



CATHOLIC
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MELBOURNE

2020

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

for SCHOOLS

The Year of Matthew

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Australian Catholics: [Catholic Teacher Calendar](#)

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Calendar of Key Events from [Our Community](#)

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HOW TO READ

Solemnities

Liturgical memorials, feast days and Catholic events

School dates and public holidays

Multicultural, interfaith and secular dates

Term 1

Tuesday 28 January – Friday 27 March. Students return: Wednesday 29 January. *Easter Triduum 9 April – 12 April

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week
1	26 JANUARY 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 4: 12–23 <i>He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.</i>	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
2	2 FEBRUARY THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD <i>white</i>	Luke 2: 22–40 <i>My eyes have seen your saving power.</i>	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 <i>green</i>	Matthew 5: 13–16 <i>You are the light of the world.</i>	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 <i>green</i>	Matthew 5: 17–37 <i>Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.</i>	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 <i>green</i>	Matthew 5: 38–48 <i>Love your enemies.</i>	25 Feb Shrove Tuesday 26 Feb Ash Wednesday
6	1 MARCH 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT PROJECT COMPASSION <i>violet</i>	Matthew 4: 1–11 <i>Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.</i>	6 Mar World Day of Prayer
7	8 MARCH 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>violet</i>	Matthew 17: 1–9 <i>His face shone like the sun.</i>	8 Mar International Women's Day 9 Mar Labour Day Holiday

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8	15 MARCH 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>violet</i>	John 4: 5–42 <i>The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.</i>	15 Mar National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence 15–22 Mar Catholic Education Week 17 Mar Solemnity of St Patrick 19 Mar Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 21 Mar Harmony Day 21–29 Mar Cultural Diversity Week
9	22 MARCH 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>violet or rose</i>	John 9: 1–41 <i>The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.</i>	22 Mar World Water Day 25 Mar Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
School Holidays	29 MARCH 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>violet</i>	John 11: 1–45 <i>I am the resurrection and the life.</i>	
School Holidays	5 APRIL PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>red</i>	Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66 <i>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>	
The Easter Triduum	9 APRIL THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>white</i>	John 13: 1–15 <i>To the end he showed his love for them.</i>	8–16 Apr <i>Pesach – Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Interfaith: Judaism)</i>
	10 APRIL FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>red</i>	John 18: 1 – 19: 42 <i>The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>	
	11–12 APRIL THE EASTER VIGIL <i>white</i>	Matthew 28: 1–10 <i>The women visit the tomb and are greeted by an angel before meeting Jesus.</i>	

Term 2 Tuesday 14 April – Friday 26 June

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week
1	12 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY <i>white</i>	John 20: 1–9 <i>The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.</i>	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) <i>white</i>	John 20: 19–31 <i>After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.</i>	19 Apr Orthodox Easter 25 Apr ANZAC Day
3	26 APRIL 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>white</i>	Luke 24: 13–35 <i>They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.</i>	29 Apr Memorial of St Catherine of Siena 2 May Memorial of St Athanasius
4	3 MAY 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS <i>white</i>	John 10: 1–10 <i>I am the gate of the sheepfold.</i>	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 <i>white</i>	John 14: 1–12 <i>I am the way, the truth, and the life.</i>	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 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY <i>white</i>	John 14: 15–21 <i>I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.</i>	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 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY <i>white</i>	Matthew 28: 16–20 <i>All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.</i>	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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Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week
8	31 MAY PENTECOST SUNDAY <i>red</i>	John 20: 19–23 <i>As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.</i>	1 Jun 1 Jun 3 Jun 5 Jun 5 Jun Memorial of St Justin Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions World Environment Day Memorial of St Boniface
9	7 JUNE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY <i>white</i>	John 3: 16–18 <i>God sent his Son to save the world through him.</i>	8 Jun 11 Jun 13 Jun Queen's Birthday Memorial of St Barnabas Memorial of St Anthony of Padua
10	14 JUNE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) <i>white</i>	John 6: 51–58 <i>My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.</i>	14–20 Jun 19 Jun 20 Jun 20 Jun Migrant and Refugee Week Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus World Refugee Day Memorial of Immaculate Heart of Mary
11	21 JUNE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 10: 26–33 <i>Do not fear those who can kill the body.</i>	22 Jun 24 Jun Memorial of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist
School Holidays	28 JUNE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 10: 37–42 <i>Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.</i>	29 Jun 3 Jul Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Feast of St Thomas, Apostle
School Holidays	5 JULY 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY <i>green</i>	Matthew 11: 25–30 <i>I am gentle and humble of heart.</i>	5–12 Jul 11 Jul NAIDOC Week Memorial of St Benedict

