

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The Seasons

Advent

The First Sunday of Advent

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent

From 17 December (O Sapientia)

begin the eight days of prayer before Christmas Day

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

Christmas

Christmas Day – 25 December

The First Sunday of Christmas

The Second Sunday of Christmas

The days after Christmas Day until the Epiphany traditionally form a unity of days of special thanksgiving.

Epiphany

The Epiphany – 6 January

The Baptism of Christ – The First Sunday of Epiphany

(The Second Sunday of Epiphany when 6 January is a Sunday) The Second Sunday of Epiphany The Third Sunday of Epiphany The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

– 2 February

Ordinary Time

This begins on the day following the Presentation The Fifth Sunday before Lent The Fourth Sunday before Lent The Third Sunday before Lent The Second Sunday before Lent The Sunday next before Lent Lent Ash Wednesday The First Sunday of Lent The Second Sunday of Lent The Third Sunday of Lent The Fourth Sunday of Lent – *Mothering Sunday* The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins) Palm Sunday Monday of Holy Week Tuesday of Holy Week Wednesday of Holy Week Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Eve

Easter

Easter Day

Monday of Easter Week

Tuesday of Easter Week

Wednesday of Easter Week

Thursday of Easter Week

Friday of Easter Week

Saturday of Easter Week

The Second Sunday of Easter

The Third Sunday of Easter

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ascension Day

From Friday after Ascension Day

begin the nine days of prayer before Pentecost

The Seventh Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension Day

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Ordinary Time

This is resumed on the Monday following the Day of Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

The Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as

The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

The First Sunday after Trinity

The Second Sunday after Trinity The Third Sunday after Trinity The Fourth Sunday after Trinity The Fifth Sunday after Trinity The Sixth Sunday after Trinity The Seventh Sunday after Trinity The Eighth Sunday after Trinity The Ninth Sunday after Trinity The Tenth Sunday after Trinity The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity The Last Sunday after Trinity Dedication Festival - The First Sunday in October or The Last Sunday after Trinity, if date unknown

All Saints' Day – 1 November

The Sunday between 30 October and 5 November may be kept as All Saints' Sunday or as:

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

The Third Sunday before Advent

The Second Sunday before Advent

Christ the King – The Sunday next before Advent

Holy Days

January

1 The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

2 Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389

- 2 Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide, 1833
- 2 Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in South India, Evangelist, 1945

6 The Epiphany

- 10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
- 11 Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915
- 12 Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
- 12 Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689
- 13 Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367
- 13 Kentigern (Mungo), Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603
- 13 George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691
- 17 Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356
- 17 Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- 18 Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951
- 19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095
- 20 Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349
- 21 Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304
- 22 Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, first Martyr of Spain, 304

- 24 Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622
- 25 The Conversion of Paul
- 26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul
- 28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274
- 30 Charles, King and Martyr, 1649
- 31 John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888

February

- 1 Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525
- 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
- 3 Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865
- 4 Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189
- 6 The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
- 10 Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543
- 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885
- 14 Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269
- 15 Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045
- 15 Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730
- 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977
- 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155
- 27 George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

Alternative dates

Matthias may be celebrated on 24 February instead of 14 May.

March

- 1 David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601
- 2 Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672
- 7 Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

- 8 Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910
- 8 Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647
- 8 Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929
- 17 Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460
- 18 Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386
- 19 Joseph of Nazareth
- 20 Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687
- 21 Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556
- 24 Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396
- 24 Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953
- 24 Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980
- 25 The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 26 Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883
- 31 John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631

Chad may be celebrated with Cedd on 26 October instead of 2 March.

Cuthbert may be celebrated on 4 September instead of 20 March.

April

- 1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872
- 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945
- 10 William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761
- 10 William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1347
- 11 George Augustus Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand, 1878
- 16 Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923
- 19 Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012
- 21 Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109

- 23 George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304
- 24 Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624
- 24 The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003
- 25 Mark the Evangelist
- 27 Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894
- 28 Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841
- 29 Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380
- 30 Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922

May

- 1 Philip and James, Apostles
- 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373
- 4 English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era
- 8 Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417
- 12 Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952
- 14 Matthias the Apostle
- 16 Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877
- 19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988
- 20 Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804
- 21 Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330
- 24 John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788
- 25 The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735
- 25 Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709
- 26 Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605
- 26 John Calvin, Reformer, 1564
- 26 Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595
- 28 Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089

- 30 Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906
- 30 Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431
- 30 Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933
- 31 The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth may be celebrated on 2 July instead of 31 May.

