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Liturgical Year 2020 / 2021

For the celebration of
Mass & The Liturgy of the Hours
according to the Roman General Calendar

Lord,

Your Word holds true.

*I trust every Word You speak and
every work of Your hands. Help me to
build my life upon You -
my rock, my salvation, my God.*

Inspired by Psalm 33:4



Note : Except for the Diocesan events, the rest are according to the Roman General Calendar.

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- ⇒ Archdiocese of Colombo
- ⇒ Diocese of Anuradhapura
- ⇒ Diocese of Badulla
- ⇒ Diocese of Batticaloa
- ⇒ Diocese of Chilaw
- ⇒ Diocese of Galle
- ⇒ Diocese of Jaffna
- ⇒ Diocese of Kandy
- ⇒ Diocese of Kurunegala
- ⇒ Diocese of Mannar
- ⇒ Diocese of Ratnapura
- ⇒ Diocese of Trincomalee

LECTIONARY FOR 2020-2021

SUNDAY LECTIONARY : Year B or Year of Mark

WEEKDAY LECTIONARY, FIRST READING : Year I

ABBREVIATIONS

- CB Ceremonial of Bishops.
- CCL Code of Canon Law.
- IM General Instruction of the Roman Missal.
- IH General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours.
- LH Liturgy of the Hours
- LY General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar (Roman Missal)
- OM Order of Celebrating Matrimony.
- PC Instruction regarding Proper Calendars.
- RM Roman Missal.
- SC *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, Conciliar Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.
- RS Redemptionis Sacramentum
- UO Universal Ordo

DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR SRI LANKA
(Decreed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference in Sri Lanka)

CATEGORY A:

**SOLEMNITIES ON THE DAY OF THE
SOLEMNITY ITSELF**

1. All Sundays of the Year.
2. Nativity of the Lord Jesus (December 25th)
3. Mary, Mother of God (January 1st)
4. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th)
5. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8th)

CATEGORY B:

**SOLEMNITIES TRANSFERRED TO
APPOINTED SUNDAYS**

1. Epiphany of the Lord Jesus
(to the Sunday between 2nd and 8th of January)
2. Ascension of the Lord (to the 7th Sunday of Easter)
3. The Most Precious Body and Blood of the Lord
(to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday)

Pastors should take care that in the liturgy not only are the laws governing valid and lawful celebration is observed, but also that the faithful take part with full awareness, and in active and fruitful participation (SC, 11).

Since the celebration of the Eucharist, like the entire liturgy, proceeds by means of tangible signs that foster, strengthen, and give expression to faith, the utmost care must be taken to choose and to arrange those forms and elements provided by the Church which in the given circumstances of persons and places will best foster active and full participation and best meet the spiritual needs of the faithful (IM, 20).

MOVABLE FEASTS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

2020 - 2021

CELEBRATIONS

2020

First Sunday of Advent	29 Nov.
Holy Family	27 Dec.

2021

Epiphany of the Lord	06 Jan.
- Where transferred to the Sunday	03 Jan.
Baptism of the Lord	10 Jan.
Ash Wednesday	17 Feb.
Easter Sunday	04 April
Ascension of the Lord	13 May.
- Where transferred to the Sunday	16 May
Pentecost Sunday	23 May
Trinity Sunday	30 May
Corpus Christi	03 June
- Where transferred to the Sunday	06 June
Sacred Heart of Jesus	11 June
Christ the King	21 Nov.

As is traditional, these movable feasts may be announced to the faithful during Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, after the Gospel (cf. *Missale Romanum*, p. 1247)

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time in 2021 consists of 33 weeks. There are 6 of these before Lent, running from 11th January (the Monday after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord), until 16th February (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday).

After Pentecost, Ordinary Time resumes, from the 8th week on 24th May (the Monday after Pentecost Sunday).

TABLE OF LITURGICAL DAYS

According to their order of precedence

(LY 59)

I

1. Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection.
2. Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension and Pentecost.
Sundays of Advent, Lent and the Easter season
Ash Wednesday.
Week days of Holy Week from Monday to Thursday inclusive.
Days within the Octave of Easter.
3. Solemnities of the Lord, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of Saints listed in the General Calendar.
All Souls Day.
4. Proper Solemnities, namely:
 - a) Solemnity of the principal Patron of the place, that is, the town or city^(a);
 - b) Solemnity of the dedication of a particular church and the anniversary day thereof;
 - c) Titular Solemnity of a particular church;
 - d) Titular Solemnity or Solemnity of the Founder, or of the principal patron of a religious order or congregation⁽¹⁾.

^(a) To be celebrated even by Religious.

⁽¹⁾ Of these celebrations, only one is inscribed in the calendar with the rank of a solemnity, the other two being celebrated with the rank of feast. If the Founder has been beatified but not canonized, his celebration has the rank of a feast (PC, 12).

II

5. Feasts of the Lord in the General Calendar.
6. Sundays of the Christmas Season and Sundays in Ordinary Time.
7. Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the Saints in the General Calendar.
8. Proper Feasts, namely:
 - a) The feast of the principal patron of the diocese ^{2(a)};
 - b) The feast of the anniversary of the Dedication of the cathedral church ^(a);
 - c) The feast of the principal patron of a region or province, or a nation, or of a broader unit of territory ^{2(a)};
 - d) The titular feast, or the feast of the founder, or the principal patron of a religious order or congregation and of a religious province, without prejudice to the prescriptions of n. 4 d;
 - e) Other feasts proper to an individual church;
 - f) Other feasts inscribed in the calendar of a diocese or of a religious order or congregation.
9. Weekdays of Advent from 17 December to 24 December inclusive.
Days within the octave of Christmas.
Weekdays of Lent.

⁽²⁾ For pastoral reasons this may be celebrated with the rank of solemnity. (PC 8, 9).

^(a) To be celebrated even by Religious.

III

10. Obligatory memorials of the General Calendar.
11. Proper obligatory memorials, namely,
 - a) The memorial of a secondary patron of the place, diocese, region, or of a religious province;
 - b) Other obligatory memorials inscribed in the calendar of a diocese, or of a religious order or congregation ^(b)
12. Optional memorials ^(a) but these may be celebrated even on the days listed in n. 9 above, in the special manner described by the General Instructions of the Roman Missal and of the Liturgy of the Hours (cf. pp. xxvi, n. 10). Likewise obligatory memorials may be celebrated as optional memorials if they happen to fall on a week day of Lent.
13. Weekdays of Advent upto 16 December inclusive.
Weekdays of the Christmas Season from 2 January until the Saturday after the Epiphany.
Weekdays of the Easter season from Monday after the Octave of Easter until the Saturday before Pentecost, inclusive. Weekdays in Ordinary Time.

^(a) A memorial from the proper calendar is to be given priority over an optional memorial of the general calendar (PC, 23c).

^(b) In any church or oratory should be celebrated the memorial of a Saint or Blessed whose name is inscribed in the Martyrology or its Appendix and whose body is preserved there (PC, 11).

GENERAL NORMS FOR THE LITURGICAL YEAR AND THE CALENDAR

The Liturgical Day

1. The liturgical day runs from midnight to midnight. However, the celebration of Sunday and of Solemnities begins on the evening of the day before (LY 3).
2. *Sunday* is to be regarded as the primordial feast (LY 4).

Because of its special importance, the celebration of Sunday gives way only to Solemnities or to Feasts of the Lord inscribed in the General Calendar, except that the Sundays of the Advent, Lent, and Easter seasons take precedence over all feasts of the Lord and over all Solemnities. Solemnities occurring on these Sundays are observed on another day (cf. n. 10).

3. *Solemnities* are regarded as being the most important days in the calendar and their celebration begins with first Vespers on the evening of the day before. Some solemnities also have their own vigil Mass for use when Mass is celebrated in the evening the day before (LY 11).
4. *Feasts* are celebrated within the limits of the natural day and accordingly do not have first vespers. Exceptions are feasts of the Lord inscribed in the General Calendar, that fall on a Sunday of Ordinary Time or of the Christmas season and which replace the Sunday Liturgy (LY 13).
5. *Memorials* are either obligatory or optional. Their observance is integrated into the celebration of the weekday, in accordance with the norms set forth in the General Instructions of the Roman Missal and of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Obligatory memorials occurring on Lenten weekdays may only be celebrated as optional memorials (cf. p xxvi-xxvii n. 10).

If several optional memorials fall on the same day, only one may be celebrated; the others being omitted (LY 14).

6. On *Saturdays* in Ordinary Time when no obligatory memorial occurs, an optional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary is permitted (LY 15).
7. The days of the week that follow Sunday are referred to as *weekdays*. They are celebrated in different ways according to their particular importance (LY 16).

Rogation Days and Ember Days

8. On Rogation days and Ember days the practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for people's various needs, especially for the fruits of the soil and for human labour, and to give thanks to God publicly.

So that Rogation days and Ember days may be adapted to the needs of people and places, time and manner of their celebration should be laid down by the Episcopal Conferences.

Furthermore the competent authority should lay down norms taking into account local conditions which fix the length of such celebrations (extending over one or several days), and on the frequency of their recurrence each year (LY 45-47).

When several celebrations coincide

9. If several celebrations fall on the same day, the one that holds the highest rank according to the preceding Table of Liturgical Days is observed (LY 60).
10. If a solemnity is impeded in any given year, it is transferred to the nearest day following designated in nn. 1-8 of the Table given above (LY 60).

If, however, a solemnity is impeded by a Sunday of the Advent, Lent or Easter season, the solemnity is transferred to the Monday following, or to the nearest free day, as laid down by the General Norms. However, if a solemnity is impeded by Palm Sunday or by Easter Sunday, it is transferred to the first free day after the Second Sunday of Easter (decision of the Congregation for Divine Worship, dated 22 April 1990, in *Notitiae* 26 (1990) 160). Any other celebrations that are impeded are omitted for that year.

11. If however, the same day were to call for celebration of vespers of that day's office and first vespers of the following day, the vespers of the day with the higher rank in the Table of Liturgical Days takes precedence; in cases of equal rank, vespers of the actual day take precedence (LY 61).

'Outward celebration'

12. For the pastoral good of the faithful, it is permissible to observe on the Sundays of Ordinary Time those celebrations that fall during the week and have special appeal for the devotion of the faithful, provided those celebrations take precedence over the Sundays of Ordinary Time in the Table of Liturgical Days. The Mass for such celebrations may be used at all the Masses at which the people assemble (LY 58).