Term 3 Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week
1	12 JULY 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA <i>green</i>	Matthew 13: 1–23 <i>A sower went out to sow.</i>	15 Jul Memorial of St Bonaventure
2	19 JULY 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 13: 24–43 <i>Let them grow together until the harvest.</i>	22 Jul Feast of St Mary Magdalene 25 Jul Feast of St James, Apostle
3	26 JULY 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME BIBLE SUNDAY <i>green</i>	Matthew 13: 44–52 <i>He sells everything he owns and buys the field.</i>	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 <i>green</i>	Matthew 14: 13–21 <i>They all ate and were satisfied.</i>	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)
5	9 AUGUST 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 14: 22–33 <i>Command me to come to you over the water.</i>	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)
6	16 AUGUST 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 15: 21–28 <i>Woman, you have great faith.</i>	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
7	23 AUGUST 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 16: 13–20 <i>You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.</i>	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

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8	30 AUGUST 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES <i>green</i>	Matthew 16: 21–27 <i>Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.</i>	September: Month of Prayer for the Care of Creation 1 Sep World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 3 Sep Memorial of St Gregory the Great
9	6 SEPTEMBER 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 18: 15–20 <i>If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.</i>	6 Sep 6–12 Sep Father's Day 8 Sep National Child Protection Week 8 Sep Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary International Literacy Day
10	13 SEPTEMBER 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY <i>green</i>	Matthew 18: 21–35 <i>I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.</i>	14 Sep Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 15 Sep Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 16 Sep Memorial of Ss Cornelius and Cyprian 19–20 Sep Rosh Hashanah – The Jewish New Year (Interfaith: Judaism)
School Holidays	20 SEPTEMBER 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 20: 1–16 <i>Why are you jealous because I am generous?</i>	21 Sep Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist 21 Sep UN International Day of Peace 23 Sep Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) 25 Sep AFL Grand Final Holiday
School Holidays	27 SEPTEMBER 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY <i>green</i>	Matthew 21: 28–32 <i>He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.</i>	28 Sep Yom Kippur – The Day of Atonement (Interfaith: Judaism) 29 Sep Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels 30 Sep Memorial of St Jerome 1 Oct Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus 2 Oct Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Term 4 Monday 5 October – Friday 18 December

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week
1	4 OCTOBER 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 21: 33–43 <i>He leased his vineyard to other farmers.</i>	October: World Mission Month 3–9 Oct <i>Sukkot – Feast of Tabernacles (Interfaith: Judaism)</i> 7 Oct Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary 10 Oct World Mental Health Day
2	11 OCTOBER 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 22: 1–14 <i>Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.</i>	11–17 Oct <i>Anti-Poverty Week</i> 15 Oct Memorial of St Teresa of Avila 17 Oct International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 17 Oct Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch
3	18 OCTOBER 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD MISSION SUNDAY <i>green</i>	Matthew 22: 15–21 <i>Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.</i>	24 Oct – 1 Nov <i>National Children's Week</i>
4	25 OCTOBER 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 22: 34–40 <i>You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.</i>	28 Oct Universal Children's Day 28 Oct Feast of Ss Simon and Jude 30 Oct World Teachers Day (in Australia) 30 Oct Day for Daniel
5	1 NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS <i>white</i>	Matthew 5: 1–12 <i>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.</i>	2 Nov Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) 3–9 Nov <i>National Vocation Awareness Week</i> 3 Nov Melbourne Cup Day 4 Nov Memorial of St Charles Borromeo
6	8 NOVEMBER 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Matthew 25: 1–13 <i>Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.</i>	9 Nov Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 10 Nov Memorial of St Leo the Great 11 Nov <i>Remembrance Day</i> 11 Nov Memorial of St Martin of Tours 12 Nov Memorial of St Josaphat 14 Nov <i>Diwali – Festival of Lights (Interfaith: Hinduism)</i>
7	15 NOVEMBER 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY OF THE POOR <i>green</i>	Matthew 25: 14–30 <i>Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.</i>	17 Nov Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary 21 Nov Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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8	22 NOVEMBER SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE <i>white</i>	Luke 25: 31–46 <i>He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.</i>	24 Nov Memorial of St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and companions
9	29 NOVEMBER (LITURGICAL YEAR B BEGINS) 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>violet</i>	Mark 13: 33–37 <i>Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.</i>	30 Nov Feast of St Andrew, Apostle 3 Dec International Day of People with Disability 3 Dec Memorial of St Francis Xavier
10	6 DECEMBER 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>violet</i>	Mark 1: 1–8 <i>Make straight the paths of the Lord.</i>	7 Dec Memorial of St Ambrose 8 Dec Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10 Dec UN International Human Rights Day 11–18 Dec Chanukah – The Feast of Lights (Interfaith: Judaism)
11	13 DECEMBER 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>violet or rose</i>	John 1: 6–8, 19–28 <i>There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.</i>	14 Dec Memorial of St John of the Cross 18 Dec International Migrants Day
School Holidays	20 DECEMBER 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>violet</i>	Luke 1: 26–38 <i>You will conceive and bear a son.</i>	24 Dec Christmas Eve 25 Dec The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) 26 Dec Feast of St Stephen 26 Dec Boxing Day
School Holidays	25 DECEMBER THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD <i>white</i>	John 1: 1–18 <i>The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.</i>	
School Holidays	27 DECEMBER FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH <i>white</i>	Luke 2: 22–40 <i>The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.</i>	28 Dec Feast of the Holy Innocents