



MELBOURNE
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

2021

Liturgical Calendar FOR SCHOOLS

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Solemnities

Liturgical memorials, feast days and Catholic events

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Term 1

Wednesday 27 January – Thursday 1 April 2021

*Easter Triduum 1 April – 4 April 2021

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week	
1	24 JANUARY 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 1: 14–20 <i>Follow me and I will make you fishers of people.</i>	24 Jan 25 Jan 26 Jan 27 Jan 28 Jan 28 Jan	St Francis De Sales Feast of The Conversion of Paul the Apostle Australia Day Holiday St Angela Merici Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas Students return to school
2	31 JANUARY 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 1: 21–28 <i>Jesus commands an unclean spirit.</i>	2 Feb 3 Feb 3 Feb 5 Feb 6 Feb	The Feast of The Presentation of the Lord St Ansgar St Blaise Memorial of St Agatha St Paul Miki and Companions
3	7 FEBRUARY 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 1: 29–39 <i>Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law.</i>	7 Feb 8 Feb 8 Feb 10 Feb 11 Feb 11 Feb 12 Feb	World Wetlands Day St Jerome Emiliani St Josephine Bakhita Memorial of St Scholastica Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of Prayer for the Sick Chinese New Year
4	14 FEBRUARY 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 1: 40–45 <i>Jesus cures a leper.</i>	17 Feb 20 Feb 21 Feb	Ash Wednesday UN World Day of Social Justice International Mother Language Day
5	21 FEBRUARY 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>violet</i>	Mark 1: 12–15 <i>After forty days in the desert, Jesus proclaims the reign of God.</i>	22 Feb 23 Feb 26 Feb	Feast of The Chair of St Peter St Polycarp (Commemoration) Purim – Commemoration of Jews marked for death by their 5th century Persian rulers (Interfaith: Judaism)
6	28 FEBRUARY 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT PROJECT COMPASSION <i>violet</i>	Mark 9: 2–10 <i>Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.</i>	1 Mar 3 Mar 5 Mar	Zero Discrimination Day World Wildlife Day World Day of Prayer Schools' Clean Up Day

Term 1 (continued)

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week	
7	7 MARCH 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>violet</i>	John 2: 13–25 <i>Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.</i>	8 Mar 8 Mar 8 Mar 9 Mar	Labour Day Holiday International Women's Day St John of God (Commemoration) St Frances of Rome (Commemoration)
8	14 MARCH 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>violet</i>	John 3: 14–21 <i>Jesus converses with Nicodemus.</i>	14 –21 Mar 17 Mar 18 Mar 19 Mar	Catholic Education Week Solemnity of St Patrick St Cyril of Jerusalem (Commemoration) Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9	21 MARCH 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>violet</i>	John 12: 20–33 <i>Jesus foretells of his death and resurrection.</i>	21 Mar 22 Mar 23 Mar 25 Mar 25 Mar	National Harmony Day World Water Day St Turibius of Mogrovejo (Commemoration) St Oscar Romero Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord
HOLY WEEK				
10	28 MARCH PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION <i>red</i>	Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47 <i>The Passion.</i>	28 Mar – 4 Apr	<i>Pesach – Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Interfaith: Judaism)</i>
THE EASTER TRIDUUM	1 APRIL THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>white</i>	John 13: 1–15 <i>Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.</i>	1 Apr	Holy Thursday
	2 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>	2 Apr	Good Friday
School Holidays	3–4 APRIL THE EASTER VIGIL <i>white</i>	Mark 16: 1–7 <i>Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.</i>	3 Apr	Holy Saturday
	4 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION SOLEMNITY <i>white</i>	John 20: 1–9 <i>The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.</i>	5 Apr 7 Apr	World Youth Day World Health Day