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Different Forms of Celebration

When a Bishop presides

1. In the local Church prime place should be given to the Mass at which the Bishop presides surrounded by his presbyterium, deacons and lay ministers and in which the people take full and active part. For this Mass is the principale manifestation of the nature of the Church (IM, 112).

Parish Mass

2. Great importance should also be attached to a Mass celebrated with any community, and in particular the parish community, in so far as it represents the universal Church gathered at a given time and place, above all in the common celebration of Sunday (IM 113).

Conventual or Community Mass

3. As regards Masses celebrated by certain communities, a special place goes to the conventual Mass, which is part of the daily Office, or to the "community" Mass. Although such Masses are not marked by any special form of celebration, it is most proper that they be celebrated with singing, with the full participation of all community members, whether religious or canons. In these Masses, therefore, individuals should exercise their proper role according to the order or ministry they have received.

It is hence appropriate that all priests who are not bound to celebrate individually for the pastoral benefit of the faithful should in so far as possible concelebrate. Further, all priests belonging to the community who

are obliged to celebrate individually for the pastoral benefit of the faithful may also on the same day concelebrate at the conventual or community Mass (IM 114).

Concelebrated Masses

4. Concelebration of the Eucharist aptly expresses the unity of the sacrifice and of the priesthood and whenever the faithful take an active part, the unity of the people of God stand out in a particular fashion, especially if the bishop presides.

Concelebration also symbolizes and strengthens the fraternal bond between priests, because by virtue of the ordination to the priesthood and the priestly mission that they have in common, all priests are linked together in a close bond of brotherhood.

For this reason, unless the needs of the faithful (which always must be considered with great pastoral concern) prevent it, and without prejudice to the faculty of every priest to celebrate Mass individually, it is highly appropriate that priests celebrate Mass in this excellent manner either in communities of priests, in groups meeting at regular intervals, or in other similar circumstances. Those who live in community or minister at the same church should gladly welcome visiting priests to concelebrate with them. Superiors should therefore facilitate this and indeed encourage concelebration whenever pastoral needs or another reasonable cause do not demand otherwise (Instruction *Eucharisticum mysterium*, n. 47).

Mass for the People

5. Once he has taken possession of his parish, a parish priest is bound on each Sunday and on each holyday that is of

obligation in his diocese to celebrate the Mass for the people entrusted to him. If he is lawfully impeded in this, he should have someone else celebrate Mass for the people on these days or else celebrate it himself on other days.

N. B. This obligation is recalled in the present *Order* by means of a cross ✠ printed in the margin.

Anticipated Celebration of Festive

Mass on the Previous Evening

- 6.** The obligation of assisting at the Sunday or feast day Mass may be satisfied by participating at Mass on the feast day itself or at evening Mass on the previous day (CCL canon 1248, 1).

An evening Mass celebrated with the aim of satisfying the obligation of the Sunday or feast day following will be arranged with all the elements of a Sunday or feastday Mass, whether obligatory (homily, prayer of the faithful) or recommended (amplified participation of the people through singing, etc. cfr IM, 115-116).

In choosing Mass formularies the general principle is to be followed of giving precedence to the celebration which is of obligation, regardless of the liturgical grade of the two occurring celebrations (Congregation for Divine Worship, in *Notitiae* 20 [1984] 603).

In the same way, in the celebration of Vespers with the people, exception may be made to the general norm (see above, p. 10, n. 11), in such a way that the Vespers celebrated are in harmony with the evening Mass (*ibidem*).

Summary Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses and Masses for the Dead.

Abbreviations

(See GIRM 2002, nos 368-385)

V1= Ritual Masses; and Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses, at the direction of the local Ordinary or with his permission, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage. (GIRM, 372,374).

V2= Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses, at the discretion of the rector of the church or the priest celebrating, if real need or pastoral advantage requires, (GIRM, 376).

V3= Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses chosen by the priest celebrant to assist the devotion of the faithful (GIRM, 373).

D1= The Funeral Mass (GIRM, 380).

D2= Mass on the occasion of news of death, final burial, or the first anniversary (GIRM, 381).

D3= Other Masses for the Dead ("daily" Masses). When D1 and D2 are not permitted, it is clear that D3 is prohibited also (GIRM. 381)

√ = Permitted.

× = Prohibited.

1. Solemnities with obligation			
2. Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter Time	V1 ×	D1 ×	
3. Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday			
4. Solemnities without obligation. All Souls' Day			
5. Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week	V1 ×	D1 √	
6. Days in Easter Octave			
7. Sundays of Christmas Time and Ordinary Time	V1 √	V2 ×	
8. Feasts	D1 √	D2 ×	
9. Weekdays of Advent from 17-24 December			

10. Days within the Christmas Octave	V1 ✓ D1 ✓	V2 × D2 ✓	
11. Weekdays of Lent			
12. Obligatory Memorials			
13. Weekdays of Advent up to 16 December			
14. Weekdays of Christmas Time from 2 January	V1 ✓ D1 ✓	V2 ✓ D2 ✓	D3 × D3 ×
15. Weekdays of Easter Time			
16. Weekdays in Ordinary Time	V1 ✓ D1 ✓	V2 ✓ D2 ✓	V3 ✓ D3 ✓

Choice of Mass Texts (IM, 352-355, 363)

7. On solemnities the priest chooses the Mass formularies in accordance with the calendar of the church where he is celebrating.
8. On Sundays, on weekdays of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons, on feasts and on obligatory memorials:
 - a) If Mass is celebrated with the people, the priest should follow the calendar of the church where he is celebrating;
 - b) If Mass is celebrated without a congregation, the priest may choose either the calendar of the church or his own calendar.
9. On optional memorials:
 - a) On the weekdays of Advent from 17 December to 24 December, during the octave of Christmas, and on the weekdays of Lent other than on Ash Wednesday and in Holy Week, the priest celebrates the Mass of the weekday. However, he may take the

opening prayer from a memorial inscribed in the General Roman Calendar for that day, except on Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week.

b) On the weekdays of Advent before 17 December, or on the weekdays of the Christmas season from 2 January onwards, and on the weekdays of the Easter season, the priest may choose the weekday Mass, the Mass of the saint or of one of the saints whose memorial falls that day, or the Mass of a saint inscribed in the Martyrology for that day.

10. On the weekdays in Ordinary Time, the prayers may be taken either:

a) From the Mass formula of the preceding Sunday or from any one of the 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time, with the faculty to take some of the prayers from still other Sundays of Ordinary Time or from among the prayers for various needs and occasions (IM, 363);

b) From the Mass of a saint inscribed in the calendar as an optional memorial, or of a saint inscribed in the Martyrology for that day;

c) From a Mass for various needs and occasions, or from a votive Mass;

d) From any Mass for the Dead, though the formulas of the daily Mass for the Dead may only be used if the Mass is actually said for the dead.

If he celebrates with a congregation, the priest should first consider the spiritual good of the faithful and beware of imposing his own personal preferences. In particular, he should not omit the readings assigned for each day in the Weekday Lectionary too frequently or without a sufficient reason, since the Church desires that a richer portion of God's Word be laid before the people.

For the same reason he should use Masses for the Dead

sparingly, for every Mass is offered for both the living and the dead and there is a remembrance of the dead in each Eucharistic Prayer.

Where the faithful are attached to the optional memorials of the Blessed Virgin Mary or of the saints, at least one Mass of the memorial should be celebrated to satisfy their legitimate devotion (IM, 353).

Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions and Votive Masses
(IM, 368-378)

11. Given the wide faculties granted for the choice of readings and prayers, it is appropriate that Masses for various needs and occasions be used in moderation, that is to say when circumstances demand it.
12. In these Masses, unless specific indication is given to the contrary, it is best to take the weekday readings and the accompanying intervening chants if they are suitable for the celebration.
13. Ritual Masses, or those which are combined with the celebration of one or other sacrament or sacramental, are not permitted on the Sundays of the Advent, Lent and Easter seasons, on Solemnities, on the days within the Easter Octave, on All Souls, on Ash Wednesday, or within Holy Week, in accordance with the norms set out in the ritual books or printed with the Masses themselves.
14. As regards Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses, it should be noted that:
 - a) A Mass may be celebrated for any serious need or pastoral advantage by order or with the permission of the local Ordinary on any day except on the Sundays of Advent, Lent and the Easter season, on Solemnities, on the days within the Easter octave, on All Souls, on Ash Wednesday, or within Holy Week.

- b) A Mass may be celebrated for any real need or pastoral advantage with the people according to the discretion of the rector of the church or the celebrating priest himself, even on days on which there falls an obligatory memorial or a weekday of Advent before 17 December, a weekday of the Christmas season from 2 January onwards, or a weekday of the Easter season outside the Easter Octave, all of which are days when votive Masses are not permitted.
- c) Masses and prayers for various needs and occasions and votive Masses which are provided for the benefit of the people's devotion may be used only on weekdays in Ordinary Time when no obligatory memorial occurs. Moreover it is possible to use only the prayers of such Masses, retaining the readings and other elements assigned to that particular weekday (IM, 363, 377, 358).

Nuptial Masses

15. Whenever marriage is celebrated within Mass, the Mass for Spouses is used, along with white vestments. If, however, the celebration coincides with a day listed in nn. 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days, the Mass of the day is used with its own proper readings, plus the nuptial blessing and if appropriate the final blessing of the wedding Mass.

If however, in the Christmas season, or in Ordinary Time, the sacrament of marriage is celebrated within a Mass at which the parish community participates, the Sunday Mass is used. Since, however, the Liturgy of the Word is of great moment in the celebration of marriage for a catechesis regarding the sacrament and

the duties conferred upon the spouses, in cases where the Mass for Spouses is not used, one of the readings may be taken from among those provided for the celebration of marriage (OM, 34).

16. If marriage is celebrated on a day of penitential character, especially within Lent, the parish priest should advise that account be taken of that character. The celebration of marriage on Good Friday and on the day following, Holy Saturday, is absolutely forbidden (OM, 32).

The Anniversaries of the Pope, the Bishop, and of the Celebrant's own Priestly Ordination

17. On weekdays in Ordinary Time it is permissible to use the Mass for the anniversary of the Pope or of the Bishop or of the Celebrant's own priestly ordination, or to use simply the prayers, or indeed just the collect.

