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** |  |