**LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2023/2024**

**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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 42*).

In this liturgical year, Ordinary Time consists of 34 weeks. There are six of these before Lent, running from 9th January (the day after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord), until 13th February (Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday). Ordinary Time then resumes on 20th May (the Monday after Pentecost Sunday) with the 7th 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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 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, Apostleship of the Sea, 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.

21 January Bishopric Charities

25 February CAFOD

29 March Holy Places

12 May Catholic Communications Network

16 June Day for Life

30 June Peter’s Pence

14 July Apostleship of the Sea

15 September Home Missions

6 October CAFOD

20 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:

**HOLYDAYS 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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 8, 9, 10).*

Sundays — Year B

Weekdays — Year II

**Amendments to the Calendar**

Home Mission day is now named Evangelii Gaudium day.

**Liturgical Change**

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.

**DECEMBER 2023**

*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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 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

3 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple**

Psalter Week I

4 Monday, Advent 1, purple

*or: St John Damascene, priest, doctor, white*

5 Tuesday, Advent 1, purple

6 Wednesday, Advent 1, purple

*or: St Nicholas, bishop, white*

7 Thursday, St Ambrose, bishop, doctor, white

8 Friday, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, white

9 Saturday, Advent 1, purple

*or: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, white*

10 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple**

***Bible Sunday***

Psalter Week II

11 Monday, Advent 2, purple

*or: St Damasus I, pope, white*

12 Tuesday, Advent 2, purple

*or: Our Lady of Guadalupe, white*

13 Wednesday, St Lucy, virgin, martyr, red

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

15 Friday, Advent 2, purple

16 Saturday, Advent 2, purple

17 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, rose pink or purple**

Psalter Week III

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.

18 Monday, Advent 3, purple

19 Tuesday, Advent 3, purple

20 Wednesday, Advent 3, purple

21 Thursday, Advent 3, purple *(St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor)*

22 Friday, Advent 3, purple

23 Saturday, Advent 3, purple *(St John of Kanty, priest)*

**24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, purple**

Psalter Week IV

***Expectant Mothers***

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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 32).*

25 Monday, **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, white**

26 Tuesday, **St Stephen, protomartyr, red**

27 Wednesday, **St John, apostle, evangelist, red**

28 Thursday, **The Holy Innocents, red**

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

**or: St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr (in England), red**

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

31 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, white**

**JANUARY 2024**

1 Monday, MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, white

Psalter Week II

2 Tuesday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white

*or: St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, bps, drs, white*

3 Wednesday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white

*or: The Most Holy Name of Jesus, white*

4 Thursday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white

5Friday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white

6 Saturday, Weekday of Christmas Time, white

7 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, white**

8 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, white

Psalter Week III

9 Tuesday, Week 1, green

10 Wednesday, Week 1, green

11 Thursday, Week 1, green

12 Friday, Week 1, green

*or: St Aelred of Rievaulx, religious (in England), white*

13 Saturday, Week 1, green

*or: St Hilary, bishop, doctor, white*

14 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

***Peace Day***

Psalter Week II

15 Monday, Week 2, green

16 Tuesday, Week 2, green

17 Wednesday, St Anthony, abbot, white

18 Thursday, Week 2, green

***Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25 January)***

19 Friday, Week 2, green

20 Saturday, Week 2, green

*or: St Fabian, pope, martyr, red*

*or: St Sebastian, martyr, red*

21 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

***Sunday of the Word of God***

Special Collection: Bishopric Charities

Psalter Week III

22 Monday, Week 3, green

*or: St Vincent, martyr doctor, red*

23 Tuesday, Week 3, green

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

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

26 Friday, St Timothy & St Titus, bishops, white

27 Saturday, Week 3, green

*or: St Angela Merici, virgin, white*

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

Psalter Week IV

29 Monday, Week 4, green

30 Tuesday, Week 4, green

31 Wednesday, St John Bosco, priest, white

**FEBRUARY 2024**

1 Thursday, Week 4, green

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

3 Saturday, Week 4, green

*or: St Blaise, bishop, martyr, red*

*or: St Ansgar, bishop, white*

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

***Racial Justice Day***

Psalter Week I

5 Monday, St Agatha, virgin, martyr, red

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

7 Wednesday, Week 5, green

8 Thursday, Week 5, green

*or: St Jerome Emiliani, white*

*or: St Josephine Bakhita, virgin, white*

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

9 Friday, Week 5, green

10 Saturday, St Scholastica, virgin, white

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

***World Day for the Sick***

Psalter Week II

12 Monday, Week 6, green

13 Tuesday, Week 6, green

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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 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.

