2023 Liturgical Calendar

For Primary Schools

The Year of [Matthew](https://scripture.catholic.edu.au/index.php/home/foundations/the-gospel-of-matthew/)

Liturgical Year A for Sundays Weekday Readings- Cycle 1



**KEY**

 **Liturgical memorials, feast days and Catholic events**

**School Dates and Public holidays**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Events**

**Interfaith dates**

**Some notable secular events**

**DOSCEL Professional Learning**

**OTHER USEFUL CALENDARS**

Liturgical calendars from **Liturgy Brisbane**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website **Calendar**

Calendar of Key Events from **Our Community**

Social Justice Calendar from **Caritas Australia**

Calendar of Cultural and Religious Dates from **Harmony Day**

Faith Communities Council of **Victoria Multifaith Calendar**

Catholic Earthcare Australia **Ecological Justice Calendar 2022**

Peta Murray’s Calendar of significant dates and resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islanders **https://padlet.com/pmurray57/8ojkzeb8jpyrxe15**

**TERM 1 2023**

| **WEEK:** | **SUNDAY** | **RELIGIOUS FEASTS & FESTIVALS** | **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DAYS OF RECOGNITION** | **DATES FOR THE WEEK** | **TEACHER RESOURCES** |
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| 1 | **22 JANUARY**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 4:12-23****Green*** | **23 Jan -****21 Feb** | **Shevat (Jewish)** |  |  | **26 Jan****27 Jan** | **Australia Day Holiday****Teachers return to school** |  |
| 2 | **29 JANUARY**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 5:1-12****Green*** |  |  |  |  | **30 Jan** | **Students return to school** |  |
| 3 | **5 FEBRUARY**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 5:13-16****Green*** |  |  |  |  | **11 Feb** | **World Day of Prayer for the Sick** |  |
| 4 | **12 FEBRUARY**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 5:17-37****Green*** |  |  | **13 Feb** | **National Apology Day** |  |  | Visit - [VAEAI- National Apology Anniversary](http://www.vaeai.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/National-Apology-_10th-anniversary-resource.pdf)[National Museum Australia information](https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/national-apology)[Digital classroom](https://digital-classroom.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/national-apology-stolen-generations) |
| 5 | **19 FEBRUARY***Gospel- Mt 5:38-48*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time***Green*** | **21 Feb****22 Feb** | **Shrove Tuesday** **(Project Compassion Launch)****Ash Wednesday** |  |  | **20 Feb****22 Feb** | **UN World Day of Social Justice****Professional Learning for RE Maintenance Hours:** **Topic: The Mass** **(Zoom - *Session 1*)** | United Nations:[World Day of Social Justice](https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day) |
| **LENT** |
| 6 | **26 FEBRUARY***Gospel- Mt 4:1-11*1st Sunday of Lent***Violet*** |  |  |   |  | **2 Mar****3 Mar****3 Mar** | **Cert RE: Unit 5 Sacraments (Zoom)****Cert RE: Unit 5 Sacraments (Zoom)****World Day of Prayer** | Caritas Australia: [Project Compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/project-compassion/?audience=Teacher)World Day of Prayer Aus.:[World Day of Prayer](https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/) [Australia](https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/) |
| 7 | **5 MARCH**2nd Sunday of Lent*Gospel ~ Mt 17:1-9****Violet*** | **6 -7 Mar** | **Purim (Jewish)** |  |  | **7 Mar****8 Mar** | **Cert RE: Unit 5 Sacraments (Sion House)****Cert RE: Unit 5 Sacraments (SFX, Officer)** |  |
| 8 | **12 MARCH**3rd Sunday of Lent*Gospel- Jn 4:5-42****Violet*** | **17 Mar** | **Solemnity of St Patrick**  |  |  | **13 Mar** | **Labour Day Holiday**  |  |
| 9 | **19 MARCH**4th Sunday of Lent*Gospel- Jn 9:1-41****Violet*** | **20 Mar****25 Mar****23 Mar -** **21 Apr** | **Solemnity of St Joseph****Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord****Ramadan (Islam)** |  |  | **15-27 Mar** | **National Harmony Week.** | Visit - [Australian Government- Harmony Week](https://www.harmony.gov.au/)[Primary school activity opportunities](https://www.harmony.gov.au/get-involved/schools/primary-school)[Lower Secondary school activity opportunities](https://www.harmony.gov.au/get-involved/schools/lower-secondary) |
| 10 | **26 MARCH**5th Sunday of Lent*Gospel- Jn 11:1-45****Violet*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | **2 APRIL**PASSION SUNDAY (Palm Sunday)*Gospel- Mt 26:14 – 27:66****Violet*** | **6 Apr****7 Apr****5-13 Apr*****5-6 Apr*****18 Apr** | **Holy Thursday****Good Friday****Pesach/Passover (Jewish)*****Seder Feast (first 2 nights of Passover)*****Yom HaShoah (Jewish)*****Holocaust Remembrance Day*** |  |  | **5 Apr****6 Apr** | **Professional Learning for RE Maintenance Hours** **Topic: The Mass** **(Zoom- *Repeat of Session 1)*****END OF TERM 1** |  |

