2020

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
for SCHOOLS

The Year of Matthew

Liturgical Year A for Sundays
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Social Justice Calendars from Caritas Australia for primary and secondary
Australian Catholics: Catholic Teacher Calendar
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Calendar of Key Events from Our Community
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| 1    | 26 JANUARY 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green | Matthew 4: 12–23  
He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled. | 27 Jan  
Australia Day Holiday  
28 Jan  
Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas  
29 Jan  
Students return to school  
31 Jan  
Memorial of St John Bosco |
My eyes have seen your saving power. | 2 Feb  
World Wetlands Day  
1–7 Feb  
World Interfaith Harmony Week  
5 Feb  
Memorial of St Agatha  
6 Feb  
Memorial of St Paul Miki and his Companions  
8 Feb  
International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking (Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita) (cf. 30 July) |
| 3    | 9 FEBRUARY 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green | Matthew 5: 13–16  
You are the light of the world. | 10 Feb  
Memorial of St Scholastica  
11 Feb  
Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes  
11 Feb  
World Day of Prayer for the Sick  
13 Feb  
Anniversary of Apology to Australia’s Indigenous People  
14 Feb  
Memorial of Ss Cyril and Methodius |
| 4    | 16 FEBRUARY 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green | Matthew 5: 17–37  
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you. | 20 Feb  
UN World Day of Social Justice  
21 Feb  
International Mother Language Day  
22 Feb  
Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle |
| 5    | 23 FEBRUARY 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green | Matthew 5: 38–48  
Love your enemies. | 25 Feb  
Shrove Tuesday  
26 Feb  
Ash Wednesday |
| 6    | 1 MARCH 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT PROJECT COMPASSION violet | Matthew 4: 1–11  
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights. | 6 Mar  
World Day of Prayer |
| 7    | 8 MARCH 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT violet | Matthew 17: 1–9  
His face shone like the sun. | 8 Mar  
International Women’s Day  
9 Mar  
Labour Day Holiday |
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| 8    | 15 MARCH  
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT  
violet | John 4: 5–42  
The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life. | 15 Mar  
15–22 Mar  
National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence  
Catholic Education Week  
Solemnity of St Patrick  
Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Harmony Day  
Cultural Diversity Week |
| 22 MARCH  
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT  
violet or rose | John 9: 1–41  
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored. | 22 Mar  
25 Mar  
World Water Day  
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord |
| 29 MARCH  
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT  
violet | John 11: 1–45  
I am the resurrection and the life. |
| 5 APRIL  
Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord  
red | Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66  
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. |
| 9 APRIL  
THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
white | John 13: 1–15  
To the end he showed his love for them. | 8–16 Apr  
Pesach – Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Interfaith: Judaism) |
| 10 APRIL  
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
red | John 18: 1 – 19: 42  
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. |
| 11–12 APRIL  
THE EASTER VIGIL  
white | Matthew 28: 1–10  
The women visit the tomb and are greeted by an angel before meeting Jesus. |
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*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.* | 13 Apr  
Easter Monday  
13 Apr  
Baisakhi – The founding of the Khalsa: holy brotherhood (Interfaith: Sikhism)  
14 Apr  
Students return to school |
| 2    | 19 APRIL 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) white | John 20: 19–31  
*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.* | 19 Apr  
Orthodox Easter  
25 Apr  
ANZAC Day |
*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*  
John 10: 1–10  
*I am the gate of the sheepfold.* | 29 Apr  
Memorial of St Catherine of Siena  
2 May  
Memorial of St Athanasius |
| 4    | 3 MAY 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER white  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS white | 24 Apr – 23 May  
Ramadan – The beginning of the Holy Month (Interfaith: Islam)  
7 May  
Vesak – Buddha Day (Interfaith: Buddhism) |
| 5    | 10 MAY 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER white | John 14: 1–12  
*I am the way, the truth, and the life.* | 10 May  
Mother’s Day  
14 May  
Feast of St Matthias, Apostle  
15–21 May  
CatholicCare Family Week (National Families Week)  
15 May  
International Day of Families |
| 6    | 17 MAY 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER white  
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY white | John 14: 15–21  
*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.* | 22 May  
International Day for Biological Diversity  
23–24 May  
Eid Al-Fitr – The end of Ramadan (Interfaith: Islam) |
| 7    | 24 MAY SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD white  
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY white | Matthew 28: 16–20  
*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.* | 24–31 May  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
25 May  
Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians  
26 May  
National Sorry Day  
27 May – 3 Jun  
National Reconciliation Week  
28–30 May  
Shavuot – Festival of Weeks (Interfaith: Judaism) |
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| 8    | 31 MAY PENTECOST SUNDAY red | John 20: 19–23  
As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit. | 1 Jun Memorial of St Justin  
1 Jun Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church  
3 Jun Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions  
5 Jun World Environment Day  
5 Jun Memorial of St Boniface |
| 9    | 7 JUNE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY white | John 3: 16–18  
God sent his Son to save the world through him. | 8 Jun Queen’s Birthday  
11 Jun Memorial of St Barnabas  
13 Jun Memorial of St Anthony of Padua |
| 10   | 14 JUNE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) white | John 6: 51–58  
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. | 14–20 Jun Migrant and Refugee Week  
19 Jun Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
20 Jun World Refugee Day  
20 Jun Memorial of Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| 11   | 21 JUNE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green | Matthew 10: 26–33  
Do not fear those who can kill the body. | 22 Jun Memorial of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More  
24 Jun Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist |
|      | **School Holidays** | **School Holidays** | **School Holidays** |
|      | 28 JUNE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green | Matthew 10: 37–42  
Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.  
Matthew 11: 25–30  
I am gentle and humble of heart. | 29 Jun Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul  
3 Jul Feast of St Thomas, Apostle |
|      | 5 JULY 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY green | 5–12 Jul NAIDOC Week  
11 Jul Memorial of St Benedict |
## Term 3  Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September

