

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2024/2025

### 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 eight of these before Lent, running from 13<sup>th</sup> January (the day after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord), until 4<sup>th</sup> March (Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday). Ordinary Time then resumes on 9<sup>th</sup> June (the Monday after Pentecost Sunday) with the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

26 January	Bishopric Charities
16 March	CAFOD
18 April	Holy Places
1 June	Catholic Communications Network
15 June	Day for Life
29 June	Peter's Pence
14 July	Stella Maris
21 September	Home Missions
5 October	CAFOD
19 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 Sundays in October.

## Ranks of Celebration

These are indicated by the typeface used, namely:

### **HOLIDAYS 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).*

Sundays — Year C

Weekdays — Year I

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024.

*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 2024**

- 1 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple**  
Psalter Week I
- 2 Monday, Advent 1, purple
- 3 Tuesday, St Francis Xavier, priest, white  
***Migrants' Day***
- 4 Wednesday, Advent 1, purple  
*or: St John Damascene, priest, doctor, white*
- 5 Thursday, Advent 1, purple
- 6 Friday, Advent 1, purple  
*or: St Nicholas, bishop, white*
- 7 Saturday, St Ambrose, bishop, doctor, white
- 8 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple**  
***Bible Sunday***  
Psalter Week II
- 9 Monday, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, white
- 10 Tuesday, Advent 2, purple  
*or: Our Lady of Loreto, white*  
*or: St John Roberts, priest, martyr (in Wales), red*
- 11 Wednesday, Advent 2, purple  
*or: St Damasus I, pope, white*
- 12 Thursday, Advent 2, purple  
*or: Our Lady of Guadalupe, white*
- 13 Friday, St Lucy, virgin, martyr, red
- 14 Saturday, St John of the Cross, priest, doctor, white
- 15 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, rose pink or purple**  
Psalter Week III
- 16 Monday, 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 Tuesday, Advent 3, purple
- 18 Wednesday, Advent 3, purple
- 19 Thursday, Advent 3, purple
- 20 Friday, Advent 3, purple
- 21 Saturday, Advent 3, purple (*St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor*)
- 22 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple**  
Psalter Week IV  
***Expectant Mothers***
- 23 Monday, Advent 4, purple (*St John of Kanty, priest*)
- 24 Tuesday, 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 Wednesday, **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, white**
- 26 Thursday, **St Stephen, protomartyr, red**
- 27 Friday, **St John, apostle, evangelist, red**
- 28 Saturday, **The Holy Innocents, red**
- 29 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, white**
- 30 Monday, Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas, white
- 31 Tuesday, Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas, white  
(*St Sylvester I, pope*)

## **JANUARY 2025**

- 1 Wednesday, MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, white
- 2 Thursday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white  
*or: St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, bps, drs, white*  
Psalter Week I
- 3 Friday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white  
*or: The Most Holy Name of Jesus, white*
- 4 Saturday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white
- 5 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, white**

6 Monday after the Epiphany, white  
Psalter Week II

7 Tuesday after the Epiphany, white  
*or: St Raymond of Penyafort, priest, white*

8 Wednesday after the Epiphany, white

9 Thursday after the Epiphany, white

10 Friday after the Epiphany, white

11 Saturday after the Epiphany, white

12 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, white**

13 Monday, Week 1, green  
*or: St Hilary, bishop, doctor, white*  
Psalter Week I

14 Tuesday, Week 1, green

15 Wednesday, Week 1, green

16 Thursday, Week 1, green

17 Friday, St Anthony, abbot, white

18 Saturday, Week 1, green  
*or: Mass of Our Lady, white*  
**Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25 January)**

19 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
**Peace Day**

20 Monday, Week 2, green  
*or: St Fabian, pope, martyr, red*  
*or: St Sebastian, martyr, red*

21 Tuesday, St Agnes, virgin, martyr, red

22 Wednesday, Week 2, green  
*or: St Vincent, martyr doctor, red*

23 Thursday, Week 2, green

24 Friday, St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor, white

25 Saturday, **The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle, white**

26 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
**Sunday of the Word of God**  
Special Collection: Bishopric Charities  
Psalter Week III

27 Monday, Week 3, green  
*or: St Angela Merici, virgin, white*

28 Tuesday, St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor, white

29 Wednesday, Week 3, green

30 Thursday, Week 3, green

31 Friday, St John Bosco, priest, white

## FEBRUARY 2025

1 Saturday, Week 3, green  
*or: Mass of Our Lady, white*

2 **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, white**  
Psalter Week IV