22 **Ash Wednesday, purple**

15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday, purple

16 Friday after Ash Wednesday, purple

17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday, purple *(The Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

18 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, purple**

***Candidates for the Sacraments***

Psalter Week I

19 Monday, Lent 1, purple

20 Tuesday, Lent 1, purple

21 Wednesday, Lent 1, purple *(St Peter Damian)*

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

23 Friday, Lent 1, purple *(St Polycarp)*

***Lent Fast Day***

24 Saturday, Lent 1, purple

25 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, purple**

***Candidates for the Sacraments***

Special Collection: CAFOD

Psalter Week II

26 Monday, Lent 2, purple

27 Tuesday, Lent 2, purple *(St Gregory of Narek)*

28 Wednesday, Lent 2, purple

29 Thursday, Lent 2, purple

**MARCH 2024**

1 Friday, **St David, Patron of Wales, white**

or: ST DAVID, bishop (in Wales), white

***Women’s World Day of Prayer***

2 Saturday, Lent 2, purple

3 **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).*

4 Monday, Lent 3, purple *(St Casimir)*

5 Tuesday, Lent 3, purple

6 Wednesday, Lent 3, purple

7 Thursday, Lent 3, purple *(St Felicity & St Perpetua))*

8 Friday, Lent 3, purple *(St John of God)*

9 Saturday, Lent 3, purple *(St Francis of Rome)*

10 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, purple or rose**

***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).*

11 Monday, Lent 4, purple

12 Tuesday, Lent 4, purple

13 Wednesday, Lent 4, purple

14 Thursday, Lent 4, purple

15 Friday, Lent 4, purple

16 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.

17 **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).*

18 Monday, Lent 5, purple *(St Cyril of Jerusalem)*

19 Tuesday, ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, white

*Today is the anniversary of the solemn inauguration of the pontificate of His Holiness Pope Francis (in 2013). At all Masses a special intention for the Holy Father should be inserted into the Prayer of the Faithful.*

20 Wednesday, Lent 5, purple

21 Thursday, Lent 5, purple

22 Friday, Lent 5, purple

23 Saturday, Lent 5, purple *(St Turibius de Mogrovejo)*

24 **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION, red**

***Candidates for the Sacraments***

Psalter Week II

25 **Monday of Holy Week, purple**

26 **Tuesday of Holy Week, purple**

27 **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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 18).*

28 **Maundy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, white**

29 GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION, red

Special Collection: Holy Places

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

31 **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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 22).*

**APRIL 2024**

1 MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white

2 TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white

3 WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white

4 THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white

5 FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white

6 SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, white

7 **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.