Moreover, if pastoral advantage so suggests, the Mass for these occasions may even be used on other days, in conformity with what was said above regarding Masses and prayers Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses (cf. n. 14 *b*).

It is in any event fitting that special mention be made of such anniversaries in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Masses for the Dead (IM, 379-385)

18. Among the Masses for the Dead the funeral Mass hold first place, It may be celebrated on any day except for holydays of obligation, Holy Thursday, during

the Easter Triduum, or on the Sundays of the Advent, Lent and Easter Time.

19. If the funeral Mass is combined directly with the funeral rite, once the prayer after communion has been said, omitting the concluding rites of Mass, the rite of final commendation and farewell is enacted. This is not to be done unless the body is actually present. It is appropriate that the paschal candle be placed lit near the bier.
20. On reception of news of a death, on the occasion of a final burial, or on the *first* anniversary, a Mass for the Dead may be used even on days within the Christmas Octave, and on an obligatory memorial, or on other weekdays, other than on Ash Wednesday or within Holy Week.
21. Daily Masses of the Dead, unless some real need of the faithful dictates otherwise, are permitted only on weekdays in Ordinary Time, and on optional memorials or days when the weekday Office is used, provided too that the Mass is actually said for the dead.
22. In Masses of the Dead, purple vestments should be preferred to black ones. The playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only for the purpose of supporting the singing (CB, 252).

Regarding the Various Parts of the Celebration

23. The *Gloria (Glory to God in the highest)* is used on Sundays outside Advent and Lent, on solemnities and feasts, on the days within the Octave of Christmas and Easter and at special solemn celebrations (IM, 53).
24. Only one *Collect* or opening presidential prayer of the day is said and this applies also to the prayer over the gifts and that after communion.

Prayers for any particular need or the remembrance of any anniversary are to be made in the Prayer of the faithful.

25. In the *weekday lectionary*, there are readings laid down for every day in all the weeks of the whole year. These readings should be used for the day to which they are assigned unless there occurs a solemnity, a feast or else a memorial that has its own proper New Testament readings (i.e. which mention the particular mystery or the particular saint).

In Masses for special groups it is permissible for the priest to choose readings more appropriate to the group, provided that the readings are taken from among those of the approved lectionary (IM, 358).

26. The *Creed* is to be said on Sundays and on solemnities and may also be said on more solemn special occasions.
27. The norms regarding the recitation of each of the *Eucharistic Prayers* are included with the prayer itself.

In Masses which have a proper *Preface*, it is not possible to use a Eucharistic Prayer which incorporates its own fixed preface, that is to say a preface which forms one whole with the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.

28. The faithful receive *Holy Communion* after the communion of the priest. It is highly appropriate that the faithful receive the Body of the Lord by means of hosts consecrated at that same Mass and that on the occasions laid down they also communicate from the chalice, so that through such signs Holy Communion may more clearly be seen to be a sharing in the sacrifice being celebrated (IM, 85, 282-283).

The faithful who have already received the Blessed Eucharist once, may also receive it again on the same day, in the course of a further celebration of the Eucharist in which they take part (cf.

CCL, canon 917 and the authoritative interpretation of the same promulgated on 26 June 1984).

29. *Communion under both kinds* is permitted, in addition to the cases set out in the ritual books, also: *a)* to priests who are unable to celebrate or concelebrate Mass; *b)* to the deacon and others who fulfil some particular office at the Mass; *c)* community members at Conventual Mass or “Community” Mass, seminarians, retreatants, anyone taking part in a spiritual or pastoral gathering.

The diocesan Bishop has the faculty to permit Communion under both kinds whenever it may seem appropriate to the priest to whom a given community is entrusted as its own pastor, provided that the faithful are well instructed, that there is no danger of the Sacrament being profaned, and that the rite is not difficult to carry out on account of the great number of participants or some other reason.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

01. Bishops, priests and deacons who aspire to the priesthood have received a mandate from the Church to celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours and should complete all the Hours each day, and in so far as possible at the proper times of the day.

Due importance should be given especially to those Hours which are so to speak the hinge of the Divine Office, namely Lauds and Vespers, the morning and evening Hours. These should not be omitted without a serious reason.

Likewise the Office of Readings which is above all a liturgical celebration of the Word of God, should be especially faithfully completed, so in a special way they may fulfill their own sacred function, receiving themselves the Word of God, by which they may become more perfect disciples of the Lord and may know more deeply the unfathomable riches of Christ.

In this way they should better sanctify the whole day, having at heart also the recitation of the Middle Hours and also Compline, by which before going to bed they should complete the whole Divine Office and commend themselves to God (IH, 29).

02. Cathedral and collegiate chapters should celebrate in choir those parts of the Liturgy of the Hours stipulated for them by common and local law.

The individual member of such chapters is bound to recite privately in addition to the Hours laid down for all sacred ministers also those Hours that are incumbent upon his chapter (IH, 31a).

03. Religious communities bound to the recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours and each individual religious should celebrate the Hours according to their particular law, without prejudice to what pertains to sacred orders for those who have received them (IH, 31b).

The Arrangement of the Liturgy of the Hours

04. The Office is to be recited in choir and in common according to the proper calendar, that of the diocese, that is to, say, or that of the religious family or of the particular church * (IH, 241; LY 52c).

In private recitation by the individual, the calendar of the place may be followed or else the proper calendar, except on solemnities and feasts (IH, 243).

05. ON SUNDAYS (IH, 204-207)

a) Everything is done as in the Ordinary, in the Psalter and in the Proper, according to the varying seasons.

b) Both First Vespers and Second Vespers are recited.

c) At the Office of Readings, after the second reading and its responsory is said the Hymn *Te Deum*, except in Lent.

06. ON SOLEMNITIES (IH, 225-230)

- a) At First Vespers everything is taken from the Proper or the Common.
- b) The Compline that follows First Vespers is that laid down for recitation after First Vespers of Sunday.
- c) At the Office of Readings, everything is taken from the Proper or the Common and the Hymn *Te Deum* is always said.
- d) At Lauds everything is taken from the Proper or the Common, using also the psalms of Sunday Week I.
- e) At the Middle Hour or Terce, Sext and None:
 - 1) the hymn is taken from the Ordinary;
 - 2) the antiphon, the short reading, the versicle and response and the prayer are taken from the Proper or the Common.
 - 3) the psalms:
 - if particular psalms are laid down for a solemnity, these are to be recited at one of the Middle Hours; those who recite the other two Middle Hours that day take the psalms from the supplementary series to be found at the end of the Psalter;
 - if no particular psalms are laid down for a solemnity which occurs on a Sunday, at one of the Middle Hours the psalms recited are taken from those given for Sunday Week I; those who recite the other two Middle Hours that day take the psalms from the supplementary series;
 - in other cases all the psalms are taken from the supplementary series.
- f) At Second Vespers everything is taken from the Proper or the Common.
- g) The Compline that follows Second Vespers is that laid down for recitation after Second Vespers of Sunday.

07. ON FEASTS (IH, 231-233)

- a) First Vespers are recited only on Feasts of the Lord inscribed in the general calendar which fall on a Sunday (cf. *Table of Liturgical Days*, n. 5). In this case the Compline that follows First Vespers is that laid down for recitation after First Vespers of Sunday.
- b) At the Office of Readings, everything is taken from the Proper or the Common and the Hymn *Te Deum* is always said.
- c) At Lauds everything is taken from the Proper or the Common, using also the psalms of Sunday Week I.
- d) At the Middle Hour or Terce, Sext and None:
 - 1) the hymn is taken from the Ordinary,
 - 2) the short reading, the versicle and response and the prayer are taken from the Proper or the Common.
 - 3) at one of these Middle Hours the antiphons (unless there are proper ones) and the psalms are taken from the current day of the week; those who recite the other two Middle Hours that day take the psalms from the supplementary series.
- e) At Vespers everything is taken from the Proper or the Common.
- f) Compline is that laid down for that particular day of the week.

08. ON MEMORIALS (IH, 220, 234-236)

- a) At Lauds, Vespers and the Office of Readings:
 - 1) the psalms and their antiphons are those of the weekday; NB: If the memorial has proper antiphons for Lauds, these are used together with the psalms of Sunday Week I; if there are proper antiphons for Vespers, these are used together with psalms from the Common.
 - 2) as to the antiphon at the invitatory, the hymns, the short readings with their versicle and response, the *Benedictus* and *Magnificat* antiphons, and the intercessions:

- if there are proper texts, those of the memorial are used;
- otherwise they may be taken either from the Common or from the particular weekday;

3) the prayer is also that of the memorial.

b) At the Office of Readings:

1) the biblical reading and its responsory is taken from the present season;

2) the second reading is of the saint, with its proper responsory, or from the Common, but in the absence of a proper reading concerning the saint, the reading is taken from the weekday;

3) the Hymn *Te Deum* is never said.

c) At the Middle Hour or Terce, Sext and None, and at Compline, everything is taken from the weekday.

09. ON WEEKDAYS

a) Everything is taken from the Ordinary, from the Psalter, and from the Proper, according to the season.

b) at the Office of Readings the Hymn *Te Deum* is never said.

c) the prayer at the Office of Readings is taken from the Proper, at the other Hours during Ordinary Time it is taken from the Psalter and at other seasons from the Proper.

Memorials celebrated in a reduced manner

(IH, 237-239; IM, 355 *a*)

10. Memorials which occur on days between 17 and 31 December and on weekdays of Lent (but not on Ash Wednesday or within Holy Week), may be celebrated in the following way:

a) At the Office of Readings, after the prescribed second reading and its responsory is added the reading of the saint with its

responsory and then the prayer of the saint.

- b) At Lauds and Vespers, after the prayer, the conclusion is omitted and the antiphon and prayer of the saint is added.
- c) At Mass that day the collect of the saint may be used, provided the saint is inscribed in the General Roman calendar.

