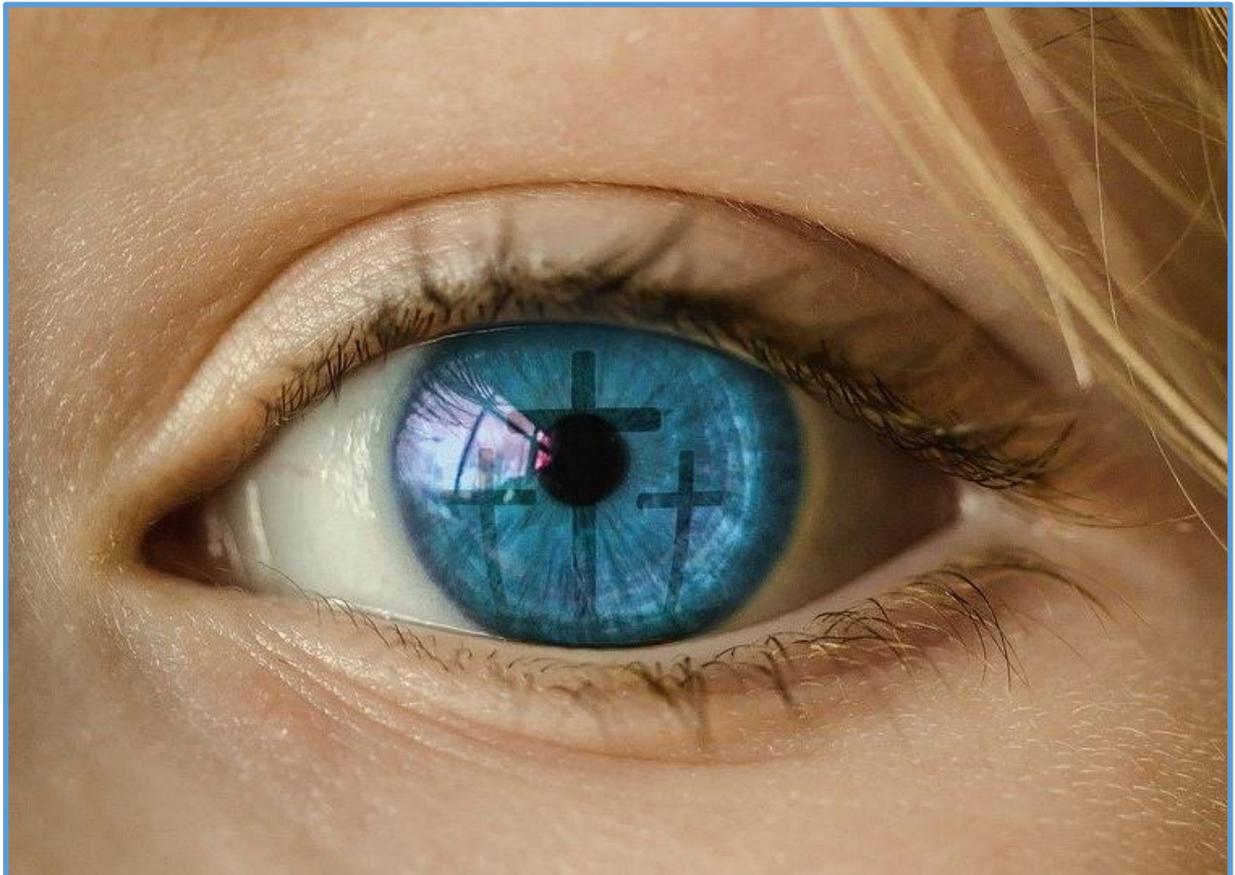
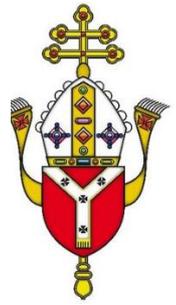