8 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, white

9 Tuesday, Easter 2, white

10 Wednesday, Easter 2, white

11 Thursday, St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr, red

12 Friday, Easter 2, white

13 Saturday, Easter 2, white

*or: St Martin I, pope, martyr, red*

14 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**

Psalter Week III

15 Monday, Easter 3, white

16 Tuesday, Easter 3, white

17 Wednesday, Easter 3, white

18 Thursday, Easter 3, white

19 Friday, Easter 3, white

20 Saturday, Easter 3, white

*or: St Bueno, abbot (in Wales), white*

21 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**

***World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

Psalter Week IV

22 Monday, Easter 4, white

23 Tuesday, ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND,

CO-PATRON OF THE BISHOPRIC, red

24 Wednesday, Easter 4, white

*or: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr, red*

25 Thursday, St Mark the Evangelist, red

26 Friday, Easter 4, white

27 Saturday, Easter 4, white

28 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**

Psalter Week I

29 Monday, **St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor,**

**Patron of Europe, white**

30 Tuesday, Easter 5, white

*or: St Pius V. pope, religious, white*

***Survivors of Sexual Abuse***

**MAY 2024**

1 Wednesday, Easter 5, white

*or: St Joseph the worker, white*

2 Thursday, St Athanasius, bishop, doctor

3 Friday, **St Philip and St James, apostles, red**

4 Saturday, **The English Martyrs, red**

5 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, white**

Psalter Week II

6 Monday, Easter 6, white

7 Tuesday, Easter 6, white

8 Wednesday, Easter 6, white

9 Thursday, **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, white**

10 Friday, Easter 6, white

*or: St John De Avila, priest, doctor*

11 Saturday, Easter 6, white

12 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***World Communications Day***

Special Collection: Catholic Communications Service

Psalter Week III

13 Monday, Easter 7, white

*or: Our Lady of Fatima, white*

14 Tuesday, **St Matthias, apostle, red**

15 Wednesday, Easter 7, white

16 Thursday, Easter 7, white

17 Friday, Easter 7, white

18 Saturday, Easter 7, white

*or: St John I, pope, martyr, red*

19 **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.

*Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remain 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 on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 43).*

20 Monday, Mary, Mother of the Church, white

Psalter Week III

21 Tuesday, Week 7, green

*or: Ss Christopher Magallanes, priest, & Companions, martyrs, red*

22 Wednesday, Week 7, green

*or: St Rita of Cascia, religious, white*

23 Thursday, **Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, white**

24 Friday, Week 7, green

25 Saturday, Week 7, green

*or: St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor (in England), white*

*or: St Gregory VII, pope, white*

26 **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, white**

27 Monday, Week 8, green

**or: St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop (in England), white**

Psalter Week IV

28 Tuesday, Week 8, green

29 Wednesday, Week 8, green

*or: St Paul VI, pope, white*

30 Thursday, Week 8, green

31 Friday, **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white**

**JUNE 2024**

1 Saturday, St Justin Martyr, red

2 **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD,**

**white**

Psalter Week I

3 Monday, Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs, red

4 Tuesday, Week 9, green

5 Wednesday, St Boniface, bishop, martyr, red

6 Thursday, Week 9, green

*or: St Norbert, bishop, white*

7 Friday, THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, white

8 Saturday, The Immaculate Heart of Mary, white

9 **TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week II

10 Monday, Wek 10, green

11 Tuesday, St Barnabas, apostle, red

12 Wednesday, Week 10, green

13 Thursday, St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor, white

14 Friday, Week 10, green

15 Saturday, Week 10, green

*or: Our Lady on Saturday, white*

16 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week III

***Day for Life***

Special Collection: Day for Life

17 Monday, Week 11, green

18 Tuesday, Week 11, green

19 Wednesday, Week 11, green

*or: St Romuald, bishop, white*

20 Thursday, Week 11, green

*or: St Alban, martyr (in England), red*

*or: St Alban, St Julius and St Aaron, martyrs (in Wales), red*

21 Friday, St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious, white

22 Saturday, **St John Fisher, bishop, St Thomas More, martyrs, red**

23 **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week IV

24 Monday, THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, white

25 Tuesday, Week 12, green

26 Wednesday, Week 12, green

27 Thursday, Week 12, green

*or: St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor, white*

28 Friday, St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr, red

29 Saturday, Week 12, green

*or: Our Lady on Saturday, white*

30 **ST PETER AND ST PAUL, APOSTLES, red**

Special Collection: Peter’s Pence

Psalter Week I

**JULY 2024**

1 Monday, Week 13, green

*or: St Oliver Plunket, bishop, martyr (in England), red*

2 Tuesday, Week 13, green

3 Wednesday, St Thomas, apostle, red

4 Thursday, Week 13, green

or: *St Elizabeth of Portugal, white*

5 Friday, Week 13, green

or: *St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest, white*

6 Saturday, Week 13, green

*or: St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr, red*

7 **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week II

8 Monday, Week 14, green

9 Tuesday, Week 14, green

*or: Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and Companions, martyrs, red*