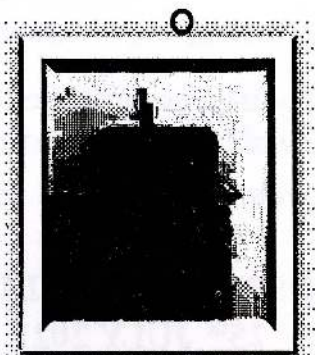
DAYS OF PENANCE (CCLnn. 1250-1253)

1. The days and times of penance for all the Latin Church are each Friday of the whole year and in Lent.
2. Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Bishops' Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, except when a solemnity falls on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. All are bound by the law of abstinence who have reached the age of fourteen. The law of fasting applies to all who have attained their majority until after their fifty-ninth birthday. Pastors of souls and parents should ensure that even those who are still too young to be bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence are trained to have a true appreciation of penance.
4. The Bishops' Conference can lay down more particular norms regarding the practice of fasting and abstinence. It may also substitute, either in whole or in part, other forms of penance, above all works of charity and devotional exercises, in place of abstinence or fasting.

ABBREVIATIONS FOR BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Ac	Acts of the Apostles	Lam	Lamentations
Am	Amos	Lk	Luke
Bar	Bauch	Lev	Leviticus
1 Chr	1 Chronicles	1 Mac	1 Maccabees
2 Chr	2 Chronicles	2 Mac	2 Maccabees
Col	Colossians	Mal	Malachi
1 Cor	1 Corinthians	Mic	Micah
2 Cor	2 Corinthians	Mk	Mark
Dan	Daniel	Mt	Matthew
Deut	Deuteronomy	Nah	Nahum
Eph	Ephesians	Neh	Nehemiah
Est	Esther	Num	Numbers
Ex	Exodus	Ob	Obadiah
Ez	Ezekiel	1 Pt.	1 Peter
Ezr	Ezra	2 Pt.	2 Peter
Gal	Genesis	Phil	Philippians
Hab	Habakkuk	Phm	Philemon
Hag	Haggai	Prov	Proverbs
Hebr	Hebrews	Ps	Psalms
Hos	Hosea	Qoh	Qoheleth (Ecclesiastes)
Is	Isaiah	Rom	Romans
Jdg	Judges	Rev	Revelation
Jdt	Judith	Ruth	Ruth
Jer	Jeremiah	1 Sam	1 Samuel
Jm	James	2 Sam	2 Samuel
Jn	John	Sir	Sirach
1 Jn	1 John	Song	Song of Songs
2 Jn	2 John	1 Th	1 Thessalonians
3 Jn	3 John	2 Th	2 Thessalonians
Job	Job	1 Tim	1 Timothy
Joel	Joel	2 Tim	2 Timothy
Jona	Jona	Tit	Titus
Josh	Joshua	Teb	Tobias
Jude	Jude	Wis	Wisdom
1 Kgs	1 Kings	Zec	Zechariah
2 Kgs	2 Kings	Zeph	Zephaniah

DATES TO REMEMBER,
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Themes for year 2021

**HOLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY – 17th
JANUARY 2021**

“Protect Children, the gift of God”

“ஊர்நிலி, டேவ டுடாடூ வு அபே டூரலே”

“இறைக்கொடையாம் பிள்ளைகளைக் காத்திடுவோம்”.

POPE’S DAY – 20th JUNE 2021

“Joyful Servant Leader”

“ சீறிமன் சேவகன்வலே னாடகடாணே ”

“மகிழ்ச்சியான ஊழியனும், தலைவனும்.”

**INDIGENOUS CLERGY/RELIGIOUS DAY –
25th JULY 2021**

“You are my Chosen Servant”

“ லாடே னேரா ன் சேவகடா, டிடக. ”

“நான் தேர்ந்துகொண்ட ஊழியன் நீயே”

MISSION SUNDAY – 17th OCTOBER 2021

“I believed that’s why I spoke”

“ஓலி பில்கடா கல திகா கலா கலேலி.”

**“நான் கடவுள்மீது நம்பிக்கையோடு இருந்தேன்,
ஆகவே பேசினேன்.”**

Universal prayer intention

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation (LY 39).

Advent from the beginning until 16 December:

1. On weekdays of Advent on which an optional memorial is observed, it is possible to choose either the Office and Mass of the weekday, or the Office and Mass of the Saint who is inscribed for that day in the calendar or in the Martyrology (IH, 244; 1M, 316 b).

2. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for various needs and intentions or a votive Mass be celebrated (1M, 333).

Daily Masses for the Dead are not allowed (1M, 337).

3. In the weekday Office, the Invitatory antiphon, the Hymns for the Office of Readings, for Lauds and for Vespers, and the antiphon at the Middle Hour are taken from those prescribed for Advent.

4. The playing of the organ and other musical instruments and the decoration of the altar with flowers should be done in a moderate manner, as is consonant with the character of the season, without anticipating the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord (CB, 236).

The same moderation should be observed in the celebration of Matrimony (OM,32).

NOVEMBER 2020- SEASON OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 2020

28. Purple. Saturday, First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent
Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday

Liturgy of the Hours, vol. 1

29. Purple, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Psalter wk.I)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the Sunday.

✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, Creed, Advent Preface I.

RDGS Is 63. 16b-17. 19b; 64, 2b-7.

(Yr: B) Ps 79, 2ac & bc3. 15-16. 18-19.

1 Cor 1, 3-9.

Mk 13, 33-37.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
 - *Second Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent.*
 - *Sunday Compline*
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30. Red, Monday, ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE, feast.

L.H. of the feast. - At Middle Hour antiphons and pss of Monday, Week I.

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles

RDGS Rom 10, 9-18 .

(Yr. I) Ps 18, 2-3. 4-5.

Mt 4, 18-22.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayer intention for evangelisation

For a life of prayer

*We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ
be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.*

01. Purple, Tuesday, 1st Week of Advent (Psalter wk. I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface I.

RDGS Is 11, 1-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 71, 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17.

Lk 10, 21-24.

02. Purple, Wednesday, 1st Week of Advent (Psalter. wk.I)

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface I.

RDGS Is 25, 6-10a.

(Yr. I) Ps 22, 1- 3a. 3b-4 . 5. 6.

Mt 15, 29-37.

03. White, Thursday, 1st Week of Advent (Psalter. wk. I)

**St. Francis Xavier, Priest, Solemnity, Patron of
Mission Lands, Solemnity for Sri Lanka.**

L.H. The solemnity - At middle Hour proper anti-
phons and suppl. psalms.

MASS of the solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, Proper Pref-
ace of the Pastors.

RDGS Jer. 1, 4-8 or (Ac 17. 22-28)

(Yr. I) Ps 17, 1-5. 15. 17

2 Cor 4, 7-15 or (Eph 3, 1-13)

Lk. 10, 1-16 (English Missal Pg 814)

- *Other celebrations are not permitted. not even funeral Masses*
- *Second Vespers of Solemnity of St. Francis Xavier.*

DECEMBER 2020- SEASON OF ADVENT

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA & TRINCOMALEE:

- ♦ Death Anniversary of His Lordship the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Rajendram Anthony (2012).

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Feast of St. Francis Xavier's Major Seminary Columbuturai, Jaffna.
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04. Purple, Friday, 1st Week of Advent (Psalter wk. I) or White, St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial. Advent Preface I

RDGS Is 29, 17-24.

(Yr. I) Ps 26, 1. 4. 13-14.

Mt. 9, 27-31.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ♦ Advent prayer service (1st Friday of Advent).
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05. Purple, Saturday, 1st Week of Advent (Psalter wk. I)

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface I.

RDGS Is. 30, 19-21. 23-26.

(Yr. I) Ps 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6.

Mt 9, 35-10, 1. 5a. 6-8.

- *First Vespers of the Second Sunday of Advent.*
 - *Sunday Compline*
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06. Purple, SECOND SUNDAY, OF ADVENT (Psalter wk. II)

BIBLE SUNDAY

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, Creed, Adv. Preface I

RDGS Is 40, 1-5, 9-11.

(Yr: B) Ps 84, 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14.

2 Pt 3, 8-14.

Mk 1, 1-8.

DECEMBER 2020- SEASON OF ADVENT

- *The memorial of St. Nicholas, Bishop, is not celebrated this year.*
 - *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
 - *Second Vespers of the Second Sunday of Advent.*
 - *Sunday Compline.*
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07. White Monday, 2nd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. II)

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor, Memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial, Advent Preface I.

RDGS Is 35, 1-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 84, 9ab- 10. 11-12. 13-14.

Lk 5, 17-26.

- *First Vespers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*
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08. White, Tuesday, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity

L.H. of the solemnity - At middle Hour proper antiphons and suppl. psalms.

✠ **MASS** of the solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, Proper Preface of the solemnity.

RDGS Gen 3, 9-15. 20.

Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd- 4.

Eph 1, 3-6, 11-12.

Lk 1, 26-38.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted. In Dioceses where the solemnity is to be observed as a holyday of obligation, this restriction includes funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*
- *Sunday Compline.*

DECEMBER 2020- SEASON OF ADVENT

09. Purple, Wednesday, 2nd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. II)

Liturgy of the day.

or White. St. John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, Memorial.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial, Advent
Preface I.

RDGS Is 40, 25-31.

(Yr. I) Ps 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 & 10.

Mt 11, 28-30.

10. Purple, Thursday, 2nd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. II)

Liturgy of the day.

or White. Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial, Advent
Preface I.

RDGS Is. 41, 13-20.

(Yr. I) Ps 144, 1 & 9. 10-11. 12-13ab.

Mt 11, 11-15.

or (in the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto) From the Lectionary of the Saint.

RDGS Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10.

Ps. Lk. 1, 46-47. 48-49. 50-51. 52-53. 54-55.

Lk. 1, 26-38.

11. Purple, Friday, 2nd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. II)

Or White. St. Damasus I, Pope.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial, Advent
Preface I.

RDGS Is 48, 17-19.

(Yr. I) Ps 1, 1-2. 3. 4 & 6.

Mt 11, 16-19.

DECEMBER 2020- SEASON OF ADVENT

12. Purple, Saturday, 2nd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. II)
Or White, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial, Advent
Preface I.

RDGS Sir 48, 1-4. 9-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 79, 2ac & 3bc. 15-16. 18-19.

Mt 17, 10-13.

or (for the Mass of Our Lady Of Guadalupe)

From the lectionary of Saints

RDGS Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10c.