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# Enhancing the School Year

SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR A CHAPLAINCY TEAM

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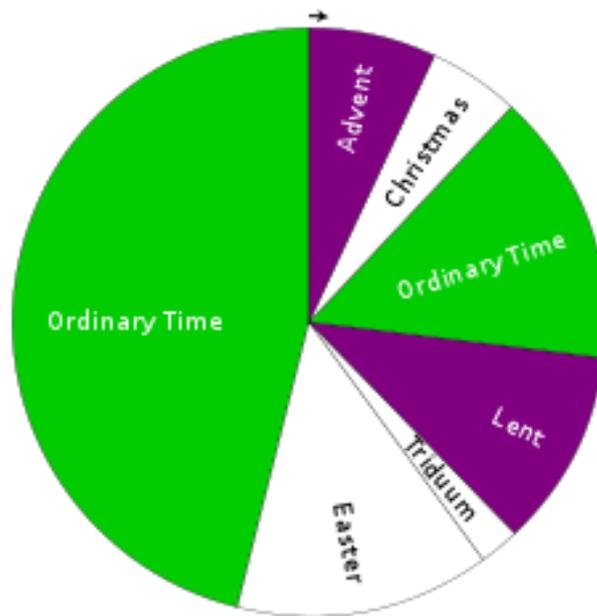
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## Ideas for Getting Started: Church Calendar



This document has been created to support your school and Chaplaincy Team with prayer throughout the school year. It is centred on the Liturgical Year, although it begins in September when the school year begins. Each of the Christian seasons are explained briefly and liturgically appropriate prayer intentions are included.

Special dates and feast days have also been included, although this is not an exhaustive list. They have been included to support your Chaplaincy Team in planning which topics/themes/celebrations they can focus on each month as it is not recommended that all dates are celebrated. It is better to do less and do them well. Those highlighted in red are feasts of martyrs and those in bold are holy days of obligation.

Some national and international days have been included so that your team can incorporate these into prayer and liturgy where appropriate. We hope that you can bring them to life with your energy and interesting ways of sharing them with others. Celebrations from other faiths have been included in this document so that you can be sensitive to the celebrations of other believers.

We hope that this can support your Chaplaincy Team and school community in growing in faith through prayer and liturgy as you journey through the year together.



## SEASON of Ordinary Time: Autumn - September to Christ the King

<b>PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM SEPTEMBER TO CHRIST THE KING (Based on the Liturgical Year)</b>	<b>Liturgical Colour</b>
<p><b>Students and Teachers</b> Education Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September</p>	<b>GREEN</b>
<p><b>The Spread of the Gospel</b> Especially on Home Mission Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) and World Mission Day (penultimate Sunday in October)</p>	
<p><b>The Harvest, Fruits of Human Work and Care of Creation</b> Especially on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and on last Sunday in September or whenever Harvest Festivals are held</p>	
<p><b>Justice and Peace in the World</b> Especially on Racial Justice Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September) and on Harvest Fast Day (1<sup>st</sup> Friday in October) Interfaith prayer for World Peace (links to One World Week)</p>	
<p><b>All Victims of War (Purple, white or black)</b> Especially on Remembrance Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November)</p>	
<p><b>Young People</b> Especially on Youth Day (Christ the King)</p>	<b>WHITE</b>
<p><b>Prisoners and their Families</b> Especially on the Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in October) and during Prisons Week (2<sup>nd</sup> week in October)</p>	

**During this season we listen to readings about the teachings and parables of Jesus and reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ.**