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A sower went out to sow. | 15 Jul  Memorial of St Bonaventure |
| 2    | 19 JULY 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **green** | Matthew 13: 24–43  
Let them grow together until the harvest. | 22 Jul  Feast of St Mary Magdalene  
25 Jul  Feast of St James, Apostle |
| 3    | 26 JULY 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME BIBLE SUNDAY **green** | Matthew 13: 44–52  
He sells everything he owns and buys the field. | 29 Jul  Memorial of St Martha  
30 Jul  UN World Day against Trafficking in Humans  
31 Jul  Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola  
1 Aug  Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori |
| 4    | 2 AUGUST 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **green** | Matthew 14: 13–21  
They all ate and were satisfied. | 3 Aug  Memorial of St Dominic  
4 Aug  Memorial of St John Vianney  
6 Aug  Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord  
6 Aug  Hiroshima Day  
8 Aug  **Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)**  
9 Aug  International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples  
10 Aug  Feast of St Lawrence  
11 Aug  Memorial of St Clare  
12 Aug  UN International Youth Day  
14 Aug  Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe  
15 Aug  **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| 5    | 9 AUGUST 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **green** | Matthew 14: 22–33  
Command me to come to you over the water. | |
| 6    | 16 AUGUST 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **green** | Matthew 15: 21–28  
Woman, you have great faith. | 19 Aug  World Humanitarian Day  
20 Aug  Memorial of St Bernard  
21 Aug  Memorial of St Pius X  
22 Aug  Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
22–28 Aug  **Children’s Book Week**  
24 Aug  Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle  
27 Aug  Memorial of St Monica  
28 Aug  Memorial of St Augustine  
29 Aug  Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist |
| 7    | 23 AUGUST 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **green** | Matthew 16: 13–20  
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven. | |
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<td>30 AUGUST &lt;br&gt;22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &lt;br&gt;WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES &lt;br&gt;green</td>
<td>Matthew 16: 21–27 &lt;br&gt;<strong>Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.</strong></td>
<td>September: Month of Prayer for the Care of Creation &lt;br&gt;1 Sep &lt;br&gt;3 Sep &lt;br&gt;World Day of Migrants and Refugees &lt;br&gt;Memorial of St Gregory the Great</td>
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<td>6 SEPTEMBER &lt;br&gt;23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &lt;br&gt;green</td>
<td>Matthew 18: 15–20 &lt;br&gt;<strong>If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.</strong></td>
<td>6 Sep &lt;br&gt;6–12 Sep &lt;br&gt;International Day of Peace &lt;br&gt;Father’s Day &lt;br&gt;National Child Protection Week &lt;br&gt;Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary &lt;br&gt;Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) &lt;br&gt;International Literacy Day &lt;br&gt;Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross &lt;br&gt;Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows &lt;br&gt;Memorial of Sts Cornelius and Cyprian &lt;br&gt;Rosh Hashanah – The Jewish New Year (Interfaith: Judaism)</td>
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<td>13 SEPTEMBER &lt;br&gt;24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &lt;br&gt;CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY &lt;br&gt;green</td>
<td>Matthew 18: 21–35 &lt;br&gt;<strong>I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.</strong></td>
<td>14 Sep &lt;br&gt;15 Sep &lt;br&gt;16 Sep &lt;br&gt;Memorial of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael &lt;br&gt;Memorial of St Jerome &lt;br&gt;Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross &lt;br&gt;Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows &lt;br&gt;Memorial of Sts Cornelius and Cyprian &lt;br&gt;Mourning of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</td>
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- 20 SEPTEMBER <br>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <br>green <br>Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist <br>UN International Day of Peace <br>Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) <br>AFL Grand Final Holiday <br>Yom Kippur – The Day of Atonement (Interfaith: Judaism) <br>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels <br>Memorial of St Jerome <br>Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus <br>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
- 27 SEPTEMBER <br>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <br>SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY <br>green
## Term 4  Monday 5 October – Friday 18 December