3 Monday, Week 4, green  
*or: St Blaise, bishop, martyr, red*  
*or: St Ansgar, bishop, white*

4 Tuesday, Week 4, green

5 Wednesday, St Agatha, virgin, martyr, red

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

7 Friday, Week 4, green

8 Saturday, Week 4, green  
*or: St Jerome Emiliani, white*  
*or: St Josephine Bakhita, virgin, white*  
**Day for Victims of Trafficking & those who work to combat it**

9 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
Psalter Week I

10 Monday, St Scholastica, virgin, white

11 Tuesday, Week 5, green  
*or: Our Lady of Lourdes, white*  
**World Day for the Sick**

12 Wednesday, Week 5, green

13 Thursday, Week 5, green

14 Friday, St Cyril, monk, St Methodius, bishop, Patrons of Europe, white

15 Saturday, Week 5, green  
*or: Mass of Our Lady, white*

16 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
**Racial Justice Day**  
Psalter Week II

17 Monday, Week 6, green  
*or: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white*

18 Tuesday, Week 6, green

19 Wednesday, Week 6, green

20 Thursday, Week 6, green

21 Friday, Week 6, green  
*or: St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor, white*

22 Saturday, **The Chair of St Peter, white**

- 23 **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
Psalter Week III
- 24 Monday, Week 7, green
- 25 Tuesday, Week 7, green
- 26 Wednesday, Week 7, green
- 27 Thursday, Week 7, green  
*or: St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor, white*
- 28 Friday, Week 7, green

## **MARCH 2025**

- 1 Saturday, **St David, Patron of Wales, white**  
*or: ST DAVID, bishop (in Wales), white*
- 2 **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
***Day for the Unemployed***  
Psalter Week IV
- 3 Monday, Week 8, green
- 4 Tuesday, Week 8, green  
*or: St Casimir, 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.

- 5 **Ash Wednesday, purple**
- 6 Thursday after Ash Wednesday, purple

- 7 Friday after Ash Wednesday, purple (*St Perpetua & St Felicity*)  
***Women's World Day of Prayer***
- 8 Saturday after Ash Wednesday, purple (*St John of God*)
- 9 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, purple**  
***Candidates for the Sacraments***  
Psalter Week I
- 10 Monday, Lent 1, purple
- 11 Tuesday, Lent 1, purple
- 12 Wednesday, Lent 1, purple
- 13 Thursday, Lent 1, purple  
*Today is the anniversary of the election as Supreme Pontiff of Pope Francis (2013). In all Masses there should be an intention in the Prayer of the Faithful for the Pope.*
- 14 Friday, Lent 1, purple  
***Lent Fast Day***
- 15 Saturday, Lent 1, purple
- 16 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, purple**  
***Candidates for the Sacraments***  
Special Collection: CAFOD  
Psalter Week II
- 17 Monday, Lent 2, purple (*St Patrick*)
- 18 Tuesday, Lent 2, purple (*St Cyril of Jerusalem*)
- 19 Wednesday, ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BVM, white
- 20 Thursday, Lent 2, purple
- 21 Friday, Lent 2, purple
- 22 Saturday, Lent 2, purple
- 23 **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).*
- 24 Monday, Lent 3, purple (*St Casimir*)
- 25 Tuesday, THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, white
- 26 Wednesday, Lent 3, purple
- 27 Thursday, Lent 3, purple
- 28 Friday, Lent 3, purple
- 29 Saturday, Lent 3, purple

30 **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).*

31 Monday, Lent 4, purple

**APRIL 2025**

1 Tuesday, Lent 4, purple

2 Wednesday, Lent 4, purple (*St Francis of Paola*)

3 Thursday, Lent 4, purple

4 Friday, Lent 4, purple (*St Isidore*)

5 Saturday, Lent 4, purple (*St Vincent Ferrer*)

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.

6 **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).*

7 Monday, Lent 5, purple (*St John Baptist de la Salle*)

8 Tuesday, Lent 5, purple

9 Wednesday, Lent 5, purple

10 Thursday, Lent 5, purple

11 Friday, Lent 5, purple (*St Stanislas*)

12 Saturday, Lent 5, purple

13 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, red**

*Candidates for the Sacraments*

Psalter Week II

14 **Monday of Holy Week, purple**

15 **Tuesday of Holy Week, purple**

16 **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).*

17 **Maundy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, white**

18 **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, red**

Special Collection: Holy Places

19 **HOLY SATURDAY, The Easter Vigil, white**

20 **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 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).*

21 **MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white**

22 **TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white**

23 **WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white**

24 **THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white**

25 **FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white**

26 **SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white**

27 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (*Divine Mercy Sunday*), white**

Psalter Week II

When an optional memorial falls on a weekday of the Easter season, it is possible to choose either the Office and Mass of the weekday, or the Office and Mass of the saint who is inscribed for that day in the calendar or in the Martyrology. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it may an appropriate Mass for various needs and intentions be celebrated. Daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited.