**In this ordinary time, we concentrate on the saints and try to imitate their holiness as Christ's followers.**

**We also pray for the above intentions, especially on the special days.**



## September: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Gregory (3<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Teresa of Calcutta (5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Nativity of the Virgin Mary (8<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Holy Name of Mary (12<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St John Chrysostom (13<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Exaltation of the Cross (14<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Our Lady of Sorrows (15<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Korean Martyrs (20<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (21<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• Our Lady of Walsingham (24<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Vincent de Paul (27<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Jerome (30<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day of Charity (5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• National Literacy Day (8<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Suicide Prevention Day (10<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• First Aid Day (14<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Day of Democracy (15<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Ozone Day (16<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Day of Peace (UN) (21<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• Maritime Day (26<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Tourism Day (27<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Translation Day (30<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – World Rivers Day Last week – Day of Deaf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> (Jewish New Year – Sept/Oct)</li> <li>• <b>Yom Kippur</b> (Jewish Day of Atonement – 4-5 Oct)</li> <li>• <b>Eid al-Adha</b> (Islamic sacrifice of Ibrahim – date varies)</li> <li>• <b>Ashura</b> (Islamic)</li> <li>• <b>Krishna Janmashtami</b> (Hindu Birth of Krishna)</li> <li>• <b>Raksha Bandhan</b> (Hindu relationships)</li> <li>• Pahila Prakash Sri Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Title of Guru Granth Sahib 1<sup>st</sup>)</li> </ul>

Liturgical Colour	SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER	Note
GREEN	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Education Sunday Home Mission Day World Mission Day	The dates of these will change each year. Please check



## October: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Thérèse of Lisieux (1<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• Guardian Angels (2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Francis of Assisi (4<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Our Lady of the Rosary (7<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St John Henry Newman (9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St John XXIII (11<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Edward the Confessor (13<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Theresa of Avila (15<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>St Luke, Evangelist (18<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> <li>• St John Paul II (22<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>Ss Simon and Jude (28<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> <li>• <b>Blessed Martyrs of Douai College (29<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day of Older Persons (1st)</li> <li>• International Day of Non-Violence (2nd)</li> <li>• Animal Welfare Day (4th)</li> <li>• World Teachers Day (5th)</li> <li>• World Mental Health Day (10th)</li> <li>• International Day of the Girl-Child (11th)</li> <li>• UN National Disaster Reduction Day (13th)</li> <li>• International Day of Rural Women (15th)</li> <li>• World Food Day (16th)</li> <li>• International Poverty Eradication Day (17th)</li> <li>• UN day (24<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul> <p>Black History Month            One World Week (varies)            1st Monday – World Habitat Day            2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – World Sight Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sukkot</b> (Jewish Feast of Tabernacles – Sept/Oct)</li> <li>• <b>Simchat Torah</b> (Jewish celebration of Torah – Sept/Oct)</li> <li>• <b>Navratri</b> (Hindu good over evil)</li> <li>• Arba'een (Islamic)</li> <li>• Bandhi Chhor Divas (Sikh Celebration of Freedom – 27<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Shemini Atzeret (Jewish memorial)</li> </ul>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER	Note
GREEN	Ordinary Time	Month of the Rosary
WHITE	Feasts of Our Lady	



## November: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All Saints (1<sup>st</sup>)</b></li> <li>• All Souls (2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Martin de Pores (3<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Charles Borromeo (4<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Lateran Basilica (9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Martin of Tours (11<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Frances Xavier Cabrini (13<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Albert the Great (15<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Margaret of Scotland (16<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Presentation of Mary (21<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>St Cecilia (22<sup>nd</sup>)</b></li> <li>• <b>St Andrew (30<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Tsunami Day (5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• National Stress Awareness Day (6<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Science Day for Peace and Development (10<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Remembrance Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Kindness Day (13<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Day for Tolerance (16<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Day of the Poor (17<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Toilet Day (19<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Universal Children’s Day (20<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Carers’ Rights Day (21<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul> <p>Month of Remembrance Remembrance Sunday is the beginning of Interfaith Week.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diwali</b> (Hindu festival of Light)</li> <li>• Eid-e-Shuja (Islamic – date varies)</li> <li>• <b>Mawlid an-Nabi</b> (Islamic Birthday of the Prophet Muhammed Oct/Nov)</li> <li>• <b>Guru Nanak Gurburab</b> (Sikh Birth of Guru Nanak Nov)</li> <li>• Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh 22<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• Mitzvah Day (Jewish – links to Day of the Poor)</li> </ul>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER	Note
<b>Green, white, purple</b> or black <b>GREEN</b> <b>WHITE</b> <b>PURPLE</b>	Remembrance Sunday Ordinary Time Christ the King Advent	These dates vary each year. World Day of the Poor is the week before Christ the King.



