonant

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with the season, without anticipating the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord. The same moderation should be observed in the celebration of Holy Matrimony. Advent Preface I is used at all Masses of the Season until 17 December

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29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple

Psalter Week I

30 Monday, **St Andrew, apostle, Patron of Scotland, white**

DECEMBER 2026

1 Tuesday, Advent 1, purple

2 Wednesday, Advent 1, purple

3 Thursday, St Francis Xavier, priest, white **Migrants' Day**

4 Friday, Advent 1, purple

or: St John Damascene, priest, doctor, white

5 Saturday, Advent 1, purple

6 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple **Bible Sunday**

Psalter Week II

7 Monday, St Ambrose, bishop, doctor, white

8 Tuesday, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, white

9 Wednesday, Advent 2, purple

or: St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin, white

10 Thursday, Advent 2, purple

or: Our Lady of Loreto, white

or: St John Roberts, priest, martyr (in Wales), red

11 Friday, Advent 2, purple

or: St Damasus I, pope, white

12 Saturday, Advent 2, purple

or: Our Lady of Guadalupe, white

13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, rose pink or purple

Psalter Week III

14 Monday, St John of the Cross, priest, doctor, white

15 Tuesday, Advent 3, purple

16 Wednesday, Advent 3, purple

The weekdays of Advent from 17 to 24 December take precedence over the memorials of Saints, which may therefore be celebrated only in the particular form laid down by the liturgical books. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it may an appropriate Mass for various needs and occasions be celebrated. Votive Masses and daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited. In Eucharistic celebrations likewise proper readings are given for these days and should be used instead of those indicated for the weekdays for the third and fourth week of Advent. Advent Preface II is used at all Masses.

17 Thursday, Advent 3, purple

18 Friday, Advent 3, purple

19 Saturday, Advent 3, purple

20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple

Psalter Week IV

Expectant Mothers

21 Monday, Advent 4, purple

(St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor)

22 Tuesday, Advent 4, purple

23 Wednesday, Advent 4, purple

(St John of Kanty, priest)

24 Thursday, Advent 4, purple

After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church has no more ancient custom than celebrating the memorial of the Nativity of the Lord and of his first manifestations, and this takes place at Christmas Time. (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, 32).

25 Friday, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, white

26 Saturday, St Stephen, protomartyr, red

27 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, white

28 Monday, The Holy Innocents, martyrs, red

29 Tuesday, Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas, white

(St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr)

30 Wednesday, Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas, white

31 Thursday, Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas, white *(St Sylvester I, pope)*