June

- 1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165
- 3 The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977
- 4 Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century
- 5 Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754
- 6 Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945
- 8 Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711
- 9 Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597
- 9 Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373
- 11 Barnabas the Apostle
- 14 Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691
- 15 Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941
- 16 Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253
- 16 Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752
- 17 Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936
- 18 Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896
- 19 Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929
- 22 Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250

- 23 Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678
- 24 The Birth of John the Baptist
- 27 Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444
- 28 Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200
- 29 Peter and Paul, Apostles

Peter the Apostle may be celebrated alone, without Paul, on 29 June.

July

1 Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873

- 3 Thomas the Apostle
- 6 Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535
- 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550
- 14 John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866
- 15 Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862
- 15 Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1274
- 16 Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099

18 Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883

19 Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379

- 20 Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century
- 20 Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566
- 22 Mary Magdalene
- 23 Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373

- 25 James the Apostle
- 26 Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 27 Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901
- 29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord
- 30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer
- Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson

Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846

31 Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

Alternative dates

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth may be celebrated on 2 July instead of 31 May.

Thomas the Apostle may be celebrated on 21 December instead of 3 July.

Thomas Becket may be celebrated on 7 July instead of 29 December.

August

- 4 Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859
- 5 Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642
- 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord
- 7 John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866
- 8 Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221
- 9 Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921
- 10 Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258
- 11 Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253
- 11 John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890
- 13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667
- 13 Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910
- 13 Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912

- 14 Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941
- 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary
- 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153
- 20 William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890
- 24 Bartholomew the Apostle
- 27 Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
- 28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430
- 29 The Beheading of John the Baptist
- 30 John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688
- 31 Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

The Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated on 8 September instead of 15 August.

September

- 1 Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710
- 2 The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942
- 3 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604
- 4 Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650
- 6 Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851
- 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 8 Accession of King Charles III
- 9 Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880
- 13 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407
- 14 Holy Cross Day
- 15 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258
- 16 Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432
- 16 Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882

- 17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179
- 19 Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

20 John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

- 21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- 25 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626
- 25 Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392
- 26 Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942
- 27 Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660
- 29 Michael and All Angels
- 30 Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420

Alternative dates

Cuthbert may be celebrated on 4 September instead of 20 March.

October

- 1 Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533
- 1 Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885
- 3 George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958
- 4 Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226
- 6 William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536
- 9 Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250
- 9 Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253
- 10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644
- 10 Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674
- 11 Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675
- 11 James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century
- 12 Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709

- 12 Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845
- 12 Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915
- 13 Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
- 15 Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582

16 Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555

- 17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107
- 18 Luke the Evangelist
- 19 Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812
- 25 Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c.287
- 26 Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899
- 26 Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664
- 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles
- 29 James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885
- 31 Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

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November

1 All Saints' Day

- 2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- 3 Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600
- 3 Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639
- 6 Leonard, Hermit, 6th century
- 6 William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944
- 7 Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739
- 8 The Saints and Martyrs of England

- 9 Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440
- 10 Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461
- 11 Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397
- 13 Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836
- 14 Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796
- 16 Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer of the Church, 1093
- 16 Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240
- 17 Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200
- 18 Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231
- 19 Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680
- 19 Mechtild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280
- 20 Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870
- 20 Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876
- 22 Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230
- 23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100
- 25 Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century
- 25 Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748
- 29 Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church
- 30 Andrew the Apostle

December

- 1 Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916
- 3 Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552
- 4 John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749
- 4 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637
- 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326
- 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397

- 8 The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 13 Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304
- 13 Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784
- 14 John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591
- 17 O Sapientia
- 17 Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save The Children', 1928
- 24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas Day

- 26 Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr
- 27 John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 The Holy Innocents
- 29 Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170
- 31 John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384

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The Date of Easter and Other Variable Dates

2024

Ash Wednesday 14 February

Easter Day 31 March

Ascension Day 9 May

Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 19 May

First Sunday of Advent 1 December

2025

Ash Wednesday 5 March

Easter Day 20 April Ascension Day 29 May Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 8 June First Sunday of Advent 30 November 2026 Ash Wednesday 18 February Easter Day 5 April Ascension Day 14 May Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 24 May First Sunday of Advent 29 November 2027 Ash Wednesday 10 February Easter Day 28 March Ascension Day 6 May Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 16 May First Sunday of Advent 28 November 2028 Ash Wednesday 1 March Easter Day 16 April Ascension Day 25 May Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 4 June First Sunday of Advent 3 December 2029 Ash Wednesday 14 February Easter Day 1 April Ascension Day 10 May

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2034

Ash Wednesday 22 February

Easter Day 9 April

Ascension Day 18 May

Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 28 May

First Sunday of Advent 3 December

2035

Ash Wednesday 7 February

Easter Day 25 March

Ascension Day 3 May

Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 13 May

First Sunday of Advent 2 December