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He leased his vineyard to other farmers. | October: World Mission Month  
3–9 Oct  
9 Oct  
10 Oct  
Sukkot – Feast of Tabernacles (Interfaith: Judaism)  
Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary  
World Mental Health Day |
| 2    | 11 OCTOBER 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green | Matthew 22: 1–14  
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding. | 11–17 Oct  
15 Oct  
17 Oct  
Anti-Poverty Week  
Memorial of St Teresa of Avila  
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty  
Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch |
| 3    | 18 OCTOBER 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY green | Matthew 22: 15–21  
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God’s. | 24 Oct – 1 Nov  
National Children’s Week |
| 4    | 25 OCTOBER 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green | Matthew 22: 34–40  
You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself. | 28 Oct  
28 Oct  
30 Oct  
Universal Children’s Day  
Feast of Ss Simon and Jude  
World Teachers Day (in Australia)  
Day for Daniel |
| 5    | 1 NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS white | Matthew 5: 1–12  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. | 2 Nov  
3–9 Nov  
3 Nov  
Melbourne Cup Day  
Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)  
National Vocation Awareness Week |
| 6    | 8 NOVEMBER 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green | Matthew 25: 1–13  
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him. | 9 Nov  
10 Nov  
11 Nov  
11 Nov  
12 Nov  
14 Nov  
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Memorial of St Leo the Great  
Remembrance Day  
Memorial of St Martin of Tours  
Memorial of St Josaphat  
Diwali – Festival of Lights (Interfaith: Hinduism) |
| 7    | 15 NOVEMBER 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR green | Matthew 25: 14–30  
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord. | 17 Nov  
21 Nov  
Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary  
Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
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<td>22 NOVEMBER&lt;br&gt;Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe&lt;br&gt;white</td>
<td><strong>Luke 25: 31–46</strong>&lt;br&gt;He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.</td>
<td>24 Nov&lt;br&gt;Memorial of St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and companions</td>
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<td>29 NOVEMBER&lt;br&gt;(LITURGICAL YEAR B BEGINS)&lt;br&gt;1st Sunday of Advent&lt;br&gt;violet</td>
<td><strong>Mark 13: 33–37</strong>&lt;br&gt;Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.</td>
<td>30 Nov&lt;br&gt;Feast of St Andrew, Apostle&lt;br&gt;3 Dec&lt;br&gt;International Day of People with Disability&lt;br&gt;3 Dec&lt;br&gt;Memorial of St Francis Xavier</td>
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<td>6 DECEMBER&lt;br&gt;2nd Sunday of Advent&lt;br&gt;violet</td>
<td><strong>Mark 1: 1–8</strong>&lt;br&gt;Make straight the paths of the Lord.</td>
<td>7 Dec&lt;br&gt;Memorial of St Ambrose&lt;br&gt;8 Dec&lt;br&gt;Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary&lt;br&gt;10 Dec&lt;br&gt;UN International Human Rights Day&lt;br&gt;11–18 Dec&lt;br&gt;Chanukah – The Feast of Lights (Interfaith: Judaism)&lt;br&gt;14 Dec&lt;br&gt;Memorial of St John of the Cross&lt;br&gt;18 Dec&lt;br&gt;International Migrants Day</td>
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<td>13 DECEMBER&lt;br&gt;3rd Sunday of Advent&lt;br&gt;violet or rose</td>
<td><strong>John 1: 6–8, 19–28</strong>&lt;br&gt;There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.</td>
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<td><strong>Luke 1: 26–38</strong>&lt;br&gt;You will conceive and bear a son.</td>
<td>24 Dec&lt;br&gt;Christmas Eve&lt;br&gt;25 Dec&lt;br&gt;The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)&lt;br&gt;26 Dec&lt;br&gt;Feast of St Stephen&lt;br&gt;26 Dec&lt;br&gt;Boxing Day</td>
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<td><strong>John 1: 1–18</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.</td>
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<td><strong>Luke 2: 22–40</strong>&lt;br&gt;The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.</td>
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