TERM 2

Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week	
1	11 APRIL 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	John 20: 19–31 <i>Jesus says ‘Peace be with you.’</i>	13 Apr <i>13 Apr – 12 May</i> 14 Apr	St Martin I <i>Ramadan – The beginning of the Holy Month (Interfaith: Islam)</i> <i>Baisakhi – The founding of the Khalsa: holy brotherhood (Interfaith: Sikhism)</i>
2	18 APRIL 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Luke 24: 35–48 <i>Jesus appears to the disciples gathered together.</i>	21 Apr 23 Apr 23 Apr 23 Apr 24 Apr	St Anselm World Book Day St George St Adalbert St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
3	25 APRIL 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER white	John 10: 11–18 <i>The Good Shepherd.</i>	25 Apr 26 Apr 27 Apr 28 Apr 29 Apr 30 Apr 1 May 1 May	ANZAC Day Feast of St Mark St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort St Peter Chanel Memorial of St Catherine of Siena St Pius V St Joseph the Worker International Workers Day
4	2 MAY 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER white	John 15: 1–8 <i>Jesus the vine, the Father, the vine-grower.</i>	2 May 3 May	Orthodox Easter Feast of Ss Philip and James
5	9 MAY 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER white	John 15: 9–17 <i>Live on in Christ.</i>	9 May 12 May 12 May 13 May 13 May 14 May	Mother’s Day Ss Nereus and Achilleus St Pancras Our Lady of Fatima <i>Eid Al-Fitr – The end of Ramadan (Interfaith: Islam)</i> Feast of St Matthias
6	16 MAY THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY white	Mark 16: 15–20 <i>Jesus commissions the eleven, ascends to heaven.</i>	17 May 18 May 20 May 21 May 22 May	<i>Shavuot – Festival of Weeks (Interfaith: Judaism)</i> St John I St Bernadine of Siena St Christopher Magallanes and Companions St Rita of Cascia

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Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week	
7	23 MAY PENTECOST SUNDAY <i>red</i>	John 20: 19–23; John 15: 26–27; 16: 12–15 <i>The Spirit will guide the Apostles to all truth.</i>	24 May 25 May 25 May 26 May 26 May 26 May 27 May – 3 Jun	Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians (Australia) St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi St Bede the Venerable Memorial of St Philip Neri National Sorry Day Vesak – Buddha Day (Interfaith: Buddhism) National Reconciliation Week
8	30 MAY THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SOLEMNITY <i>white</i>	Matthew 28: 16–20 <i>Everyone who believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life.</i>	31 May 1 Jun 2 Jun 3 Jun 5 Jun 5 Jun	Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial of St Justin Ss Marcellinus and Peter Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions St Boniface World Environment Day
9	6 JUNE THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SOLEMNITY <i>white</i>	Mark 14: 12–16, 22–26 <i>Jesus took bread, broke it and shared it.</i>	9 Jun 11 Jun 12 Jun	St Ephrem Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Memorial of The Immaculate Heart of Mary
10	13 JUNE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 4: 26–34 <i>Parable of the mustard seed.</i>	14–20 Jun 14 Jun 19 Jun	National Refugee Week Queen's Birthday St Romuald
11	20 JUNE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 4: 35–41 <i>Jesus calms the stormy sea.</i>	20 Jun 21 Jun 22 Jun 23 Jun 24 Jun	World Refugee Day Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga Memorial of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More St Paulinus of Nola Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
School Holidays	27 JUNE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 5: 21–43 <i>Jesus heals Jairus' daughter.</i>	28 Jun 29 Jun 30 Jun 3 Jul	Memorial of St Irenaeus Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Feast of The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Feast of St Thomas, Apostle
	4 JULY 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 6: 1–6 <i>Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honour except in his own town.'</i>	4–11 Jul 5 Jul 6 Jul 7 Jul 9 Jul	NAIDOC Week St Anthony Zaccaria St Maria Goretti Blessed Peter To Rot St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