**TERM 2 2023**

| **WEEK** | **SUNDAY** | **RELIGIOUS FEASTS & FESTIVALS** | **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DAYS OF RECOGNITION** | **DATES FOR THE WEEK** | **TEACHER RESOURCES** |
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| 1 | **23 APRIL**3rd Sunday Of Easter*Gospel- Lk 24:13-35 White* |  |  |  |  | **25 Apr** | **ANZAC Day Holiday** |  |
| 2 | **30 APRIL**4TH Sunday Of Easter*Gospel- Jn 10:1–10**White* |  |  |  |  | **30 Apr** | **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** |  |
| 3 | **7 MAY**5th Sunday Of Easter*Gospel- Jn 14:1-12 White* |  |  |  |  | **7 May****9 May** | **Mother’s Day****Professional Learning for RE Maintenance Hours** **Topic: History of the Catholic Church in Australia (Zoom - *Session 1*)** |  |
| 4 | **14 MAY**6th Sunday Of Easter*Gospel- Jn 14:15-21* *White* |  |  |  |  | **15–21****May****19 May** | **CatholicCare Family Week (National Families Week)****Catholic Education Week Starts ~ Leadership Mass & Dinner** |  |
| 5 | **21 MAY**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD*Gospel-Mt 28:16-20**White* | **24 May****25-27 May** | **Solemnity of Our Lady****Help of Christians** **Shavuot (Jewish)** | **26 May****May 27** **27 May-****3 Jun** | **(Australia) National Sorry Day.** **Referendum for Aborigines****National Reconciliation****Week.**  | **19 - 26 May****24 May****26 May** | **Catholic Education Week Theme: Catholic Schools – Places of Encounter*****Let the words you speak always be full of Grace Col 4:6*****Cert RE: Unit 6 Church** **(Sion House)****Cert RE: Unit 5 Sacraments (SFX, Officer)** | DOSCEL:[The Ascension of the Lord](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Fact%20Sheet-%20The%20Ascension.pdf) [Fact Sheet](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Fact%20Sheet-%20The%20Ascension.pdf)Aboriginal Catholic Ministry: [A Reconciliation Week](https://www.cam1.org.au/acmv/Reconciliation-Week)[Prayer](https://www.cam1.org.au/acmv/Reconciliation-Week) Visit - [Healing Foundation National Sorry Day](https://healingfoundation.org.au/2021/05/25/national-sorry-day/)[Stolen Generations Resource kit for teachers and](https://healingfoundation.org.au/schools/) [Visit -](https://healingfoundation.org.au/schools/) [ABC Right Wrongs](https://www.abc.net.au/rightwrongs/)[National Museum of Australia](https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/indigenous-referendum)[AustraliansTogether 1967 Referendum](https://australianstogether.org.au/discover/australian-history/1967-referendum/)[students](https://healingfoundation.org.au/schools/) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Visit - [Reconciliation Australia](https://www.reconciliation.org.au/)[Reconciliation Victoria](http://www.reconciliationvic.org.au/) |
| 6 | **28 MAY**PENTECOST SUNDAY*Gospel- Jn 20:19-23* *White* | **31 May** | **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** | **3 Jun** | **Mabo Day** | **31 May****2 June** | **Cert RE: Unit 5 Sacraments (Sion House)****Cert RE: Unit 5 Sacraments (ICON, Sale)** | Archbishop Mark Coleridge: [Why does Pentecost](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/why-does-pentecost-matter/) [Matter?](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/why-does-pentecost-matter/)NCEC Commentary:[The Coming of the Holy](https://scripture.catholic.edu.au/index.php/home/commentaries/acts-21-12/)[Spirit Acts 2:1-12](https://scripture.catholic.edu.au/index.php/home/commentaries/acts-21-12/)Visit - [AIATSIS - Eddie Koiki Mabo](https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/eddie-koiki-mabo)[Australians Together - Mabo and Native Title](https://australianstogether.org.au/discover/australian-history/mabo-native-title/) |
| 7 | **4 JUNE**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY*Gospel- Jn 3:16-18**White* |  |  |  |  | **5 Jun** | **World Environment Day** |  |
| 8 | **11 JUNE**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST*Gospel – Jn 6:51-58**White* | **16 Jun** | **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** |  |  | **12 Jun****14 Jun** | **King’s Birthday Holiday****Professional Learning for RE Maintenance Hours** **Topic: History of the Catholic Church in Australia (Zoom-*Repeat of Session 1)*** | DOSCEL:[Feast of the Sacred Heart](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Sacred%20Heart%20Teacher%20Resource.pdf)[Fact Sheet](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Sacred%20Heart%20Teacher%20Resource.pdf)Together At One Altar:[The Last Supper and the Mass](https://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au/explore/the-last-supper-and-the-mass/)Together At One Altar: [Participation in the Celebration](https://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au/explore/participation-in-the-eucharist/)[Eucharist](https://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au/explore/participation-in-the-eucharist/) |
| 9 | **18 JUNE**11th Sunday of Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 9:36–10:8****Green*** |  |  |  |  | **20 Jun****23 Jun** | **World Refugee Day** **END OF TERM 2** |  |
|  | **During Holidays** | **28 June** | **Eid al Adha (Islam)*****Feast of the Sacrifice*** | **3 - 10** **July** | **NAIDOC Week** |  |  | Visit - [NAIDOC Week](https://www.naidoc.org.au/)View - NAIDOC Week [winner profiles](https://www.naidoc.org.au/awards/winner-profiles) |

