

## Calendar 2023-2024

<b>Autumn Term</b>					
<b>W/c Sun</b>	<b>Sunday Gospel/ liturgical year</b>	<b>Feast days</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Suggested theme</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Matthew 16: 13-20</b> <i>You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church</i>	(3 <sup>rd</sup> ) St Gregory	Season of Creation (1st Sept – 4th Oct)	<a href="https://seasonofcreation.org/">https://seasonofcreation.org/</a> 2023 Theme 'Let justice and peace flow'.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	<b>Matthew 16: 21-27</b> <i>'Get behind me, Satan!'</i>	(8 <sup>th</sup> ) The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>Season of Creation (1st Sept – 4th Oct)</i> (5 <sup>th</sup> ) UN International Day of Charity	<a href="https://seasonofcreation.org/">https://seasonofcreation.org/</a> 2023 Theme 'Let justice and peace flow'.	Beginnings
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Matthew 18: 15-20</b> <i>If your brother listens to you, you have won back your brother</i>	(14 <sup>th</sup> ) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	(10 <sup>th</sup> ) Education Sunday	<i>Message from Bishop John on Education Sunday</i>	Reconciliation <i>Theme of education Sunday</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Matthew 18: 21-35</b> <i>To be forgiven, you must forgive</i>	(21 <sup>st</sup> ) St Matthew	(21 <sup>st</sup> ) International Day of Peace	<a href="https://cafod.org.uk/education/secondary-and-youth-resources/peace-liturgy">https://cafod.org.uk/education/secondary-and-youth-resources/peace-liturgy</a>	Peace
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Matthew 20: 1-16</b> <i>Why be envious because I am generous?</i>	(27 <sup>th</sup> ) St Vincent de Paul (29 <sup>th</sup> ) Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (1 <sup>st</sup> ) St Therese of the Child Jesus	(24 <sup>th</sup> ?) World Day of Migrants and Refugees		Generosity


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1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>Matthew 21:28-32</b> <i>Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you</i>	(4 <sup>th</sup> ) St Francis of Assisi (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Our Lady of the Rosary	(4 <sup>th</sup> ) end of the Season of Creation Hope in the Future Celebration (Ambassadors for Christ?)	Global Action Week <a href="https://www.caritas.org/together-we/">https://www.caritas.org/together-we/</a>	<b><i>HITF Launch of Ambassadors for Christ</i></b>  Gratitude: care for creation
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Matthew 21: 33-43</b> <i>This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him</i>		(10 <sup>th</sup> ) World Homelessness Day (10 <sup>th</sup> ) World Mental Health Day	(13 <sup>th</sup> ) Caritas Big Sleep Out  <i>World mental health day 2023 theme: celebrating the power of community kindness.</i>	Community
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Matthew 22: 1-14</b> <i>Invite everyone you can to the wedding</i>	(15 <sup>th</sup> ) St Teresa of Avila (18 <sup>th</sup> ) St Luke	(17 <sup>th</sup> ) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (18 <sup>th</sup> ) Anti-Slavery Day		Justice
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<b>Matthew 22: 15-21</b> <i>Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar</i>				<i>Wealth</i>
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Matthew 22: 34-40</b> <i>The commandments of love</i>	(1 <sup>st</sup> ) All Saints (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) All Souls (4 <sup>th</sup> ) St Charles Borromeo			Love
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Matthew 23: 1-12</b> <i>They do not practise what they preach</i>	(10 <sup>th</sup> ) St Leo the Great (11 <sup>th</sup> ) St Martin of Tours			Integrity  Remembrance
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Matthew 25: 1-13</b> <i>The wise and foolish virgins</i>		INTER-FAITH WEEK	<a href="https://www.interfaithweek.org/about">https://www.interfaithweek.org/about</a>	<i>Dialogue</i>


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19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Matthew 25: 14-30</b> <i>You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness</i>		(24 <sup>th</sup> ) Red Wednesday	<a href="https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/">https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/</a>	Faithfulness
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Matthew 25: 31-46</b> <i>I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me</i>	(30 <sup>th</sup> ) St Andrew	(26 <sup>th</sup> ) CHRIST THE KING~ YOUTH SUNDAY  (30 <sup>th</sup> Nov-12 <sup>th</sup> December) COP 28	<i>Hear the Cry; Respond with Hope</i> document* <a href="https://unfccc.int/cop28">https://unfccc.int/cop28</a>	Common Good
	<b>NEW CHURCH YEAR</b>  <b>YEAR B (II)</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<b>Mark 13: 33-37</b>  <i>If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep</i>	(8 <sup>th</sup> ) The Immaculate Conception	(5 <sup>th</sup> ) International Volunteers day		Advent: Prepare the Way  (Hope, Peace, Love, Joy)
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Mark 1: 1-8</b>  <i>A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord</i>		(10 <sup>th</sup> ) World Human Rights day		
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>John 1:6-8, 19-28</b>  <i>'There stands among you the one coming after me'</i>		(18 <sup>th</sup> ) International Migrants day		
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Luke 1: 26-38</b>  <i>'I am the handmaid of the Lord'</i>				