TERM 3

Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week	
1	11 JULY 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 6: 7–13 <i>Jesus sends the Twelve out in pairs.</i>	13 Jul 14 Jul 15 Jul 16 Jul	St Henry St Camillus de Lellis Memorial of St Bonaventure Our Lady of Mount Carmel
2	18 JULY 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 6: 30–34 <i>Jesus pities the crowd, sheep without a shepherd.</i>	20 Jul 21 Jul 22 Jul	St Apollinaris St Laurence of Brindisi Feast of St Mary Magdalene
3	25 JULY 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	John 6: 1–15 <i>Jesus feeds five thousand.</i>	26 Jul 29 Jul 30 Jul 30 Jul 30 Jul 31 Jul	Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne Memorial of St Martha St Peter Chrysologus International Day of Friendship UN World Day against Trafficking in Humans Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola
4	1 AUGUST 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	John 6: 24–35 <i>Jesus is the bread of life.</i>	2 Aug 2 Aug 3 Aug 4 Aug 5 Aug 6 Aug 6 Aug 7 Aug 7 Aug	St Eusebius of Vercelli St Peter Julian Eymard Memorial of St Dominic Memorial of St John Vianney Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord Hiroshima Day St Sixtus II St Cajetan
5	8 AUGUST ST MARY OF THE CROSS SOLEMNITY <i>white</i>	John 6: 41–51 <i>Jesus is the living bread.</i>	8 Aug 9 Aug 9 Aug 10 Aug 11 Aug 12 Aug 12 Aug 13 Aug 14 Aug	Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Feast of St Lawrence Memorial of St Clare St Jane Frances de Chantal UN International Youth Day Ss Pontian and Hippolytus Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe

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6	15 AUGUST THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>white</i>	Luke 1: 39–56 <i>Mary visits Elizabeth.</i>	15 Aug 16 Aug 19 Aug 19 Aug 20 Aug 21 Aug	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary St Stephen of Hungary St John Eudes World Humanitarian Day Memorial of St Bernard Memorial of St Pius X
7	22 AUGUST 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	John 6: 60–69 <i>Many disciples desert Jesus.</i>	23 Aug 24 Aug 25 Aug 25 Aug 27 Aug 28 Aug	St Rose of Lima Feast of St Bartholomew St Louis St Joseph of Calasanz Memorial of St Monica Memorial of St Augustine
8	29 AUGUST 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23 <i>Jesus confronts the Pharisees, who pay only lip service to God.</i>	29 Aug 1 Sep 3 Sep	Social Justice Sunday World Day of Prayer for Care and Creation Memorial of St Gregory the Great
9	5 SEPTEMBER 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 7: 31–37 <i>Jesus heals the deaf man.</i>	5 Sep 5–11 Sep 8 Sep 8 Sep 9 Sep	Father's Day NAPCAN National Child Protection Week Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary International Literacy Day Memorial of St Peter Claver
10	12 SEPTEMBER 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 8: 27–35 <i>Jesus asks: 'Who do you say that I am?'</i>	13 Sep 14 Sep 15 Sep 15–16 Sep 16 Sep 17 Sep	Memorial of St John Chrysostom Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows Yom Kippur – The Day of Atonement (Interfaith: Judaism) Memorial of Ss Cornelius and Cyprian St Robert Bellarmine
School Holidays	19 SEPTEMBER 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 9: 30–37 <i>Jesus predicts his death a second time.</i>	20 Sep 21 Sep 21 Sep 21–27 Sep 23 Sep 24 Sep	Memorial of Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and Companions International Day of Peace Feast of St Matthew Sukkot – Feast of Tabernacles (Interfaith: Judaism) Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina AFL Grand Final Holiday

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School Holidays	26 SEPTEMBER 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY <i>green</i>	Mark 9: 38–43, 45, 47–48 <i>If they are not against us, they are for us.</i>	26 Sep 27 Sep 28 Sep 28 Sep 29 Sep 30 Sep 1 Oct 1 Oct 1 Oct 2 Oct	Migrant and Refugee Sunday Memorial of St Vincent de Paul St Wenceslaus St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Memorial of St Jerome Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus Begin Mission Month International Day for Older Persons Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

