

2017



Liturgical Calendar for Schools

Liturgical Year A – The Year of Matthew
Weekday Readings Year I

International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development

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Term 1

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Liturgical Memorials and Special Dates	
1	29 JANUARY 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 5: 1–12 <i>The Beatitudes</i>	Tue 31 Jan Tue 31 Jan Thur 2 Feb Sat 4 Feb 1–6 Feb	Students return to school. Memorial of St John Bosco Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord World Cancer Day World Interfaith Harmony Week
2	5 FEBRUARY 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 5: 13–16 <i>You are the light of the world.</i>	Mon 6 Feb Wed 8 Feb Fri 10 Feb Sat 11 Feb	Memorial of St Paul Miki and his Companions International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking (Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita) Memorial of St Scholastica World Day of Prayer for the Sick
3	12 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>	Mon 13 Feb Tue 14 Feb	Anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous People Memorial of Ss Cyril and Methodius
4	19 FEBRUARY 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 5: 38–48 <i>Love your enemies.</i>	Mon 20 Feb Tue 21 Feb Wed 22 Feb Thur 23 Feb	World Day of Social Justice International Mother Language Day Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle Memorial of St Polycarp
5	26 FEBRUARY 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 6: 24–34 <i>Do not worry about tomorrow.</i>	Wed 1 Mar Thur 2 Mar Fri 3 Mar Fri 3 Mar	Ash Wednesday – Launch of Project Compassion World Wetlands Day World Day of Prayer Schools' Clean Up Day
6	5 MARCH 1st Sunday of Lent <i>violet</i>	Matthew 4: 1–11 <i>Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.</i>	Wed 8 Mar	International Women's Day
7	12 MARCH 2nd Sunday of Lent <i>violet</i>	Matthew 17: 1–9 <i>His face shone like the sun.</i>	11–18 Mar 12–19 Mar Mon 13 Mar Fri 17 Mar Fri 17 Mar	Cultural Diversity Week Catholic Education Week Labour Day Holiday Solemnity of St Patrick National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

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Week	Sunday	Gospel	Liturgical Memorials and Special Dates	
8	19 MARCH 3rd Sunday of Lent <i>violet</i>	John 4: 5–42 <i>Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.</i>	Mon 20 Mar Tue 21 Mar Wed 22 Mar Sat 25 Mar	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Harmony Day World Water Day Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
9	26 MARCH 4th Sunday of Lent <i>violet or rose</i>	John 9: 1–41 <i>Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth on the Sabbath.</i>		
School Holidays	2 APRIL 5th Sunday of Lent <i>violet</i>	John 11: 1–45 <i>Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.</i>	31 Mar–9 Apr	National Youth Week
School Holidays	9 APRIL Passion (Palm) Sunday World Youth Day celebrated locally <i>red</i>	Matthew 27: 11–54 <i>The Lord enters Jerusalem.</i>		

Holy Week & The Easter Triduum

	13 APRIL THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>white</i>	John 13: 1–15 <i>If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet.</i>	
	14 APRIL FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>red</i>	John 18: 1 – 19: 42 <i>He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.</i>	
	15 APRIL THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT <i>white</i>	Matthew 28: 1–10 <i>He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.</i>	

Term 2

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Liturgical Memorials and Special Dates	
1	16 APRIL Easter Sunday <i>white</i>	John 20: 1–9 <i>Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty.</i>		
2	23 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>	Sun 23 Apr Tue 25 Apr Wed 26 Apr Fri 28 Apr Sat 29 Apr	UNESCO World Book Day ANZAC Day Feast of St Mark, the Evangelist Memorial of St Peter Chanel Memorial of St Catherine of Siena
3	30 APRIL 3rd Sunday of Easter <i>white</i>	Luke 24: 13–35 <i>Jesus greets two disciples on the road to Emmaus.</i>	Mon 1 May Tue 2 May Wed 3 May	Orthodox Easter Memorial of St Athanasius Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles
4	7 MAY 4th Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations <i>white</i>	John 10: 1–10 <i>Jesus, the sheep gate</i>	Sun 7 May	Mothers' Day
5	14 MAY 5th Sunday of Easter <i>white</i>	John 14: 1–12 <i>Jesus, the way, truth, and life</i>	Mon 15 May 15–21 May 15–21 May	International Day of Families CatholicCare Family Week National Families Week
6	21 MAY 6th Sunday of Easter <i>white</i>	John 14: 15–21 <i>Jesus promises the disciples the Paraclete.</i>	Wed 24 May Fri 26 May Fri 26 May	Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians National Sorry Day Memorial of St Philip Neri
7	28 MAY Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord World Communications Day <i>white</i>	John 24: 46–53 <i>Jesus commissions the eleven, ascends to heaven.</i>	27 May–3 Jun 28 May–4 Jun Wed 31 May Thur 1 Jun Sat 3 Jun	National Reconciliation Week Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial of St Justin Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions

Term 2 (continued)

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Liturgical Memorials and Special Dates	
8	4 JUNE Pentecost Sunday <i>red</i>	John 20: 19–23 <i>Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles.</i>	Mon 5 Jun Mon 5 Jun	World Environment Day Memorial of St Boniface
9	11 JUNE Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity <i>white</i>	John 3: 16–18 <i>Jesus tells Nicodemus of the Father's love.</i>	Mon 12 Jun Tue 13 Jun	Queen's Birthday Memorial of St Anthony of Padua
10	18 JUNE Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) <i>white</i>	John 6: 51–58 <i>This is the bread that came down from heaven.</i>	18–24 Jun Tue 20 Jun Wed 21 Jun Thur 22 Jun Fri 23 Jun Sat 24 Jun	Refugee Week World Refugee Day Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga Memorial of Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
11	25 JUNE 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 10: 26–33 <i>Those who acknowledge Christ will be known to the Father.</i>	Wed 28 Jun Thur 29 Jun	Memorial of St Irenaeus Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul
School Holidays	2 JULY 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday <i>green</i>	Matthew 10:37-42 <i>Take up your cross.</i>	2–9 Jul Mon 3 Jul	NAIDOC Week Memorial of St Thomas
School Holidays	9 JULY 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Apostleship of the Sea <i>green</i>	Matthew 11: 25–30 <i>Christ will refresh the weary.</i>	Tue 11 Jul Sat 15 Jul	Memorial of St Benedict Memorial of St Bonaventure

Term 3

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Liturgical Memorials and Special Dates	
1	16 JULY 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 13: 1–23 <i>The parable of the sower</i>	Sat 22 Jul	Feast of St Mary Magdalene
2	23 JULY 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 13: 24–43 <i>Parables of the weeds in the field and the mustard seed</i>	Tue 25 Jul Wed 26 Jul Sat 29 July	Feast of St James Memorial of Ss Joachim & Anne Memorial of St Martha
3	30 JULY 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bible Sunday <i>green</i>	Matthew 13: 44–52 <i>Jesus describes the kingdom through images.</i>	Sun 30 Jul Mon 31 Jul Tue 1 Aug Thur 3 Aug Fri 4 Aug	International Day of Friendship Memorial of St Ignatius Loyola Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori Memorial of St Dominic Memorial of St John Vianney
4	6 AUGUST Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord <i>white</i>	Matthew 17: 1–9 <i>Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them.</i>	6–13 Aug Sun 6 Aug Tue 8 Aug Wed 9 Aug Thur 10 Aug Fri 11 Aug Sat 12 Aug	Vocations Awareness Week Hiroshima Day Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross International Day of the World's Indigenous People Feast of St Lawrence Memorial of St Clare International Youth Day
5	13 AUGUST 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 14: 22–33 <i>Jesus walks on the water.</i>	Mon 14 Aug Tue 15 Aug Sat 19 Aug	Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) World Humanitarian Day

Term 3 (continued)

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Liturgical Memorials and Special Dates	
6	20 AUGUST 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Luke 15: 21–28 <i>A Canaanite woman asks Jesus to heal her daughter.</i>	20–26 Aug Mon 21 Aug Tue 22 Aug Thur 24 Aug	Children's Book Week Memorial of St Pius X Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast of St Bartholomew
7	27 AUGUST 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time World Refugee & Migration Day <i>green</i>	Matthew 16: 13–20 <i>Jesus asks, 'Who do people say I am?'</i>	Mon 28 Aug Tue 29 Aug Fri 1 Sep	Memorial of St Augustine Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
8	3 SEPTEMBER 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 16: 21–27 <i>Jesus reveals his future death, rebukes Peter.</i>	Sun 3 Sep 3–9 Sep Fri 8 Sep Fri 8 Sep	Fathers' Day National Child Protection Week Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary International Literacy Day
9	10 SEPTEMBER 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Child Protection Sunday <i>green</i>	Matthew 18: 15–20 <i>Find ways to win others over; prayer shall be answered.</i>	Wed 13 Sep Thur 14 Sep Fri 15 Sep Sat 16 Sep	Memorial of St John Chrysostom Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial of Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
10	17 SEPTEMBER 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 18: 21–35 <i>Parable of the official who, receiving mercy, does not show it to others.</i>	Wed 20 Sep Thur 21 Sep Thur 21 Sep Sat 23 Sep	Memorial of Ss Andrew Kim Taegŏn and Paul Chŏng Hasang Feast of St Matthew UN International Day of Peace Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
School Holidays	24 SEPTEMBER 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Social Justice Sunday <i>green</i>	Matthew 20: 1–16 <i>Parable of the workers in the vineyard</i>	Wed 27 Sep Fri 29 Sep Fri 29 Sep Sat 30 Sep	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Grand Final Day Holiday Memorial of St Jerome
School Holidays	1 OCTOBER 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Beginning of World Mission Month <i>green</i>	Matthew 21: 28–32 <i>The man with two sons</i>	1–31 Oct Mon 2 Oct Wed 4 Oct Sat 7 Oct	World Mission Month Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Memorial of St Francis of Assisi Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Term 4