**TERM 3 2023**

| **WEEK** | **SUNDAY** | **RELIGIOUS FEASTS & FESTIVALS** | **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DAYS OF RECOGNITION** | **DATES FOR THE WEEK** | **TEACHER RESOURCES** |
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| 1 | **9 JULY**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 11:25-30****Green*** |  |  |  |  | **10 July** | **START OF TERM 3** |  |
| 2 | **16 JULY**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 13:1-23****Green*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | **23 JULY**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 13:24-43****Green*** | **17 July****19 July** | **Start of Muharram (Islam)*****Sacred Month*****Al Hijra (Islam)*****Islamic New Year*** | **24 July** | **Anniversary Lake Tyers Handover 1971** | **24 Jun** | **Professional Learning for RE Maintenance Hours** **Topic: Humanity & Divinity of Jesus (Zoom - *Session 1*)** | Visit - [Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust](https://laketyersaboriginaltrust.com.au/)Visit - [Deadly Story-Bung Yarnda Lake Tyers Mission](https://deadlystory.com/page/aboriginal-country-map/Community_Places/Bung_Yarnda_Lake_Tyers_Mission)Visit - [Uni Melb photo mural Lake Tyers](https://law.unimelb.edu.au/iljh/research/mls-classroom-photo-mural-initiative/classroom-photos/lake-tyers) |
| 4 | **30 JULY**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 13:44-52****Green*** |  |  | **4 Aug** | **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day** | **30 July****30 July****30 July** | **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly****International Day of Friendship****UN World Day against Trafficking in Humans** | Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans:[ACRATH](https://acrath.org.au/)Visit - [SNAICC](https://www.snaicc.org.au/) - The national voice of our children[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day](https://aboriginalchildrensday.com.au/) |
| 5 | **6 AUGUST**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*Gospel- Mt 17:1-9****White*** | **8 Aug** | **Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop** | **9 Aug** | **International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples** | **8 Aug****9 Aug****12 Aug** | **Cert RE: Unit 7 Triune God (Sion House)****Cert RE: Unit 7 Triune God (SFX, Officer)****International Youth Day** | DOSCEL:[Saint Mary of the Cross](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Mary%20MacKillop%202_03_21.pdf) [MacKillop Resource](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Mary%20MacKillop%202_03_21.pdf)Visit – [UN International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples](https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day) |
| 6 | **13 AUGUST**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 14:22-33****Green*** | **15 Aug** | **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** |  |  | **17 Aug****18 Aug****19 Aug** | **Cert RE: Unit 7 Triune God (Sion House)****Cert RE: Unit 7 Triune God (ICON, Sale)****World Humanitarian Day** | DOSCEL:[The Assumption of Mary](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/The%20Assumption%20of%20Mary%2003_03_2021.pdf) [Resource](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/The%20Assumption%20of%20Mary%2003_03_2021.pdf) |
| 7 | **20 AUGUST**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 15:21-28****Green*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | **27 AUGUST**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 16:13-20****Green*** | **27 Aug** | **Social Justice Sunday** |  |  | **29 Aug****1 Sep** | **Professional Learning for RE Maintenance Hours** **Topic: Humanity & Divinity of Jesus** ***(Zoom-Repeat of Session 1)*****World Day of Prayer for Care and Creation** | Australian Catholic Bishops: [Social Justice](https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/) Catholic Earthcare:[Catholic Earthcare Australia](https://catholicearthcare.org.au/) |
| 9 | **3 SEPTEMBER**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 16:21-27****Green*** | **8 Sep** | **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** |  |  | **3 Sep*****5-11 Sep*** | **Father’s Day*****NAPCAN National Child******Protection Week*** |  |
| 10 | **10 SEPTEMBER**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 18:15-20****Green*** | **14 Sep** | **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** |  |  | **10 Sep****15 Sep** | **Safeguarding Sunday****END OF TERM 3** |  |
|  | **During Holidays** | **15 - 17 Sept** **24-25 Sept** **27 Sept** **29 Sept -** **6 Oct** | **Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)****Yom Kippur (Jewish)** **Mawlid al Nabi (Islam)****Sukkot (Jewish)** |  |  |  |  |  |