TERM 4

Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December

Week	Sunday	Gospel	Special dates for this week	
1	3 OCTOBER 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 10: 2–16 <i>'Let the children come to me.'</i>	4 Oct 5 Oct 6 Oct 7 Oct 9 Oct 9 Oct	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi World Teachers Day St Bruno Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary St Denis and Companions St John Leonardi
2	10 OCTOBER 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 10: 17–31 <i>A man asks Jesus what he has to do to enter the kingdom.</i>	10 Oct 11 Oct 14 Oct 15 Oct 16 Oct 16 Oct	World Mental Health Day St John XXIII St Callistus I Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus St Hedwig St Margaret Mary Alacoque
3	17 OCTOBER 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 10: 35–45 <i>Whoever aspires to greatness must serve the rest.</i>	17 Oct 18 Oct 19 Oct 19 Oct 22 Oct 23 Oct	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty Feast of St Luke Memorial of Ss John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues St Paul of the Cross St John Paul II St John of Capistrano

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4	24 OCTOBER 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 10: 46–52 <i>Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus.</i>	24 Oct 28 Oct 29 Oct	World Mission Sunday Feast of Ss Simon and Jude Children's Day
5	31 OCTOBER 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD MISSION SUNDAY <i>green</i>	Mark 12: 28–34 <i>The wise scribe asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment. 'Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.'</i>	1 Nov 2 Nov 2 Nov 3 Nov 4 Nov 4 Nov	Solemnity of All Saints Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls) Melbourne Cup Day St Martin de Porres Memorial of St Charles Borromeo Diwali – Festival of Lights (Interfaith: Hinduism)
6	7 NOVEMBER 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 12: 38–44 <i>The widow's mite.</i>	9 Nov 10 Nov 11 Nov 11 Nov 12 Nov	Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Saint Memorial of St Leo the Great Memorial of St Martin of Tours Remembrance Day Memorial of St Josaphat
7	14 NOVEMBER 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>green</i>	Mark 13: 24–32 <i>Watch for the signs of the coming of the kingdom.</i>	16 Nov 16 Nov 17 Nov 18 Nov 20 Nov	St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul Universal Children's Day
8	21 NOVEMBER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE SOLEMNITY <i>white</i>	John 18: 33–37 <i>Pilate questions Jesus about his identity.</i>	22 Nov 23 Nov 23 Nov 24 Nov 25 Nov	Memorial of St Cecilia St Clement I St Columban Memorial of St Andrew Dũng Lạc and Companions St Catherine of Alexandria
ADVENT BEGINS				
9	28 NOVEMBER FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) <i>violet</i>	Luke 21: 25–28, 34–36 <i>Be ready for the second coming.</i>	29 Nov – 6 Dec 3 Dec	Chanukah – The Feast of Lights (Interfaith: Judaism) International Day of People with Disability
10	5 DECEMBER 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>violet</i>	Luke 3: 1–6 <i>John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance.</i>	6 Dec 7 Dec 8 Dec 9 Dec 10 Dec 11 Dec	St Nicholas Memorial of St Ambrose Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Our Lady of Loreto St Damasus I

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11	12 DECEMBER 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>violet</i>	Luke 3: 7–18 <i>John announces the coming of the Messiah.</i>	13 Dec 14 Dec 18 Dec	Memorial of St Lucy Memorial of St John of the Cross International Migrants Day
End of school year 2021				
School Holidays	19 DECEMBER 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>violet</i>	Luke 1: 39–45, (46–55) <i>Mary visits Elizabeth.</i>	21 Dec 23 Dec 24 Dec	St Peter Canisius (Commemoration) St John of Kanty (Commemoration) Christmas Eve
	25 DECEMBER THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS <i>white</i>	Luke 2: 1–14, (15–20) Proper I Luke 2: (1–7), 8–20 Proper II John 1: 1–14 Proper III <i>Jesus is born.</i>	25 Dec	Solemnity of the Nativity of The Lord
	26 DECEMBER THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH, FEAST <i>white</i>	Luke 2: 41–52 <i>Jesus is found in the Temple.</i>	26 Dec 27 Dec 28 Dec 29 Dec 31 Dec 31 Dec	Boxing Day Feast of St John Feast of The Holy Innocents St Thomas Becket (Commemoration) St Sylvester I (Commemoration) New Year's Eve