## SEASON of Advent

PRAYER INTENTIONS during Advent and Christmastide (Based on the Liturgical Year)	Liturgical Colour
Migrants and Refugees (Migrants' day - 3 <sup>rd</sup> December)	PURPLE
Openness to the Word of God (Bible Sunday – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent)	
Expectant Mothers (especially on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)	



### Advent is a time to:

1. Prepare for the Solemnities of Christmas in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered
2. As we remember this, we prepare our hearts and minds for the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time

During this time, we hear in the readings about the promise of the Messiah in the prophecies of the Old Testament and the preparation of Mary and John the Baptist. It is a time of joyful expectation.

The crib is used as a symbol for reflection during this season and believers often attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation and say the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

This season lasts until Christmas Eve.



## December: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>St Francis Xavier (3rd)</b></li> <li>• St Nicholas (6<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Ambrose (7<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Immaculate Conception (8<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Our Lady of Guadalupe (12<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>St Lucy (13<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> <li>• St John of the Cross (14<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Christmas day (25<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>St Stephen (26<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> <li>• St John the Apostle (27<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>Holy Innocents (28<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Pollution Control Day &amp; Abolition of Slavery (2nd)</li> <li>• International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd)</li> <li>• International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development &amp; World Soil Day (5th)</li> <li>• Human Rights Day (10th)</li> <li>• World Energy Conservation Day (14th)</li> <li>• International Migrants Day (18<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Human Solidarity Day (20<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hanukkah/Chanukah</b> (Jewish Festival of Light – Nov/Dec)</li> <li>• Martyrdom of the Sahibzade (Sikh sons of Guru Gobind Singh 21th , 26<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER	Note
<b>VIOLET</b> <b>ROSE</b>	1,2 and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays in Advent 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Gaudete)	The dates of these will change each year. Please check



## SEASON of Christmas

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER	Note
WHITE/GOLD	Feast of the Holy Family	This is the Sunday after Christmas day.



Christmas begins at the Christmas Vigil on Christmas Eve until the Baptism of Jesus. The 12 days of Christmas are from the Christmas Vigil until 6<sup>th</sup> January which was when the feast of the Epiphany (Coming of the Magi/Wise Men) was celebrated in the past. There are 40 days from Christmas to the Presentation of Jesus (Candlemas).

This is the season in which we reflect on the importance of Jesus' birth as well as his early manifestations.



## January: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary, Mother of God (1<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• Most Holy Name of Jesus (3<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>• Epiphany (6<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Baptism of Our Lord</li> <li>• St Anthony (17<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>St Agnes (21<sup>st</sup>)</b></li> <li>• St Francis de Sales; Our Lady of Peace (24<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Conversion of St Paul, Apostle (25<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>Ss Timothy and Titus (26<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> <li>• St Thomas Aquinas (28<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St John Bosco (31<sup>st</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Braille Day (4<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Day of Education (24<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Leprosy Day/Hansen's Disease (26<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust and Genocide (27<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25<sup>th</sup> Jan)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tu B'Shvat (Jewish New Year for trees Jan-Feb)</li> <li>• Birth of Guru Gobind Singh, Founder of Sikhism (Sikh – 5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Maghi (Sikh - 14<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN JANUARY	Note
WHITE WHITE GREEN GREEN	Epiphany Baptism of the Lord World Peace Day (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) Sunday of the Word (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)	The Baptism of Our Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. There are 12 days between Christmas and the Epiphany.



## SEASON of Ordinary Time: Spring – Baptism of Our Lord to Shrove Tuesday

<b>PRAYER INTENTIONS</b> <b>(Based on the Liturgical Year)</b>	<b>Liturgical Colour</b>
<b>Christian Unity</b> (Octave or prayer for Christian unity in January)	<b>GREEN</b>
<b>Peace on Earth</b> (Peace Day – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	
<b>Victims of Human Trafficking</b> (Feast of St Josephine Bakhita)	
<b>Sick and Those Who Care For Them</b> (World day of the Sick – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)	
<b>Europe</b> (Feast of Ss Cyril and Methodius)	
<b>Racial Justice</b> (Racial Justice day - 3 Sundays before Lent)	
<b>Unemployed</b> (Day for the unemployed – Sunday before Lent)	

During this season we listen to readings about the teachings and parables of Jesus and reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ.