**TERM 4 2023**

| **WEEK** | **SUNDAY** | **RELIGIOUS FEASTS & FESTIVALS** | **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DAYS OF RECOGNITION** | **DATES FOR THE WEEK** | **TEACHER RESOURCES** |
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| 1 | **1 OCTOBER**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 21:28-32****Green*** | **7-8 Oct** | **Simchat Torah (jewish)** |  |  | **OCTOBER****2 Oct****5 Oct** | **WORLD MISSION MONTH****START OF TERM 4****World Teachers’ Day** | Catholic Mission: [Socktober](https://www.socktober.org.au/) |
| 2 | **8 OCTOBER**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 21:33-43****Green*** |  |  |  |  | **10 Oct****12 Oct** | **World Mental Health Day****Professional Learning for RE Maintenance Hours** **Topic: Principles of Catholic Social Teaching** **(Zoom ~ *Session 1*)** |  |
| 3 | **15 OCTOBER**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 22:1-14****Green*** |  |  |  |  | **17 Oct** | **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** |  |
| 4 | **22 OCTOBER**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 22:15-21****Green*** | **22 Oct** | **World Mission Sunday** |  |  | **24 Oct** | **Professional Learning for RE Maintenance Hours** **Topic: Principles of Catholic Social Teaching****(Zoom-*Repeat of Session 1*)** | Catholic Mission: [Catholic Mission](https://www.catholicmission.org.au/) |
| 5 | **29 OCTOBER**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 22:34-40****Green*** | **1 Nov****2 Nov** | **Solemnity of All Saints****All Souls Day** |  |  | **31 Oct****1 Nov** | **Cert RE: Unit 8 Catholic Social Teaching****(Sion House)****Cert RE: Unit 8 Catholic Social Teaching****(ICON, Sale)** | DOSCEL:[All Saints Day Fact Sheet](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Fact%20Sheet-%20All%20Saints.pdf) DOSCEL:[All Souls Day Fact Sheet](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Fact%20Sheet-%20All%20Souls.pdf) |
| 6 | **5 NOVEMBER**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 23:1-12****Green*** | **9 Nov** | **Kristallnacht (Jewish)*****Night of Broken Glass*** |  |  | **7 Nov****8 Nov****10 Nov****11 Nov** | **Melbourne Cup Holiday****Cert RE: Unit 8 Catholic Social Teaching****(SFX, Officer)****Cert RE: Unit 8 Catholic Social Teaching****(Sion House)****Remembrance Day** | Australian War Memorial: [Remembrance Day](https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/remembrance-day) |
| 7 | **12 NOVEMBER**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 25:1-13****Green*** | **10 Nov -** **14 Nov** | **Diwali (Hindu)*****Festival of Lights*** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | **19 NOVEMBER**33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time*Gospel- Mt 25:14-30****Green*** |  |  |  |  | **20 Nov** | **Universal Children’s Day** |  |
| 9 | **26 NOVEMBER**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE*Gospel- Mt 25:31-46**White* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ADVENT (YEAR OF** [**MARK**](https://scripture.catholic.edu.au/index.php/home/foundations/the-gospel-of-mark/) **~ YEAR B)** |
| 10 | **3 December**1st Sunday of Advent*Gospel- Mk 13:33-37****Violet*** | **8 Dec****7 - 15 Dec** | **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary****Chanukah/Hanukkah (Jewish) *Feast of Lights*** | **3 Dec** | **International Day of People with Disability** | **3 Dec** | **International Day of People with Disability** | DOSCEL:[The Immaculate Conception](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Fact%20Sheret-%20The%20Immaculate%20Conception%20of%20Mary.pdf) [of Mary Fact Sheet](https://toliveinchristjesus.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/application/third_party/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Fact%20Sheret-%20The%20Immaculate%20Conception%20of%20Mary.pdf) |
| 11 | **10 DECEMBER**2nd Sunday of Advent*Gospel- Mk 1:1-8****Violet*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | **17 DECEMBER**3rd Sunday of Advent*Gospel- Jn 1:6-8, 19-28****Violet*** *or* ***Rose*** |  |  |  |  | **20 Dec** | **END OF TERM 4** |  |