Ps. 1 Sam 2, 1. 4-8

Lk. 1, 39-47

- *First Vespers of the Third Sunday of Advent.*
- *Sunday Compline.*
- *Today at First Vespers and tomorrow (Gaudete Sunday), the organ and other musical instruments may be played.*

13. Purple, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Psalter wk. III)
or Rose, Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ **MASS** Mass of the Sunday, Creed, Advent Preface I.

RDGS Is 61, 1. 2a. 10-11.

(Yr: B) Ps Lk 1, 46-48. 49-50. 53-54.

1 Th 5, 16-24.

Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28.

- *The memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr is not celebrated this year.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses*
- *Second Vespers of the Third Sunday of Advent*
- *Sunday Compline.*

DECEMBER 2020- SEASON OF ADVENT

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ St. Lucia : Patroness of the City.
- ◆ Feast of St. Lucia's Cathedral - Kotahena.

14. White, Monday, 3rd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. III)

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor, Memorial

L.H. of the Memorial.

MASS of the Memorial, Advent Preface I.

RDGS Num. 24, 2-7. 15-17a.

(Yr. I) Ps 24, 4bc-5ab. 6 & 7bc. 8-9.

Mt 21, 23-27.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Holy Mass for deceased Bishops and Priests of the Diocese.

15. Purple, Tuesday, 3rd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface I.

RDGS Zeph 3, 1-2. 9-13.

(Yr. I) Ps 33, 2-3. 6-7. 17-19 & 23.

Mt 21, 28-32.

16. Purple, Wednesday, 3rd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface I.

RDGS Is 45, 6b-8. 18. 21b-25.

(Yr. I) Ps 84, 9b & 10. 11-12. 13-14.

Lk 7, 19-23.

ADVENT FROM 17 TO 24 DECEMBER

1. The weekdays of Advent from 17 to 24 December take precedence over the memorials of Saints, which may therefore be celebrated only in the particular form laid down by the liturgical books (IH 237-239; IM 355a, see in this Ordo, pp. xxiii n.10)

2. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate mass for various needs and occasions be celebrated (IM 374). Votive Masses and daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited (IM 381).
3. Liturgy of the Hours,
 - a) The Invitatory antiphon, the Hymns for the Office of Readings, for Lauds and for Vespers, are taken from those prescribed for the season;
 - b) Proper antiphons are assigned for the weekday psalms at Lauds and Vespers;
4. In the Eucharistic celebrations likewise proper readings are given for the days from 17 to 24 December, and these should be used instead of those indicated for the weekdays of the third or fourth week of Advent.

17. Purple, Thursday, 3rd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface II.

RDGS Gen 49, 1-2. 8-10.

Ps 71, 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17.

Mt 1, 1-17.

18. Purple, Friday, 3rd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface II.

RDGS Jer 23, 5-8.

Ps 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19.

Mt 1, 18-24.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese (1972).

DECEMBER 2020- SEASON OF ADVENT

19. Purple, Saturday, 3rd Week of Advent (Psalter wk. III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface II.

RDGS Jdg 13, 2-7. 24-25a.

Ps 70, 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17.

Lk 1, 5-25.

- *First Vespers of the fourth Sunday of Advent.*
- *Sunday Compline.*

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ♦ Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Anthony's Cathedral, Kandy.

20. Purple, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Psalter wk. IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ **MASS** Mass of the Sunday, Creed, Advent Preface II.

RDGS 2 Sam 7, 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16.

(Yr: B) Ps 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29.

Rom 16, 25-27.

Lk. 1, 26-38.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted. not even funeral Masses*
- *Second Vespers of the fourth Sunday of Advent.*
- *Sunday Compline*

21. Purple Monday, 4th Week of Advent (Psalter. wk. IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday. Advent Preface II.

RDGS Song 2, 8-14 or Zeph 3, 14-18a.

Ps 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21.

Lk 1, 39-45.

- *The memorial of St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor may be commemorated as set out of page xxvi, n. 10*

22. Purple Tuesday, 4th Week of Advent (Psalter. wk. IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday

MASS of the weekday Advent Preface II

RDGS 1 Sam 1, 24-28.

Ps 1 Sam 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd.

Lk 1, 46-56.

23. Purple, Wednesday 4th Week of Advent (Psalter wk. IV)

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday. Advent Preface II.

RDGS Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24.

Ps 24, 4-5ab. 8-9. 10 & 14.

Lk 1, 57-66.

- *The memorial of St. John of Kanty may be commemorated as set out on page xxvi, n. 10*
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24. Purple, Thursday, 4th Week of Advent (Psalter wk. IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MORN. MASS of the weekday. Advent Preface II.

RDGS 2 Sam 7, 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16.

Ps 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 & 29.

Lk 1, 67-79.

CHRISTMAS TIME

After the annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery, there is no more ancient feast day for the Church than the recalling of the memory of the Nativity of the Lord and of the mysteries of his first appearing. This is the purpose of Christmas Time (LY 32).

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD or CHRISTMAS,
SOLEMNITY WITH OCTAVE**

**24. White, Thursday, Evening. ON THE VIGIL,
MASS** PROPER TO THE VIGIL. *Gloria*, Creed, with proper Preface and inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Is 62, 1-5.
Ps 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27 & 29.
Ac 13, 16-17. 22-25.
Mt 1, 1-25. (or 18-25).

At Masses on the Vigil and of Christmas Day at the words of the Creed Et incarnatus. . . (and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate. . .) all kneel briefly (IM, 137).

- *First Vespers of the solemnity of Christmas.*
- *Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.*
- *In the Christmas night, it is appropriate that before the Mass a solemn vigil be celebrated by means of the Office of Reading (IH, 215, cf 98, 73).*
- *Compline is not recited by those who were present at the Vigil (IH, 215).*

25. White, Friday, CHRISTMAS DAY, Office proper.
L.H. of the Solemnity
MASS CHRISTMAS DAY, *Gloria*, Creed, with proper Preface and inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS

MASS AT MIDNIGHT,

- I Is 9, 1-6.
 Ps 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 11-12. 13.
 Tit 2, 11-14.
 Lk 2, 1-14.

MASS AT DAWN,

- II Is 62, 11-12.
 Ps 96, 1 & 6. 11-12.
 Tit 3, 4-7.
 Lk 2, 15-20.

MASS DURING THE DAY,

- III Is 52, 7-10.
 Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6.
 Hebr 1, 1-6.
 Jn 1, 1-18 (or 1-5. 9-14).

- *All priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses, provided that these are celebrated at their proper times (RM 25 Dec.).*
- *Whoever celebrates only one Mass, should choose the one corresponding to the time of day.*
- *A priest who celebrates three times may accept three Mass stipends (CCL, canon 951 § 1).*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of Christmas Day.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

26. Red, Saturday, ST. STEPHEN Protomartyr, feast

L.H. Feast-At Middle Hour antiphons of the season, and pss of Saturday week IV.

MASS Feast, *Gloria*, with proper Preface and inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Ac. 6, 8-10. 7, 54-59.

(Yr. I) Ps 30, 3cd-4. 6 & 8ab. 16bc & 17.

Mt 10, 17-22.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
 - *First Vespers of Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph, feast.*
 - *Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.*
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27. White, Sunday, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, Feast

L.H. Feast- at Middle Hours, antiphons of the season and pss of Sunday week. I.

✠ **MASS** of the feast, *Gloria*, Creed with proper Preface and inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Gen. 15, 1-6. 21, 1-3.

(Yr: B) Ps. 104, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9.

Hebr 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19.

Lk 2, 22-40. or (22. 39-40).

- *The feast of ST. JOHN, Apostles & Evangelist, is not celebrated this year.*
 - *Masses of the dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses, or those celebrated on the first anniversary of death (IM 381).*
 - *Second Vespers of the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.*
 - *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*
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28. Red, Monday, HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs Feast.

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Monday week I

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, with proper Preface and inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS 1 Jn 1-5; 2, 2.

(Yr. I) Ps 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7cd -8.

Mt 2, 13-18.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *Vespers as on Christmas Day, except for the proper texts given for 28 December from the short readings onwards.*
- *Sunday Compline.*

29. White, Tuesday, FIFTH DAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS.

L.H. Day within octave. Lauds as on Christmas day, except for the proper texts given for this day, from the short reading of the day onwards- At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Tuesday week. I.

MASS Proper, Gloria, with proper Preface and inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS 1 Jn 2, 3-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6.

Lk 2, 22-35.

- *The Memorial of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses, or those celebrated on the first anniversary of death (IM, 381)*
- *Vespers as on Christmas Day, except for the proper texts given for 29 December from the short readings onwards.*
- *Sunday Compline.*

DECEMBER 2020- SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

30. White, Wednesday, SIXTH DAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS.

L.H. Day within octave. Lauds as on Christmas day, except for the proper texts given for this day, from the short reading of the day onwards- At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Wednesday Week I.

MASS Proper, Gloria, It with proper Preface and inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS 1 Jn 2, 12-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 95, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10.

Lk 2, 36-40.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses, or those celebrated on the first anniversary of death (IM, 381)*
- *Vespers as on Christmas Day, except for the proper texts given for 30 December from the short readings onwards.*
- *Sunday Compline.*

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Canonical Installation of His Lordship Most. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Fernando as the Bishop of Mannar.

31. White, Thursday, SEVENTH DAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS. (Psalter week. I)

L.H. Day within octave. Lauds as on Christmas day, except for the proper texts given this day, from the short reading of the day onwards- At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Thursday.

MASS Proper, Gloria, with proper Preface and inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS 1 Jn 2, 18-21.

(Yr. I) Ps 95, 1-2. 11-12a. 12b-13.

Jn 1, 1-18.

- *The memorial of St. Silvester I, Pope may be commemorated, at the Office of readings and Lauds, as set out on page xxvi, n. 10.*
- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses, or those celebrated on the first anniversary of death (IM, 381)*
- *First Vespers of Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.*
- *Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.*

December 31 (Night)

ALL DIOCESES,

Thanksgiving Service and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in all the Parish Main Churches of the dioceses.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ During the week immediately following Epiphany every priest will celebrate a Mass for the members of the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies and other Benefactors of the Diocese.