In this ordinary time, we concentrate on the saints and try to imitate their holiness as Christ's followers.

We also pray for the intentions above in green at any time but especially on their special days.



## February: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Brigid (1<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• Presentation of Our Lord (2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Blaise (3<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Agatha (5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Paul Miki and Companions (6<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita (8<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Our Lady of Lourdes (11<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Ss Cyril and Methodius (14<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Chair of St Peter (22<sup>nd</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Wetlands Day (2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• World Cancer Day (4<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Pulses Day (10<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Day of Women and Girls in Science; Safer Internet Day (11<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Day of the Sick (11<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Radio Day (13<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Day of Social Justice (20<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Mother Language Day (21<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• International Polar Bear Day (27<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul> <p>Interfaith Harmony Week - 1<sup>st</sup> week in Feb</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chinese New Year</b> (Buddhist)</li> <li>• <b>Magha Puka Day</b> (Buddhist Important Event in Life of Buddha)</li> <li>• Fast of Esther (Jewish Feb/Mar)</li> <li>• Purim (Jewish Feb/Mar)</li> </ul>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY	Note
<p>WHITE</p> <p>GREEN</p>	<p>Presentation of the Lord</p> <p>Ordinary Time</p>	<p>There are 40 days from Christmas to the Presentation of Our Lord, otherwise known as Candlemas. Some people leave their Christmas crib up until this day.</p>



## SEASON of Lent: Ash Wednesday – Holy Saturday

<b>PRAYER INTENTIONS during Lent - Ash Wednesday – Holy Saturday</b> <b>(Based on the Liturgical Year)</b>	<b>Liturgical Colour</b>
Penitents and Wanderers	<b>PURPLE</b>
The Needy and Hungry of the World Especially on Lent Fast day (Friday after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)	
Candidates for the Sacraments Especially on the Sundays in Lent	
Women Especially on Women’s World day of Prayer (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday in March)	



Lent is the time of preparation for the celebration of Easter and the Paschal Mystery. The final week of Lent is Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass.

The Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Maundy Thursday (following the Jewish counting of time with the day beginning at sunset). It lasts for three days: Thursday night, Friday night and Saturday night.

The Stations of the Cross are often reflected upon during this season as are the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and believers often attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



## March: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St David (1<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• St Casimir (4<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>Ss Perpetua and Felicity (7<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> <li>• St John of God (8<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Frances of Rome (9<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Patrick (17<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Cyril of Jerusalem (18<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Joseph (19<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Annunciation (25<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero Discrimination Day (1st)</li> <li>• World Wildlife Day (2nd)</li> <li>• Int Women’s Day (8th)</li> <li>• International Day of Happiness; French Language Day (20th)</li> <li>• International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• World Poetry Day (21st)</li> <li>• International Day of Forests (21st)</li> <li>• World Water Day (22nd)</li> <li>• World Meteorological Day (23rd)</li> <li>• Remembrance of Victims of Slavery Day (23rd)</li> <li>• Mother’s Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pesach</b> (Jewish Passover Mar/Apr)</li> <li>• <b>Holla Mohalla</b> (Sikh Olympics – 17<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>Holi</b> (Hindu Festival of Colours)</li> <li>• <b>Laylat al-Mi’raj</b> (Islamic Mar/Apr)</li> </ul>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN MARCH	Note
<p style="margin: 0;">PURPLE</p> <p style="margin: 0;">ROSE</p> <p style="margin: 0;">RED</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Sundays in Lent</p> <p style="margin: 0;">4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Laetare)</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Palm Sunday (Sunday Before Easter)</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Lent begins on a different date each year. There are 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter.</p>



## SEASON of Easter: Easter Sunday to Pentecost

<b>PRAYER INTENTIONS during Easter (Based on the Liturgical Year)</b>	<b>Liturgical Colour</b>
<b>New Members of the Church</b>	<b>WHITE/GOLD</b>
<b>Vocations</b> Especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)	
<b>Human Work</b> Especially on St Joseph the Worker (1 May)	
<b>The Right Use of Media</b> Especially on World Communications Day (Ascension)	
<b>The Church</b> Especially on Pentecost Sunday	<b>RED</b>



### Easter

Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Christian celebrations. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated joyfully, as one “great Sunday”. These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia.