<b>Spring Term</b>					
<b>W/c Sun</b>	<b>Sunday Gospel/liturgical year</b>	<b>Feast days</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Resources/prayers</b>	<b>Suggested theme</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	The Holy Family <b>Luke 2: 22-40</b>  <i>My eyes have seen your salvation</i>				Family
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord <b>Matthew 2: 1-12</b>  <i>The visit of the Magi</i>				Talents: <i>What do you bring?</i>
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>John 1: 35-42</b>  <i>'We have found the Messiah'</i>		(18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> ) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		Unity
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>Mark 1: 14-20</b>  <i>I will make you into fishers of men</i>	(24 <sup>th</sup> ) Our Lady of Peace (25 <sup>th</sup> ) The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God)</b>  27 <sup>th</sup> Holocaust Memorial Day (theme: Fragility of Freedom)	<a href="https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/this-years-theme/">https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/this-years-theme/</a>	Discipleship
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Mark 1: 21-28</b>  <i>Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority</i>	(28 <sup>th</sup> ) St Thomas Aquinas (31 <sup>st</sup> ) St John Bosco (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) The Presentation of the Lord			Authority


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4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Mark 1: 29-39</b> He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease	(8 <sup>th</sup> ) St Josephine Bakhita ~	(8 <sup>th</sup> ) Day of Prayer for victims of human trafficking		Freedom
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Mark 1: 40-45</b> <i>The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured</i>	(11 <sup>th</sup> ) Our Lady of Lourdes ~ (14 <sup>th</sup> ) Ash Wednesday	(11 <sup>th</sup> ) Day of Prayer for the sick		Healing CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Mark 1: 12-15</b> <i>Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him</i>	(22 <sup>nd</sup> ) Feast of the Chair of St Peter	(23 <sup>rd</sup> ) CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY	<a href="https://cafod.org.uk/education/for-teachers/key-dates-for-school-planning">https://cafod.org.uk/education/for-teachers/key-dates-for-school-planning</a>	Temptation
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Mark 9: 2-10</b> <i>This is my Son, the Beloved</i>	(1 <sup>st</sup> ) St David	<b>FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT</b>	<a href="https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/">https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/</a>	<i>The Transfiguration</i>  Transformation
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>John 2: 13-25</b> <i>Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up</i>		<b>FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT</b>  (8 <sup>th</sup> ) International women's day		Wisdom
10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>John 3: 14-21</b> <i>God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved</i>				Salvation

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17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>John 12: 20-33</b>  <i>If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest</i>	(17 <sup>th</sup> ) St Patrick (19 <sup>th</sup> ) St Joseph			<i>Sacrifice</i>
24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Mark 14: 1-15; 47  The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark	(24 <sup>th</sup> ) St Oscar Romero (28 <sup>th</sup> ) Maundy Thursday (29 <sup>th</sup> ) Good Friday			Suffering
31 <sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday	<b>John 20: 1-9</b>  <i>He must rise from the dead</i>				

**Summer Term**

W/c	Sunday Gospel/liturgical year	Feasts	Events	Resources	Suggested theme
7 <sup>th</sup> April	<u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u> <b>John 20: 19-31</b>  <i>Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them</i>	(8 <sup>th</sup> ) The Annunciation of the Lord			Mercy

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14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Luke 24: 35-48</b> <i>It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.</i>				Witness
21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>John 10: 11-18</b> <i>The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep</i>	(23 <sup>rd</sup> ) St George (25 <sup>th</sup> ) St Mark	(21 <sup>st</sup> ) World Day of Prayer for Vocations <b>(22<sup>nd</sup>) World Earth Day</b>	<a href="https://www.earthday.org/">https://www.earthday.org/</a> 2024 theme: climate change	Stewardship Vocation
28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>John 15: 1-8</b> <i>I am the vine, you are the branches</i>	(29 <sup>th</sup> ) St Catherine of Siena (1 <sup>st</sup> ) St Joseph the Worker. (4 <sup>th</sup> ) The English Martyrs			Faith
5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>John 15: 9-17</b> <i>You are my friends if you do what I command you</i>	(9 <sup>th</sup> ) Ascension of the Lord	(6 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> ) Deafness Awareness Week		Friendship
12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>John 17: 11-19</b> <i>Father, keep those you have given me true to our name</i>		(12 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> ) Christian Aid Week	<a href="https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week">https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week</a>	Mission
19 <sup>th</sup> May Pentecost	Pentecost Sunday <b>John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15</b> <i>The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth</i>				Truth

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26 <sup>th</sup> May	<p><u>The Most Holy Trinity</u> <b>Matthew 28: 16-20</b></p> <p><i>Go and make disciples of all nations</i></p>				<p>The Most Holy Trinity (half term)</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<p><u>Corpus Christi</u> <b>Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26</b></p> <p>This is my body; this is my blood</p>	(7 <sup>th</sup> ) Sacred Heart			Thanksgiving
9 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Mark 3: 20-35</b></p> <p><i>A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand</i></p>	(13 <sup>th</sup> ) St Anthony of Padua			Forgiveness
16 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><b>Mark 4: 26-34</b></p> <p><i>The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all</i></p>		(20 <sup>th</sup> ) World Refugee Day	<a href="https://www.unhcr.org/world-refugee-day">https://www.unhcr.org/world-refugee-day</a>	Growth
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<p><b>Mark 4: 35-41</b></p> <p><i>'Even the wind and the sea obey him'</i></p>	(23 <sup>rd</sup> ) The Birthday of St John the Baptist (24 <sup>th</sup> ) Sacred Heart (29 <sup>th</sup> ) SS Peter and Paul			Trust
30 <sup>th</sup> June	<p><u>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</u> <b>Matthew 16: 13-19</b></p> <p><i>You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church</i></p>				Responsibility



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7 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b>Mark 6: 1-6</b></p> <p><i>'A prophet is only despised in his own country'</i></p>				Courage
14 <sup>th</sup> July	<p><b>Mark 6: 7-13</b></p> <p><i>'Take nothing with you'</i></p>	(16 <sup>th</sup> ) Our Lady of Mount Carmel			Celebration