‘This end of the civil year affords an opportunity for the faithful to reflect on the mystery of time’ which passes quickly and inexorably. Such should give rise to a dual feeling, of penance and sorrow for the lost occasions of grace; and of thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given during the past year. These sentiments have given rise to two pious exercises, prolonged exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and the singing of the Te Deum as an act of community praise and thanksgiving to God for the graces received from Him as the year draws to a close’ (directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 1261)

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Intention for evangelization

Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

01. *White*, Friday, Octave Day of Nativity of the Lord
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

L.H. Solemnity- Office pr.- At Middle Hour proper antiphons and supplementary ps.

MASS Solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, with preface of BVM I (... *et te in maternitate/on the Solemnity of the Motherhood...*) and inserts of Christmas for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Num 6, 22-27.

Ps 66, 2-3. 5. 6 & 8.

Gal 4, 4-7.

Lk 2, 16-21.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of Solemnity.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Hymn to the Holy Spirit to be sung before Holy Mass.

Weekdays of Christmas Time,

1. On weekdays of Christmas Time from 2 January onwards on which an optional memorial is observed, it is possible to choose either the Office and Mass of the weekday, or the Office and Mass of the Saint who is inscribed for that day in the calendar or in the Martyrology (IH,244;IM,355 b)

2. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for various needs and intentions or a votive Mass be celebrated (IM, 376). Daily Masses for the Dead are not permitted (IM 381).

3. In the weekday Office, the Invitatory antiphon, the Hymns for the Office of Readings, for Lauds and for Vespers, and the antiphon at the Middle Hours are taken from those prescribed for the season, before or after the Epiphany as the case may be.

02. White, Saturday, Weekday of Christmas Time (Psalter week 1)

SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Bishops & Doctors, *memorial*.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial. Christmas Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 2, 22-28.

(Yr. I) Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4.

Jn 1, 19-28.

On the Vigil, (Epiphany of the Lord) Mass Proper to the Vigil, Gloria, Creed, with proper preface and inserts of Epiphany of the Eucharistic Prayer.

- *First Vespers of The Epiphany.*
- *Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ **Tewatte New Year Feast - Feast of Blessings.**

03. White, SUNDAY, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,
solemnity. Office proper.

L.H. of the Solemnity.

- ✱ **MASS OF THE DAY PROPER, Gloria, Creed, with proper Preface and inserts of Epiphany for the Eucharistic Prayer**

RDGS Is 60, 1-6.

(Yr. B) Ps 71, 2. 7-8. 10-13.

Eph 3, 2-3a. 5-6.

Mt. 2, 1-12.

- *The Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus, is not celebrated this year.*
 - *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
 - *Second Vespers of the Epiphany.*
 - *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*
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04. White, Monday, after the Epiphany (Psalter week II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Weekday, Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 3, 22-4, 6.

(Yr. I) Ps 2, 7-8. 10-11.

Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25.

05. White, Tuesday after the Epiphany (Psalter week II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Weekday, Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 4, 7-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 71, 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8.

Mk 6, 34-44.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ♦ Anniversary of the Canonical Erection of the Diocese. (1939).
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06. White, Wednesday after the Epiphany (Psalter week II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Weekday, Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 4, 11-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 71, 1-2. 10-11. 12-13.

Mk 6, 45-52.

07. White, Thursday after the Epiphany (Psalter week II)

Liturgy of the day.

Or St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial, Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 4, 19-5, 4.

(Yr. I) Ps 71, 1-2. 14 & 15bc. 17.

Lk 4, 14-22a.

08. White, Friday after the Epiphany (Psalter week II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Weekday, Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 5, 5-13.

(Yr. I) Ps 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20.

Lk 5, 12-16.

09. White, Saturday, after the Epiphany (Psalter week II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 5, 14-21.

(Yr. I) Ps 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 & 6a & 9b.

Jn 3, 22-30.

- *First Vespers of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*
- *Sunday Compline.*

10. White, SUNDAY, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, feast

(Psalter week III)

L.H. of the Feast-At Middle Hour proper antiphon
and pss of Sunday,

✠ **MASS** of the Feast, *Gloria*, Creed with proper Pref-
ace of the feast.

RDGS Is 55, 1-11.

(Yr B.) Ps Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6.

1 Jn 5, 1-9.

Mk 1,7-11

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the Baptism of the Lord.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday*

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA,

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Norbert MAndradi OMI (2004)

The appropriate volume of the Liturgy of the Hours for Ordinary time is taken up

ORDINARY TIME

(Before Lent)

The weeks of Ordinary Time celebrate no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ. Instead, especially on the last Sundays, celebration is made of the mystery of Christ in all its fullness (LY 43).

In Votive Masses, and on Saturday Masses of Our Lady, vestments may be of the customary proper colour, or of the colour of the day of the season (IM347)

11. Green, Monday, 1st Week Ordinary Time (Psalter week I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi. n.10)

RDGS Hebr 1, 1-6.

(Yr. I) Ps 96, 1 & 2b. 6 & 7c.9.

Mk 1, 14-20.

12. Green, Tuesday, 1st Week Ordinary Time (Psalter week I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi. n.10)

RDGS Hebr 2, 5-12.

(Yr. I) Ps 8, 2a & 5. 6-7. 8-9.

Mk 1, 21b-28.

13. Green, Wednesday, 1st Week Ordinary Time (Psalter. wk. I)

Liturgy of the day

or *White St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor.*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi. n.10)

RDGS Hebr 2, 14-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9.

Mk 1, 29-39.

14. Green, Thursday, 1st Week Ordinary Time (Psalter week I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi. n.10)

RDGS Hebr 3, 7-14.

(Yr. I) Ps 94, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11.

Mk 1, 40-45.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ Feast of St Joseph Vaz at Mahagalgamuwa.

15. Green, Friday, 1st Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter week I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi. n.10)

RDGS Hebr 4, 1-5. 11.

(Yr. I) Ps 77, 3 & 4bc. 6c-7. 8.

Mk 2, 1-12.

- *First Vespers of the Solemnity of St. Joseph Vaz.*
(Common of the Pastors could be recommended)

16. White, Saturday, SAINT JOSEPH VAZ APOSTLE OF SRI LANKA, SOLEMNITY.

L.H Common of Pastors with Proper Concluding Prayer.

MASS Proper Opening Prayer, the rest is taken from the Common of Pastors, *Gloria, Creed, Preface* from the Pastors of the Church.

RDGS Is 52, 7-10.

Ps 96, 1-3. 6-8. 10.

Acts 20, 17-18. 28-32. 36.

Mk 16, 15-20.

- *Masses for the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the Solemnity of St. Joseph Vaz.* (Common of the Pastors could be recommended)

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph Vaz at every Parish of the Archdiocese of Colombo.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Feast of St. Joseph Vaz Shrine at Sillalai.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Feast of St. Joseph Vaz, Apostle of Sri Lanka. (It could be celebrated on the previous Sunday or Sunday following)

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Feast of St. Joseph Vaz at Madhukarai.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ◆ Feast of the Bishop's House Chapel, dedicated to St. Joseph Vaz.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ St. Joseph Vaz, Vedaththivu, Muthur.

17. Green, SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, Gloria, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time

RDGS 1 Sam 3, 3b-10, 19.

(Yr. B) Ps 39, 2 and 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10.

1 Cor 6, 13c-15a. 17-20.

Jn 1, 35-42.

- *The memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *From 18th-25th January is held the week of prayer for christian unity.*

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Feast of St. Joseph Vaz at Balleketuwa, Nammunukula.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of St. Joseph Vaz - Wattakkaliya.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Feast of St. Joseph Vaz Shrine, Ampitiya.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD

TODAY IS HOLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY - IN ALL DIOCESES

Let us awaken a missionary spirit in all the children to lead them to sharing of their faith, their gifts, their life and love with other children who are less privileged. Guide the HC Animators and the HC Members in the Parish to renew their missionary commitment on this day.

The Theme for Holy Childhood Sunday is.....

“Protect Children, the gift of God”

“සුරැකීම, දේව දායාදය වූ අපේ දරුවෝ”

“இறைக்கொடையாம் பிள்ளைகளைக் காத்திருவோம்”.

(Total collection of this Sunday to be submitted by the following Sunday to the Procurator or the Diocesan Director-PMS as the case may be for transmission to the International Solidarity Fund Via the National Office of the PMS).

The Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood founded in 1843 by Bishop Charles Forbin Jansen, provides for programmes for children up to the age of 14: orphanages, food programmes etc. May we pray for those who are generous to the mission and for those who will receive the benefits of their generosity.

18. Green, Monday, 2nd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi. n.10)

RDGS Hebr 5, 1-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 109, 1. 2. 3. 4.

Mk 2, 18-22.

19. Green, Tuesday, 2nd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi. n.10)

RDGS Hebr 6, 10-20.

(Yr. I) Ps 110, 1-2. 4-5. 9 & 10c.

Mk 2, 23-28.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA :

- ◆ Feast of St. Joseph Vaz, Vipulananthapuram, Thannamunai, Batticaloa.

20. Green, Wednesday, 2nd Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

Or Red, St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr,

Or Red, St. Sebastian, Martyr,

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS Hebr 7, 1-3. 15-17.
(Yr. I) Ps 109, 1. 2. 3. 4.
Mk 3, 1-6.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Feast of St. Sebastian's Cathedral, Mannar.

21. Red, Thursday, 2nd Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial- At Lauds, proper antiphons with pss of Sunday, week I.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Hebr 7, 25- 8, 6.

(Yr. I) Ps 39, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17.

Mk 3, 7-12.

- *At Vespers proper antiphons with pss of common of martyrs.*

22. Green, Friday, 2nd Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Or Red St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Hebr 8, 6-13.

(Yr. I) Ps 84, 8 & 10. 11-12. 13-14.

Mk 3, 13-19.

23. Green, Saturday 2nd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or: White or Green Saturday Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi. n.10)

RDGS Hebr 9, 2-3. 11-14.

(Yr. I) Ps 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9.

Mk 2, 20-21.

- *First Vespers of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

24. *Green*, **THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

(Psalter wk III) *Liturgy of the day.*

PRO - LIFE SUNDAY

"THE WORD OF GOD" SUNDAY

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS 1 Jona 3, 1-5. 10.

(Yr. B) Ps 24, 4a-5ab. 6 & 7bc. 8-9.

1 Cor 7, 29-31.

Mk 1, 14-20.