During this time, we hear about the appearances of the risen Christ. The readings about the Good Shepherd are read on the Fourth Sunday. Other readings include the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. We also pray for the above intentions.

The Ascension of Our Lord is takes place 40 days after Easter and Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter when we remember that Jesus sent his Holy Spirit.



## April: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Francis of Paolo (2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Isidore (4<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Vincent Ferrer (5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Stanislaus (11<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St George (23<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Mark, Evangelist (25<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Catherine of Siena (29<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (4<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (6<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Health Day (7<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Day of Human Space Flight (12<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Chinese Language Day (20<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• World Creativity and Innovation Day (21<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• World Mother Earth Day (22<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• Spanish Language Day (23<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>• World Malaria Day (25<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day (26<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vaisakhi</b> (Sikh Birth of Kahlsa – 14<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>Veisakha Puja</b> (Buddhist - Buddha's birthday April/May)</li> <li>• <b>Laylat al-Bara'at</b> (Islamic – Sunni/Shia - Mar/Apr)</li> <li>• <b>Muhammad al-Mahdī</b> (Islamic – Shia - Mar/Apr)</li> </ul> <p>The Islamic festivals above occur on the same night</p>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN APRIL	Note
WHITE	Easter Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday	



**SEASON of Ordinary Time: Summer – Day after Pentecost  
until First Sunday of Advent**

<b>PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM DAY AFTER Pentecost Until First Day of Advent (Based on the Liturgical Year)</b>	<b>Liturgical Colour</b>
Deeper Understanding Between Christians and Jews	<b>GREEN</b>
Those Who Suffer Persecution Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 <sup>nd</sup> June)	
Those Who Suffer Oppression Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 <sup>nd</sup> June)	
Those Who Suffer Denial of Human Rights Especially on St John Fisher and St Thomas More (22 <sup>nd</sup> June)	
Europe Especially on the feasts of St Benedict (11 July), St Bridget of Sweden (23 July), St Catherine of Siena (29 April)	
Human Life Especially on the day for Life (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June)	
Seafarers Especially on Sea Sunday (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in July)	



**During this season we listen to readings about the teachings and parables of Jesus and reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ.**

**In this ordinary time, we concentrate on the saints and try to imitate their holiness as Christ's followers.**

**We also prayer for the above intentions especially on these special days.**



## May: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Joseph the Worker (1<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>Ss Philip and James (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b></li> <li>• <b>Feast of English Martyrs (4<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> <li>• St Damien de Veuster (10<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Our Lady of Fatima (13<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• <b>St Matthias (14<sup>th</sup>)</b></li> <li>• St Bede (25<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Augustine (27<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Visitation (31<sup>st</sup>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ascension Thursday</b> The date of Easter changes every year and the Ascension is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday.</p> <p><b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b> Monday after Pentecost</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Tuna Day (2nd)</li> <li>• World Migratory Birds Day (11th)</li> <li>• International Day of Families (15th)</li> <li>• International Day of Living Together in Peace (16th)</li> <li>• World Telecommunication and Information Day (17th)</li> <li>• World Bee Day (20th)</li> <li>• World day for Cultural Diversity (21st)</li> <li>• International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29th)</li> <li>• World No-Tobacco Day (31st)</li> <li>• Laudato Si week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yom HaSho'ah</b> (Jewish Holocaust Remembrance Day)</li> <li>• <b>Shavuot</b> (Jewish Pentecost May/June)</li> <li>• <b>First day of Ramadān</b> (Islamic Fasting – date varies)</li> <li>• <b>Laylat al-Qadr</b> (Islamic – date varies according to Ramadān)</li> </ul>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN MAY	Note
<p>WHITE</p> <p>RED</p>	<p>Sundays in Easter</p> <p>Pentecost</p>	<p>Pentecost is 10 days after the Ascension (50 days after Easter Sunday)</p>