10 Wednesday, Week 14, green

11 Thursday, **St Benedict, abbot, Patron of Europe, white**

12 Friday, Week 14, green

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

13 Saturday, Week 14, green

*or: St Henry, white*

14 **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

***Sea Sunday***

Special Collection: Apostleship of the Sea

Psalter Week III

15 Monday, St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor, white

16 Tuesday, Week 15, green

*or: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, white*

17 Wednesday, Week 15, green

18 Thursday, Week 15, green

19 Friday, Week 15, green

20 Saturday, Week 15, green

*or: St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr, red*

21 **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

***Dedication of the Bishopric***

Psalter Week I V

22 Monday, **St Mary Magdalene, white**

23 Tuesday, St Bridget, religious, Patron of Europe, white

*or: St Philip Evans & St John Lloyd, priests, martyrs (in Wales) red*

24 Wednesday, Week 16, green

*or: St Sharbel Makhlüf, priest, white*

25 Thursday, **St James, apostle, red**

26 Friday, St Joachim and St Anne, parents of the BVM, white

27 Saturday, Week 16, green

28 **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week I

29 Monday, Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, white

30 Tuesday, Week 17, green

*or: St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor, white*

31 Wednesday, St Ignatius of Loyola, priest, white

**AUGUST 2024**

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

2 Friday, 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 Saturday, Week 17 green

*or: St Germanus of Auxerre, bishop, (in Wales), white*

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

Psalter Week II

5 Monday, Week 18 green

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

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

7Wednesday, Week 18, green

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

*or: St Cajetan, priest*

8 Thursday, St Dominic, priest, white

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

10 Saturday, **St Lawrence, deacon, martyr, red**

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

Psalter Week III

12 Monday, Week 19, green

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

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

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

15 Thursday, **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE**

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, white**

16 Friday, Week 19, green

*or: St Stephen of Hungary, white*

17 Saturday, Week 19, green

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

Psalter Week IV

19 Monday, Week 20, green

*or: St John Eudes, priest, white*

20 Tuesday, St Bernard, abbot, doctor, white

21 Wednesday, St Pius X, pope, white

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

23 Friday, Week 20, green

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

24 Saturday, **St Bartholomew, apostle, red**

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

Psalter Week I

26 Monday, 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 Tuesday, St Monica, white

28 Wednesday, St Augustine, bishop, doctor, white

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

30 Friday, Week 21, green

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

31 Saturday, Week 21, green

*or: St Aidan, bishop, and Saints of Lindisfarne (in England), white*

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

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

Psalter Week II

2 Monday, Week 22, green

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

4 Wednesday, Week 22, green

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

5 Thursday, Week 22, green

6 Friday, Week 22, green

7 Saturday, Week 22, green

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

***Education Day***

Psalter Week III

9 Monday, Week 23, green

*or: St Peter Claver, priest*

10 Tuesday, Week 23, green

11 Wednesday, Week 23, green

*or: St Deiniol, bishop (in Wales), white*

12 Thursday, Week 23, green

*or: Most Holy Name of Mary, white*

13 Friday, St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor, white

14 Saturday, **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, red**

15 **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

***Evangelii Gaudium Day***

Special Collection: Home Missions

Psalter Week IV

16 Monday, St Cornelius, pope, and St Cyprian, bishop, martyrs, red

17 Tuesday, Week 24, green

*or: St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor, white*

*or: St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctor*

18 Wednesday, Week 24, green

19 Thursday, Week 24, green

*or: St Januarius, bishop, martyr, red*

*or: St Theodore of Canterbury, bishop (in England), white*

20 Friday, Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, martyrs, red

21 Saturday, **St Matthew, apostle, red**

22 **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

***Migrants’ Day***

Psalter Week I

23 Monday, St Pio of Pietrelcina, priest, white

24 Tuesday, Our Lady of Walsingham (in England), white

25 Wednesday, Week 25, green

26 Thursday, Week 25, green

*or: St Cosmas and St Damian, martyrs, red*

27 Friday, St Vincent de Paul, priest

or: Our Lady, Star of the Sea, white

28 Saturday, Week 25, green

*or: St Wenceslaus, martyr, red*

*or: St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs, red*

29 **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week II

30 Monday, St Jerome, priest, doctor, white

**OCTOBER 2024**

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 Tuesday, St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor, white