- *The memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ♦ *Feast of St. Sebastian's Shrine, Katuneriya.*

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ♦ *Feast of St. Sebastian, Cholankanda, Nawalapitiya - Diocesan Shrine.*

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ♦ *Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese of Mannar (1981).*

25. *White*, **Monday, THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, The Apostle, feast.**

L.H. of the Feast- At Middle Hour proper antiphons and pss of Monday week III.

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles

RDGS Acts 22, 3-16 or 9, 1-22.

Ps 116, 1. 2.

Mk 16, 15-18.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

26. White, Tuesday, 3rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops, memorial.

L.H. of the Memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

From the Lectionary of Saints

RDGS 2 Tim 1, 1-8 or Tit 1, 1-5.

(Yr. I) Ps 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10.

Lk 10, 1-9.

27. Green, Wednesday, 3rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
Liturgy of the day.

or: White St. Angel Merici, Virgin

L.H. of the weekday of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Hebr 10, 11-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 109, 1. 2. 3. 4.

Mk 4, 1-20.

28. White, Thursday, 3rd Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Hebr 10, 19-25.

(Yr. I) Ps 23, 1 -2. 3-4ab. 5-6.

Mk 4, 21-25.

29. Green, Friday, 3rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Hebr 10, 32-39.

(Yr. I) Ps 36, 3-4. 5-6. 23-34. 39-40.

Mk 4, 26-34.

30. Green, Saturday, 3rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

or: *White or Green Saturday Mass of Our Lady*

L.H. of the weekday of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Hebr 11, 1-2. 8-19.

(Yr. I) Ps Lk 1, 69-70. 71-72. 73-75.

Mk 4, 35-41.

- *First Vespers of the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Anniversary Celebration of the Erection of the Diocese of Mannar at Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs' Shrine, Thoddavely.

31. Green, FOURTH SUNDAY, OF ORDINARY TIME. (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Deut 18, 15-20.

(Yr. B) Ps 94, 1. 2. 6-7. 8-9.

1 Cor 7, 32-35.

Mk 1, 21b-28.

- *The memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal intention

Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and hooded.

01. Green, Monday, 4th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Hebr, 11, 32-40

(Yr. I) Ps. 30, 20-24

Mk. 5, 1-20.

- *First Vespers of the The Presentation of the Lord.*

02. White, Tuesday, THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, Feast.

L.H. The feast - At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss of Tuesday week IV.

✠ MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, with the proper Preface for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Mal 3, 1-4. or Hebr 2, 14-18.

Ps 23, 7. 8. 9. 10.

Lk 2, 22-40. (or 22-32).

- *On this day, the faithful go forth to meet the Lord as he comes, acclaiming Him as did Simeon, who recognised in Christ the "Light to enlighten the Gentiles".*
- *For the commemoration of the mystery of the day the Missal foresees the blessing of candles with a procession or with a solemn entry.*
- *The faithful should gather at a smaller church or other suitable place outside the church in which the procession will go. They hold in their hand unlit candles which they light at the beginning of the rite.*

- *At the blessing of candles and in the procession, the priest may wear a white chasuble or a white cope.*
 - *As the processsion enters the church, the entry antiphon is sung, after which, omitting the usual opening rites, the Gloria is sung immediately and the collect of the day follows. The Mass then continues in the usual way.*
 - *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*
 - *Second Vespers of the The Presentation of the Lord.*
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03. Green, Wednesday, 4th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

or Red St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.

or White St. Ansgar, Bishop,

L.H. of the weekday, or one of the memorials.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Hebr 12, 4-7. 11-15.

(Yr. I) Ps 102, 1-2. 13-14. 17-18a.

Mk 6, 1-6.

- *First Vespers of the Solemnity of our Lady of Lanka.*
- *Compline as on Sunday.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris (2001).
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04. White, Thursday, Our Lady of Lanka, Patroness of Sri Lanka, Solemnity.

L.H. of the Solemnity.

MASS Gloria, Creed, Preface of Solemnity.

RDGS Is. 43, 1-3. 5. 10-13.

Ps. 95, 1-3. 7-10.

Acts. 1, 12-13 - 2. 1-2. 4-8. 11.

Mt. 2, 1-2. 7-12.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses*
- *Second Vespers of the Solemnity of our Lady of Lanka.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ *Feast of Our Lady of Lanka, Tewatta.*
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05. Red, Friday, 4th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)
St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, memorial.
L.H. of the memorial
MASS of the memorial.
RDGS Hebr 13, 1-8.
(Yr. I) Ps 26, 1. 3. 5. 8b-9abc.
Mk 6, 14-29.

06. Red, Saturday, 4th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)
SS. Paul and Companions, Martyrs, memorial.
L.H. of the memorial.
MASS of the memorial.
RDGS Hebr 13, 15-17. 20-21.
(Yr. I) Ps 22. 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6.
Mk 6, 30-34.

- *First Vespers of the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time.*
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07. Green, 5TH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.
L.H. of the Sunday.
✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays
in Ordinary Time.
RDGS Job 7, 1-4. 6-7.
(Yr. B) Ps 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6.
1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23.
Mk 1, 29-39.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses*

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ♦ Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lunugala.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ♦ Feast of St. Sebastian's Church at Alawwa.
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08. Green, Monday, 5th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
or *White St. Jerome Emillan.*
or *White St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin.*

L.H. of the weekday, or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 1, 1-19.

(Yr. I) Ps 103, 1-2a. 5-6. 10 & 12. 24 & 35c.
Mk 6, 53-56.

09. Green, Tuesday, 5th week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 1, 20 -2, 4a.

(Yr. I) Ps. 8, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9.
Mk. 7, 1-13.

10. White, Wednesday, 5th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
St. Scholastica, Virgin, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Gen 2, 4b-9. 15-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 103, 1-2a. 27-28. 29bc-30.
Mk 7, 14-23.

11. Green, Thursday 5th week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I).

Liturgy of the day.

or *White, Our Lady of Lourdes*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 2, 18-25.

(Yr. I) Ps 127, 1-2.3.4-5.

Mk 7, 24-30.

Or (in the Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes)

From the lectionary of Saints,

Is 66, 10-14c.

Ps Jdt 13, 18bcde. 19.

Jn 2. 1-11.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination (2012)
Most Rev. Dr. Maxwell Granville Silva.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes,
Thumbalai, Point Pedro.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ 9th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of
Most. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Fernando (2012).
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12. Green, Friday 5th week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I).

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 3, 1-8.

(Yr. I) Ps 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7.

Mk 7, 31-37.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of His Lordship late Rt. Rev. Dr.
Gaston Robichez, S.J. (1946).

13. *Green*, Saturday, 5th week of Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.

or White or Green, Saturday Mass of Our Lady.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 3, 9-24.

(Yr. I) Ps 89, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 12-13.

Mk 8, 1-10.

• *First Vespers of the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

◆ Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Manthai - Mannar.

14. *Green*, SIXTH SUNDAY, OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk II)
Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Lev 13, 1-2. 44-46.

(Yr. B) Ps 31, 1-2. 5. 11

1 Cor 10, 31-11, 1.

Mk 1, 40-45.

• *The memorial of S,S Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, is not celebrated this year.*

• *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA,

◆ Feast of the Pilgrims at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Kalaoya.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

◆ Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Navatkudah, Batticaloa.

◆ Minor Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Aithiyamalai, Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Nattandiya.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ◆ Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kudagama.
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15. Green, Monday 6th week of Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 4, 1-15. 25.

(Yr. I) Ps 49, 1 & 8. 16bc-17. 20-21.

Mk 8, 11-13.

16. Green, Tuesday, 6th week of Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 6, 5-8; 7, 1-5. 10.

(Yr. I) Ps 28, 1a & 2. 3ac-4. 3b & 9b-10.

Mk 8, 14-21.

LENT

Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. The Liturgy prepares the catechumens for the celebration of the Paschal mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation, it also prepares the faithful, who recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter (LY 27).

The appropriate volume of the Liturgy of the Hours for Lent is taken up.

THE SEASON OF LENT

1. *The weekdays of Lent from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Palm Sunday take precedence over the memorials of Saints, which therefore may be celebrated only in the particular form laid down by the liturgical books. (IH. 237-239; IM. 355 a) (Pg. 06).*

2. *Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for various needs and occasions be celebrated (GIRM. 374).*

Votive Masses and daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited (IM. 381).

3. *The Alleluia is always omitted, both in the Liturgy of the Hours and in the celebration of the Eucharist.*

4. *The Te Deum and the Gloria in excelsis are said or sung on solemnities, on feasts and in particular celebrations.*

5. *In the weekday Office, the Invitatory antiphon, the Hymns for the Office of Readings, for Lauds and for Vespers, and the antiphon at the Middle Hour are taken from those prescribed for the Liturgical time.*

6. *It is not permitted to adorn the altar with flowers, and the organ and other instruments may only be played for the purpose of sustaining singing. An exception is made for Laetare Sunday (fourth Sunday of Lent), and for solemnities and feasts (CB. 252).*

7. For the celebration of marriages, the parish priest should alert spouses to the need to take account of the particular penitential character of this season (OM, 32).

Ash Wednesday is a day of penance for the whole Church of Roman Rite, to be marked by fasting and abstinence from the eating of meat (cf. pg. xxvii)

17. Purple, ASH WEDNESDAY (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. The week day-At Lauds the pss and canticles from Wednesday week III, may be used.

MASS The weekday, Lenten Preface IV.

RDGS Joel 2, 12-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 50, 3-4. 5- 6a. 12-13. 14 & 17.

2 Cor 5, 20 - 6, 2.

Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18.

- *The Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order is not celebrated this year.*
- *After the Gospel and the homily, the ashes are blessed and distributed. These ashes are of the branches of the olive tree, or according to custom, of the palm tree or other trees, which have been blessed the previous year. The usual Penitential Act is omitted from the beginning of Mass.*
- *The blessing and distribution of ashes may also take place even without the celebration of Mass. In this case it is opportune that the rite be preceded by a Liturgy of the Word, using the Entrance Antiphon, the Collect, the readings with their chants as at Mass. The ashes are blessed and distributed after the homily and the celebration concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

- ◆ Inauguration of Lenten Pilgrimages, Calvary Shrine, Alagollewa.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Calvary Shrine, St. Anne's Church, Hiniduma: Beginning of the 72nd Festive Season and Lenten Pilgrimage.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ Beginning of Lenten Pilgrimage at Calvary Shrine, Mawathagama.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ◆ Beginning of Lenten Pilgrimages to the Calvary at Kudagama and "Calvary Seven" at Thanjantherna, Balangoda.
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18. Purple, Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Deut 30, 15-20.