28 **Monday, ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, CO-PATRON OF THE BISHOPRIC, red**

- 29 Tuesday, St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor, Patron of Europe, white  
 30 Wednesday, Easter 2, white  
*or: St Pius V, pope, white*

## MAY 2025

- 1 Thursday, Easter 2, white  
*or: St Joseph the worker, white*
- 2 Friday, St Athanasius, bishop, doctor, white
- 3 Saturday, **St Philip and St James, apostles, red**
- 4 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**  
 Psalter Week III
- 5 Monday, Easter 3, white
- 6 Tuesday, Easter 3, white
- 7 Wednesday, Easter 3, white
- 8 Thursday, Easter 3, white
- 9 Friday, Easter 6, white
- 10 Saturday, Easter 3, white  
*or: St John De Avila, priest, doctor*
- 11 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**  
***World Day of Prayer for Vocations***  
 Psalter Week IV
- 12 Monday, Easter 4, white  
*or: St Nereus & St Achilleus, martyrs, red*  
*or: St Pancras, martyr, red*
- 13 Tuesday, Easter 4, white  
*or: Our Lady of Fatima, white*
- 14 Wednesday, **St Matthias, apostle, red**
- 15 Thursday, Easter 4, white
- 16 Friday, Easter 4, white
- 17 Saturday, Easter 4, white
- 18 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**  
 Psalter Week I
- 19 Monday, Easter 5, white
- 20 Tuesday, Easter 5, white  
*or: St Bernadine of Siena, priest, white*  
***Survivors of Sexual Abuse***
- 21 Wednesday, Easter 5, white  
*or: St Christopher Magallanes, priest, and Comps, martyrs, red*
- 22 Thursday, Easter 5, white  
*or: St Rita of Cascia, religious, white*

- 23 Friday, Easter 5, white
- 24 Saturday, Easter 5, white
- 25 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**  
 Psalter Week II
- 26 Monday, St Philip Neri, priest, white
- 27 Tuesday, Easter 6, white  
*or: St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop, white*
- 28 Wednesday, Easter 6, white
- 29 Thursday, **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, white**
- 30 Friday, Easter 6, white
- 31 Saturday, **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white**

## JUNE 2025

- 1 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**  
***World Communications Day***  
 Special Collection: Catholic Communications Service  
 Psalter Week III
- 2 Monday, Easter 7, white  
*or: St Marcellinus & St Peter, martyrs, red*
- 3 Tuesday, St Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs, red
- 4 Wednesday, Easter 7, white
- 5 Thursday, St Boniface, bishop, martyr, red
- 6 Friday, Easter 7, white  
*or: St Norbert, bishop, white*
- 7 Saturday, Easter 7, white
- 8 **PENTECOST SUNDAY, red**  
***The Church***

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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9 Monday, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, white  
10 Tuesday, Week 10, green  
11 Wednesday, St Barnabas, apostle, red  
12 Thursday, Week 10, green  
13 Friday, St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor, white  
14 Saturday, Week 10, green  
15 **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, white**  
*Day for Life*  
16 Monday, Week 11, green  
Psalter Week III  
17 Tuesday, Week 11, green  
18 Wednesday, Week 11, green  
19 Thursday, Week 11, green  
*or: St Romuald, abbot, white*  
20 Friday, Week 11, green  
*or: St Alban, martyr (in England), red*  
*or: St Alban, St Julius and St Aaron, martyrs (in Wales), red*  
21 Saturday, St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious, white  
22 **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD, white**  
23 Monday, Week 12, green  
Psalter Week IV  
24 Tuesday, THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, white  
25 Wednesday, Week 12, green  
26 Thursday, Week 12, green  
27 Friday, THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, white  
28 Saturday, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white  
29 **ST PETER AND ST PAUL, APOSTLES, red**  
Special Collection: Peter's Pence  
30 Monday, Week 13, green  
*or: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church, red*  
Psalter Week I

## **JULY 2025**

1 Tuesday, Week 13, green  
2 Wednesday, Week 13, green  
3 Thursday, **St Thomas, apostle, red**  
4 Friday, Week 13, green