2 Wednesday, The Holy Guardian Angels

3 Thursday, Week 26, green

4 Friday, St Francis of Assisi, white

***Harvest Fast Day***

5 Saturday, Week 26, green

*or: St Faustina Kowalska, virgin, white*

6 **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Special Collection: CAFOD

Psalter Week II

7 Monday, Our Lady of the Rosary, white

8 Tuesday, Week 27, green

9 Wednesday, **St John Henry Newman, white**

10 Thursday, 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 Friday, Week 27, green

*or: St John XXIII, pope, white*

12 Saturday, Week 27, green

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

13 **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week IV

***Prisons Week (until 19 October)***

14 Monday, Week 28, green

*or: St Callistus I, pope, martyr, red*

15 Tuesday, St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor, white

16 Wednesday, Week 28, green

*or: St Hedwig, religious, white*

*or: St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin, white*

*or: St Richard Gwyn, martyr (in Wales), red*

17 Thursday, St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr, red

18 Friday, **St Luke, evangelist, red**

19 Saturday, Week 28, green

*or: St John de Brebeuf, St Isaac Jogues, priests, & Companions, martyrs, red*

*or: St Paul of the Cross, white*

20 **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

***World Mission Day***

Special Collection: World Missions

Psalter Week I

21 Monday, Week 29, green

22 Tuesday, Week 29, green

*or: St John Paul II, pope*

23 Wednesday, Week 29, green

*or: St John of Capistrano, priest, white*

24 Thursday, Week 29, green

*or: St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop, white*

25 Friday, Week 29, green

**or: The Six Welsh Martyrs & their Companions (in Wales), red**

26 Saturday, Week 29, green

27 **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week II

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

29 Tuesday, Week 30, green

30 Wednesday, Week 30, green

31 Thursday, Week 30, green

**NOVEMBER 2024**

1 Friday, **ALL SAINTS, white**

2 Saturday, **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

**(All Souls), purple**

3 **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week I

4 Monday, St Charles Borromeo, bishop, white

5 Tuesday, Week 31, green

*or: Sr Faustina Kowalski, white*

6 Wednesday, Week 31, green

*or: St Illtud, abbot (in Wales), white*

7 Thursday, Week 31, green

*or: St Willibrord, bishop, white*

8 Friday, Week 31, green

**or: All Saints of Wales (in Wales), white**

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

10 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, purple**

*In Service Chapels, Mass for The Fallen may be celebrated*

**or: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

Psalter Week IV

11 Monday, St Martin of Tours, bishop, white

12 Tuesday, St Josaphat, bishop, martyr, red

13 Wednesday, Week 32, green

14 Thursday, Week 32, green

*or: St Dyfrig, bishop (in Wales), white*

15 Friday, Week 32, green

*or: St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor, white*

16 Saturday, Week 32, green

*or: St Margaret of Scotland, white*

*or: St Gertrude, virgin, white*

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

17 **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, green**

***World Day of the Poor***

Psalter Week I

18 Monday, Week 33, green

*or: The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul, white*

19 Tuesday, Week 33, green

20 Wednesday, Week 33, green

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

22 Friday, St Cecilia, virgin, martyr, red

23 Saturday, Week 33, green

*or: St Clement I, pope, martyr, red*

*or: St Columban, abbot, missionary, white*

24 **OUR LORD JESUS** **CHRIST,**

**KING OF THE UNIVERSE, white**

***Youth Day***

25 Monday, Week 34, green

*or: St Catherine of Alexandria, white*

Psalter Week III

26 Tuesday, Week 34, green

27 Wednesday, Week 34, green

28 Thursday, Week 34, green

29 Friday, Week 34, green

30 Saturday, **St Andrew, apostle, red**

The liturgical year 2023/2024 ends here.

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*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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 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

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 Monday, 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*](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/GNLY.pdf)*, 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, Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas, white

*(St Sylvester I, pope)*