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Liturgical Memorials and Special Dates	
1	8 OCTOBER 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 21: 33–43 <i>Parable of the tenants</i>	Tue 10 Oct	World Mental Health Day
2	15 OCTOBER 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Day <i>green</i>	Matthew 22: 1–14 <i>Parable of the Wedding Banquet</i>	15–22 Oct Tue 17 Oct Tue 17 Oct Wed 18 Oct	Anti-Poverty Week International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch Feast of St Luke, Evangelist
3	22 OCTOBER 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 22: 15–21 <i>Render to Caesar what is Caesar's.</i>	22–30 Oct Thur 26 Oct Fri 27 Oct Sat 28 Oct	National Children's Week Universal Children's Day World Teachers' Day Feast of Ss Simon and Jude
4	29 OCTOBER 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 22: 34–40 <i>A lawyer asks Jesus which commandment is greatest.</i>	Wed 1 Nov Thur 2 Nov Fri 3 Nov Sat 4 Nov	Solemnity of All Saints Memorial of All Souls: Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed Memorial of St Charles Borromeo Anglican–Roman Catholic Reconciliation
5	5 NOVEMBER 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 23: 1–12 <i>Those who humble themselves shall be exalted.</i>	Tue 7 Nov Thur 9 Nov Fri 10 Nov Sat 11 Nov Sat 11 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Memorial of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Memorial of St Leo the Great Memorial of St Martin of Tours Remembrance Day
6	12 NOVEMBER 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 25: 1–13 <i>Parable of the ten bridesmaids</i>	Fri 17 Nov	Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary
7	19 NOVEMBER 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>green</i>	Matthew 25: 14–30 <i>Parable of the rich man, going on a journey</i>	Tue 21 Nov Wed 22 Nov Fri 24 Nov	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial of St Cecilia Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions

Term 4 (continued)

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Liturgical Memorials and Special Dates	
8	26 NOVEMBER Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe <i>white</i>	Matthew 25: 31–46 <i>Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.</i>	Thur 30 Nov	Feast of St Andrew
9	3 DECEMBER (LITURGICAL YEAR B BEGINS) 1st Sunday of Advent <i>violet</i>	Mark 13: 33–37 <i>We know not the hour the Lord will come.</i>	Sun 3 Dec Thur 7 Dec Fri 8 Dec 7–9 Dec	International Day of People with Disability Memorial of St Ambrose Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Sydney), beginning of National Year of Youth
10	10 DECEMBER 2nd Sunday of Advent <i>violet</i>	Mark 1: 1–8 <i>John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah.</i>	Sun 10 Dec Wed 13 Dec Thur 14 Dec	International Human Rights Day Memorial of St Lucy Memorial of St John of the Cross
11	17 DECEMBER 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>violet or rose</i>	John 1: 6–8, 19–28 <i>The priests and Levites question John's identity.</i>	Mon 18 Dec	International Migrants' Day
School Holidays	24 DECEMBER 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve <i>violet</i>	Mark 1: 18–24 <i>Name him Jesus.</i>	Mon 25 Dec Tue 26 Dec Tue 26 Dec Wed 27 Dec Thur 28 Dec	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) Feast of St Stephen Boxing Day Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist Feast of the Holy Innocents
School Holidays	31 DECEMBER Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph <i>white</i>	Luke 1: 26–38 <i>The angel Gabriel visits Mary, who responds willingly to God.</i>		