*or: St Elizabeth of Portugal, white*  
5 Saturday, Week 13, green  
*or: St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest, white*  
6 **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
Psalter Week II  
7 Monday, Week 14, green  
8 Tuesday, Week 14, green  
9 Wednesday, Week 14, green  
*or: Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and Companions, martyrs, red*  
10 Thursday, Week 14, green  
11 Friday, **St Benedict, abbot, Patron of Europe, white**  
12 Saturday, Week 14, green  
*or: St John Jones, priest, martyr (in Wales), red*  
13 **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
*Sea Sunday*  
Special Collection: Stella Maris  
Psalter Week III  
14 Monday, Week 15, green  
*or: St Camillus de Lellis, priest, white*  
15 Tuesday, St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor, white  
16 Wednesday, Week 15, green  
*or: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, white*  
17 Thursday, Week 15, green  
18 Friday, Week 15, green  
19 Saturday, Week 15, green  
20 **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
*Dedication of the Bishopric*  
Psalter Week IV  
21 Monday, Week 16, green  
*or: St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor, white*  
22 Tuesday, **St Mary Magdalene, white**  
23 Wednesday, St Bridget, religious, Patron of Europe, white  
*or: St Philip Evans & St John Lloyd, priests, martyrs (in Wales) red*  
24 Thursday, Week 16, green  
*or: St Sharbel Makhlüf, priest, white*  
25 Friday, **St James, apostle, red**  
26 Saturday, St Joachim and St Anne, parents of the BVM, white  
27 **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
Psalter Week I  
28 Monday, Week 17, green  
29 Tuesday, Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, white  
30 Wednesday, Week 17, green



31 *or: St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor, white*  
Thursday, St Ignatius of Loyola, priest, white

## **AUGUST 2025**

1 Friday, St Alphonsus Mary de Ligouri, bishop, doctor, white

2 Saturday, Week 17, green

*or: St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop, white*

*or: St Peter Julian Eymard, priest, white*

*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 **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week II

4 Monday, St John Mary Vianney, priest, white

5 Tuesday, Week 18 green

*or: The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary, white*

6 Wednesday, **The Transfiguration of the Lord, white**

7 Thursday, Week 18, green

*or: St Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs, red*

*or: St Cajetan, priest, white*

8 Friday, St Dominic, priest, white

9 Saturday, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr, Patron of Europe, red

10 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week III

11 Monday, St Clare, virgin, white

12 Tuesday, Week 19, green

*or: St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious, white*

13 Wednesday, St Pontian, pope, and St Hippolytus, priest, martyrs, red

14 Thursday, St Maximillian Kolbe, priest, martyr, red

15 Friday, **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, white**

16 Saturday, Week 19, green

*or: St Stephen of Hungary, white*

17 **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week IV

18 Monday, Week 20, green

19 Tuesday, Week 20, green

*or: St John Eudes, priest, white*

20 Wednesday, St Bernard, abbot, doctor, white

21 Thursday, St Pius X, pope, white

22 Friday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white

23 Saturday, Week 20, green

*or: St Rose of Lima, virgin, white*

24 **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week I

25 Monday, Week 21, green

*or: St Louis, white*

*or: St Joseph Calasanz, priest, white*

26 Tuesday, Week 21, green

*or: Bl Dominic of the Mother of God, priest (in England), white*

*or: St David Lewis, priest, martyr (in Wales), red*

27 Wednesday, St Monica, white

28 Thursday, St Augustine, bishop, doctor, white

29 Friday, The Passion of St John the Baptist, red

30 Saturday, Week 21, green

*or: Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, martyrs (in England), red*

