Calendar Notes for 2016

Lectionary

Sunday Year C
Weekdays Year II

Changes to Cycle of Prayer
The Bishops’ Conference to the following changes
Education Day to 2nd Sunday in September
Day for Life to the 3rd Sunday in June.
Racial Justice Day to 3 Sundays before the 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Advent/Christmas

2015
Sunday 29 November First Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 8 December Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 25 December The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 27 December The Holy Family

2016
Friday 1 January Mary, Mother of God
Sunday 3 January Epiphany
Sunday 10 January Baptism of the Lord

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions
Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

Cycle of Prayer

Migrants’ Day Thursday 3 December
Bible Sunday Sunday 6 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]
Expectant Mothers especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 20 December

Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 17 January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday 2 February Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 7 February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(last Sunday before Lent)

During Ordinary Time (Winter), i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:
Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

Cycle of Prayer

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

Wednesday 10 February  Ash Wednesday
Sunday 14 February  1st Sunday of Lent
Saturday 19 March  St Joseph

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:
Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

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Easter

Sunday 27 March  Easter Sunday
Monday 4 April  The Annunciation of the Lord
Saturday 23 April  St George
Sunday 8 May  Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 15 May  Pentecost

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:
New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

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Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 16 May  Week 7 in OT (Psalter Week III)
Sunday 22 May  Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 29 May  The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 3 June  Most Holy Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 4 June  Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 24 June  Nativity of St John the Baptist
Wednesday 29 June  St Peter and St Paul
Saturday 6 August  Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday 14 August  The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
During Ordinary Time (Summer), i.e. up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.**

- **Day for Life**
  - Sunday 19 June [3rd Sunday in June]

- **St John Fisher and St Thomas More**
  - Wednesday 22 June

- **Europe**
  - [St Benedict, St Bridget and St Teresa Benedicta as below.]
  - also Sts Cyril and Methodius (14 February)
  - & St Catherine of Siena (29 April).]

- **St Benedict**
  - Monday 11 July

- **St Bridget**
  - Saturday 23 July

- **St Teresa Benedicta of Cross**
  - Tuesday 9 August

- **Sea Sunday**
  - Sunday 10 July [2nd Sunday in July]

**Ordinary Time – Autumn**

- **Wednesday 14 Sept.**
  - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- **Tuesday 11 October**
  - St John XXIII (Optional Memorial)

- **Saturday 22 October**
  - St John Paul II (Optional Memorial)

- **Tuesday 1 November**
  - All Saints

- **Wednesday 2 November**
  - All Souls

- **Wednesday 9 November**
  - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- **Sunday 20 November**
  - Our Lord Jesus Christ. King of the Universe

**Cycle of Prayer**

During Ordinary Time (Autumn), i.e. from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

- **Education Day**
  - Sunday 11 September [2nd Sunday in September]

- **Home Mission Day**
  - Sunday 18 September [3rd Sunday in September]

- **World Mission Day**
  - Sunday 23 October [penultimate Sunday in October]

- **The Harvest, etc.**
  - Sunday 25 September [Sunday between 22–28 September]
  - or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.

- **Harvest Fast Day**
  - Friday 7 October [1st Friday in October]

- **Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents**
  - Sunday 9 October [2nd Sunday in October]

- **Remembrance Day**
  - Sunday 13 November [2nd Sunday in November]

- **Youth Day**
  - Sunday 20 November [Christ the King]

**Advent/Christmas**

- **Sunday 27 November**
  - First Sunday of Advent

- **Thursday 8 December**
  - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- **Sunday 25 December**
  - The Nativity of the Lord

- **Friday 30 December**
  - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Cycle of Prayer**

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**Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.**

- **Migrants’ Day**
  - Saturday 3 December

- **Bible Sunday**
  - Sunday 4 December [2nd Sunday of Advent]

- **Expectant Mothers**
  - especially on 4th Sunday in Advent, 18 December