## June: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Justin (1<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• Charles Lwanga and Companions (3<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Boniface (5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Norbert (6<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Barnabas (11<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Anthony of Padua (13<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Aloysius (21<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• Ss John Fisher and Thomas More (22<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• St John the Baptist (24<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St John Southworth (27<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Ss Peter and Paul (29<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 days after Pentecost)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Day for Parents (1st)</li> <li>• World Bicycle Day (3rd)</li> <li>• World Environment Day (5th)</li> <li>• Russian Language Day (6th)</li> <li>• World Oceans day (8th)</li> <li>• World Day Against Child Labour (12th)</li> <li>• World day to Combat Desertification and Drought (17th)</li> <li>• World Refugee Day (20th)</li> <li>• Seafarer Day (25th)</li> <li>• International Asteroid Day (30th)</li> <li>• Father's Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chaand Raat</b> (Islamic –date varies – linked to Eid al-Fitr)</li> <li>• <b>Eid al-Fitr</b> (Islamic Break the Fast of Ramadān – date varies – new moon for start of Eid)</li> <li>• Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh 16<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN JUNE	Note
WHITE WHITE GREEN	Most Holy Trinity Corpus Christi Ordinary Time	Trinity Sunday is the Week after Pentecost and the week before Corpus Christi.



## July: Special dates

LITURGICAL YEAR	NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAYS	OTHER FAITHS/CULTURES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Oliver Plunket (1<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• St Thomas, the Apostle (3<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>• St Elizabeth (5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Maria Goretti (6<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Benedict (11<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Henry (13<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Bonaventure (15<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Our Lady of Mount Carmel (16<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Mary Magdalene (22<sup>nd</sup>)</li> <li>• St James (25<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Ss Joachim and Anne (26<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• St Martha (29<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day of Cooperatives (11th)</li> <li>• World Youth Skills Day (15th)</li> <li>• Nelson Mandela Day (18th)</li> <li>• International Day of Friendship (30th)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tisha B'Av (Jewish tragedies)</li> </ul>

Liturgical colour	SUNDAYS IN JULY	Note
GREEN	Ordinary Time	



## Useful Links

Details	Website link
<p><b>Liturgy Office:</b> For materials to support prayer and worship throughout the liturgical year see the website</p>	<p><a href="https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/">https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/liturgy/diocesan-supplement/">https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/liturgy/diocesan-supplement/</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Liturgy Office</b> ENGLAND &amp; WALES</p> </div>
<p><b>Universalis:</b> For materials to support daily Liturgy and Mass throughout the year visit the website. Alternatively, subscribe to it and this resource can be available on your electronic device(s)</p>	<p><a href="https://universalis.com/">https://universalis.com/</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p><b>Catholic Culture:</b> For information about the liturgical year, prayers, resources, activities, recipes and more see the website</p>	<p><a href="https://catholicculture.org">https://catholicculture.org</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p><b>CAFOD:</b> For free pupil-led Collective Worship materials as well as resources to support assemblies to support the liturgical year and various themes visit their website</p>	<p><a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Collective-worship-resources">https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Collective-worship-resources</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p><b>Mission Together:</b> For resources to support prayer, worship and mission during the liturgical year visit the website</p>	<p><a href="https://missiontogether.org.uk/">https://missiontogether.org.uk/</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p><b>Pope's Prayer Intentions:</b> For the Pope's monthly prayer intentions every year</p>	<p><a href="https://www.popesprayer.va/the-challenges-facing-humanity-and-assists-the-mission-of-the-church/#INTENTIONS">https://www.popesprayer.va/the-challenges-facing-humanity-and-assists-the-mission-of-the-church/#INTENTIONS</a></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