31 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

***World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation***

Psalter Week II

## **SEPTEMBER 2025**

1 Monday, Week 22, green

***World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation***

2 Tuesday, Week 22, green

3 Wednesday, **St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor (in England), white**

4 Thursday, Week 22, green

*or: St Cuthbert, bishop (in England), white*

5 Friday, Week 22, green

6 Saturday, Week 22, green

7 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week III

8 Monday, **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white**  
 9 Tuesday, Week 23, green  
*or: St Peter Claver, priest, white*  
 10 Wednesday, Week 23, green  
 11 Thursday, Week 23, green  
*or: St Deiniol, bishop (in Wales), white*  
 12 Friday, Week 23, green  
*or: Most Holy Name of Mary, white*  
 13 Saturday, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor, white  
 14 **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, red**  
**Education Day**  
 15 Monday, Our Lady of Sorrows, white  
 Psalter Week IV  
 16 Tuesday, St Cornelius, pope, and St Cyprian, bishop, martyrs, red  
 17 Wednesday, Week 24, green  
*or: St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor, white*  
*or: St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctor, white*  
 18 Thursday, Week 24, green  
 19 Friday, Week 24, green  
*or: St Januarius, bishop, martyr, red*  
*or: St Theodore of Canterbury, bishop (in England), white*  
 20 Saturday, Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and  
 Companions, martyrs, red  
 21 **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
**Evangelii Gaudium Day**  
 Special Collection: Home Missions  
 Psalter Week I  
 22 Monday, Week 25, green  
 23 Tuesday, St Pio of Pietrelcina, priest, white  
 24 Wednesday, **Our Lady of Walsingham (in England), white**  
 25 Thursday, Week 25, green  
 26 Friday, Week 25, green  
*or: St Cosmas and St Damian, martyrs, red*  
 27 Saturday, St Vincent de Paul, priest, white  
*or: Our Lady, Star of the Sea, white*  
 28 **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
 Psalter Week II  
 29 Monday, **St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael, archangels, white**  
 30 Tuesday, St Jerome, priest, doctor, white

## OCTOBER 2025

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 Wednesday, St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor, white  
 2 Thursday, The Holy Guardian Angels, white  
 3 Friday, Week 26, green  
**Harvest Fast Day**  
 4 Saturday, St Francis of Assisi, white  
 5 **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
 Special Collection: CAFOD  
 Psalter Week II  
 6 Monday, Week 27, green  
*or: St Bruno, priest, white*  
 7 Tuesday, Our Lady of the Rosary, white  
 8 Wednesday, Week 27, green  
 9 Thursday, **St John Henry Newman, white**  
 10 Friday, Week 27, 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 Saturday, Week 27, green  
*or: St John XXIII, pope, white*  
 12 **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
 Psalter Week IV  
**Prisons Week (until 18 October)**  
 13 Monday, Week 28, green  
 14 Tuesday, Week 28, green  
*or: St Callistus I, pope, martyr, red*  
 15 Wednesday, St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor, white  
 16 Thursday, Week 28, green  
*or: St Hedwig, religious, white*  
*or: St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin, white*  
*or: St Richard Gwyn, martyr (in Wales), red*  
 17 Friday, St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr, red  
 18 Saturday, **St Luke, evangelist, red**

19 **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
**World Mission Day**  
 Special Collection: World Missions  
 Psalter Week I

20 Monday, Week 29, green

21 Tuesday, Week 29, green

22 Wednesday, Week 29, green  
*or: St John Paul II, pope, white*

23 Thursday, Week 29, green  
*or: St John of Capistrano, priest, white*

24 Friday, Week 29, green  
*or: St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop, white*

25 Saturday, Week 29, green  
**or: The Six Welsh Martyrs & their Companions (in Wales), red**

26 **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
 Psalter Week II

27 Monday, Week 30, green

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

29 Wednesday, Week 30, green

30 Thursday, Week 30, green

31 Friday, Week 30, green

## NOVEMBER 2025

1 Saturday, Week 30, green

2 **ALL SAINTS, white**

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

4 Tuesday, St Charles Borromeo, bishop, white  
 Psalter Week III

5 Wednesday, Week 31, green  
*or: Sr Faustina Kowalski, white*

6 Thursday, Week 31, green  
*or: St Illtud, abbot (in Wales), white*

7 Friday, Week 31, green  
*or: St Willibrord, bishop, white*

8 Saturday, Week 31, green  
**or: All Saints of Wales (in Wales), white**

9 **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

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

11 Tuesday, St Martin of Tours, bishop, white

12 Wednesday, St Josaphat, bishop, martyr, red

13 Thursday, Week 32, green

14 Friday, Week 32, green  
*or: St Dyfrig, bishop (in Wales), white*

15 Saturday, Week 32, green  
*or: St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor, white*

16 **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**  
**World Day of the Poor**  
 Psalter Week I

17 Monday, St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious, white

18 Tuesday, Week 33, green  
*or: The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul, white*

19 Wednesday, Week 33, green

20 Thursday, Week 33, green

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

22 Saturday, St Cecilia, virgin, martyr, red

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

24 Monday, St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and Companions, martyrs, red  
 Psalter Week III

25 Tuesday, Week 34, green  
*or: St Catherine of Alexandria, white*

26 Wednesday, Week 34, green

27 Thursday, Week 34, green

28 Friday, Week 34, green

29 Saturday, Week 34, green

The liturgical year 2024/2025 ends here.

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

## **NOVEMBER 2025**

30 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple**  
Psalter Week I

## **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 Cuahtlatoatzin, 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. 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**  
Psalter Week IV  
***Expectant Mothers***  
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)*