(Yr. I) Ps 1, 1-2. 3. 4 & 6.

Lk 9, 22-25.

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Elevation of the Apostolic Prefecture of Anuradhapura to the status of a Diocese (1982).
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19. Purple, Friday after Ash Wednesday (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Is. 58, 1-9a.

(Yr. I) Ps 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 18-19.

Mt 9. 14-15.

20. Purple, Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Is. 58, 9b-14.

(Yr. I) Ps 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6.

Lk 5, 27-32.

- *First Vespers of the First Sunday of Lent.*

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Beginning of Lenten Pilgrimage at Calvary Shrine Vavunikulam.

21. Purple, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of First Sunday of Lent.

RDGS Gen. 9, 8-15.

(Yr: B) Ps. 24, 4-5ab. 6 & 7bc. 8-9.

1 Pet. 3, 18-22.

Mk. 1, 12-15.

- *The memorial of St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor, is not celebrated this year.*
- *On this Sunday, using the appropriate ritual Mass formulary, is celebrated the rite of "election" or "enrollment of names" for the catechumens who will be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, in accordance with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (nn. 133-151).*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the First Sunday of Lent.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ♦ Announcement - Next Sunday Archdiocesan Lenten Fund Collection.

FEBRUARY 2021

22. White, Monday CHAIR OF ST. PETER, THE APOSTLE, Feast

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour antiphon of the season and ps of Monday Week I.

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles.

RDGS 1 Pt 5, 1-4.

Ps 22, 1-3a.3b-4.5.6.

Mt 16, 13-19.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
 - *Second Vespers of the Feast.*
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23. Purple, Tuesday 1st Week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Is 55, 10-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19.

Mt 6, 7-15.

- *The memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr, may be commemorated as set out on pp. xxvi-xxvii, n. 10*
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24. Purple, Wednesday 1st Week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Jona 3, 1-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18. 19.

Lk 11, 29-32.

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

- ◆ **Diocesan Day of Prayer for the Sick – Collection for the Priests' Welfare Fund.**

25. Purple, Thursday 1st Week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Est 4, 17n. 17p-17r. 17aa-17bb. 17gg-17hh.

(Yr. I) Ps 137, 1-2a. 2bcd-3. 7c-8.

Mt 7, 7-12.

26. Purple, Friday 1st Week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Ez 18, 21-28.

(Yr. I) Ps 129. 1-2. 3-4. 5-7a. 7bc-8.

Mt 5, 20-26.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Lenten Pilgrimage to Calvary & Holy Shroud Shrine at Ulhitiya, Mahiyangana.
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27. Purple, Saturday 1st week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Deut 26, 16-19.

(Yr. I) Ps 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8.

Mt. 5, 43-48.

- *First Vespers of the Second Sunday of Lent.*

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Pilgrimage & Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Kachchathivu.

28. Purple, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Second Sunday of Lent.

RDGS Gen. 22, 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18.

(Yr: B) Ps. 115, 10 & 15. 16-17. 18-19.

Rom 8, 31b-34.

Mk. 9, 2-10.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the Second Sunday of Lent.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Archdiocesan Lenten Fund Collection. (Collection on this day to be credited to the Procurator for the Archdiocesan Lenten Fund)

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of His Lordship Most. Rev. Dr. Anthony De Saram, (1982).

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
Intention for evangelisation:

Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

01. Purple, Monday, 2nd Week of Lent (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday. Lenten Preface.

RDGS Dan 9, 4b-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 78, 8. 9. 11. 13.

Lk 6, 36-38.

02. Purple, Tuesday, 2nd Week of Lent (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day

L.H. of the weekday

Mass of the weekday Lenten Preface

RDGS 1s 1, 10. 16-20

(Yr. I) Ps. 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 & 23

Mt. 23, 1-12

03. Purple, Wednesday, 2nd Week of Lent (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday. Lenten Preface.

RDGS Jer 18, 18-20.

(Yr. I) Ps 30, 5-6. 14. 15-16.

Mt 20, 17-28.

04. Purple, Thursday, 2nd Week of Lent (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday. Lenten Preface.

RDGS Jer 17, 5-10.
(Yr. I) Ps 1, 1-2. 3. 4 & 6.
Lk. 16, 19-31.

- *The memorial of St .Caslmtr, may be commemorated as set out on pp. xxvi-xxvii, n.10*
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05. Purple, Friday, 2nd Week of Lent (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday. Lenten Preface.

RDGS Gen 37, 3-4. 12-13a. 17b-28.

(Yr. I) Ps 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21.

Mt 21, 33-43. 45-46.

06. Purple, Saturday, 2nd Week of Lent (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Mic 7, 14-15. 18-20.

(Yr. I) Ps 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12.

LK 15, 1-3. 11-32.

- *First Vespers of the Third Sunday of Lent.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Archdiocesan Children's Day at Tewatta at 8.30 a.m.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Diocesan Pilgrimage and Way of the Cross at Calvary Shrine, Hingurana, Ampara.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Pilgrimage & Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Palathivu.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ Diocesan Penitential Day at Thambakanda.

07. *Purple*, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Third Sunday of Lent.

RDGS Ex 20, 1-17(or 20, 1-3. 7-8. 12-17)

(Yr: B) Ps. 18, 8. 9. 10. 11.

1 Cor 1, 22-25.

Jn 2, 13-25.

The following reading from year A may also be used;

Ex 17, 3-7

Ps 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9.

Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8.

Jn 4, 5-42. (or 4, 5-15. 19b-26. 39a. 40-42).

- *In this case the matching proper preface is used.*
- *The memorial of Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs, is not celebrated this year.*
- *On this Sunday is celebrated the first scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, in accordance with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (nn. 152-166).*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses*
- *Second Vespers of the Third Sunday of Lent*

08. *Purple*, Monday, 3rd Week of Lent (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday. Lenten Preface.

RDGS 2 Kgs 5, 1-15a.

(Yr: I) Ps 41, 2. 3 ; Ps. 42, 3. 4.

Lk 4, 24-30.

In order to promote Baptismal catechesis, it is permissible to take once more on the most suitable day within this week (provided it does not coincide with a solemnity or feast) the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman, assigned to the previous Sunday, instead of those of the weekday. Where this is done, the readings are as follows:

Ex. 17, 1-7.

Ps. 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9.

Jn. 4, 5-42.

The matching proper preface and communion antiphon of the preceding Sunday should also be used.

- *The memorial of St. John of God, Religious, may be commemorated as set out on pp. xxvi-xxvii, n.10.*
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09. Purple, Tuesday, 3rd Week of Lent (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday. Lenten Preface.

RDGS Dan 3, 25. 34-43.

(Yr. I) Ps 24, 4-5ab. 6 & 7bc. 8-9.

Mt 18, 21-35.

- *The memorial of St. Frances of Rome, Religious, may be commemorated, as set out on pp. xxvi-xxvii, n.10.*
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10. Purple, Wednesday, 3rd Week of Lent (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Deut 4, 1. 5-9.

(Yr. I) Ps 147, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20.

Mt 5, 17-19.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Komarasankulam Calvary Pada Yadra begins. At 5.00 a.m. Mass at St. Sebastian's Cathedral.

11. Purple, Thursday, 3rd Week of Lent (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Jer 7, 23-28.

(Yr. I) Ps 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9.

Lk 11, 14-23.

12. Purple, Friday, 3rd Week of Lent (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Hos 14, 2-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 80, 6c-8a. 8bc-9. 10-11ab. 14 & 17.

Mk 12, 28b-34.

- *Tomorrow we remember the anniversary of the election as Supreme Pontiff of Pope Francis (2013). In all Masses there should be an intention in the Prayer of the Faithful for the Pope.*

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ♦ Komarasankulam Calvary Pada Yadra ends with the Mass at Calvary.
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13. Purple, Saturday, 3rd Week of Lent (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Hos 6, 1-6.

(Yr. I) Ps 50, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab.

Lk 18, 9-14.

- *First Vespers of Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Pilgrimage & Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Katkadathivu.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ Lenten Prayer Service.
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14. Purple, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter wk IV)

or **Liturgy of the day.**

Rose L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Fourth Sunday of Lent.

RDGS 2 Chr. 36, 14-16. 19-23.

(Yr: B) Ps. 136, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6.

Eph. 2, 4-10.

Jn. 3, 14-21.

The following reading from year A may also be used;

1 Sam. 16. 1b. 6-7. 10-13a.

Ps. 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6.

Eph. 5, 8-14

Jn. 9, 1-41. (or 1, 6-9. 13-17. 34-38).

- *In this case the matching proper preface is used.*
- *On this Sunday is celebrated the second scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of the catechumens who are to be admitted to the sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, in accordance with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (nn. 167-173).*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses*
- *Second Vespers of the Fourth Sunday of Lent.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Annual Lenten Feast - St. Anne's National Shrine, Talawila.
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15. Purple, Monday, 4th Week of Lent (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Is 65, 17-21.
(Yr. I) Ps 29, 2 & 4. 5-6. 11-12a & 13b.
Jn 4, 43-54.

In order to promote Baptismal catechesis, it is permissible to take once more on the most suitable day within this week (provided it does not coincide with a solemnity or feast) the Gospel of the Man born Blind, assigned to the previous Sunday, instead of those of the weekday. Where this is done, the readings are as follows:

Mic. 7, 7-9.
Ps. 26, 1. 7-8a. 8b-9abc. 13-14.
Jn. 9, 1-41.

The matching proper preface of the preceding Sunday should also be used.

16. Purple Tuesday, 4th Week of Lent (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Ez 47, 1-9.12.

(Yr. I) Ps 45, 2-3.5-6.8-9ab.

Jn 5, 1-16.

17. Purple, Wednesday, 4th Week of Lent (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Is 49, 8-15.

(Yr. I) Ps 144, 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18.

Jn 5, 17-30.

- *The memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop, may be commemorated as set out of page xxvii, n. 10.*

18. **Purple, Thursday, 4th Week of Lent (Psalter wk IV)**

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Ex 32, 7-14.

(Yr. I) Ps 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23.

Jn 5, 31-47.

- *The memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor, may be commemorated as set out on pp. xxvi-xxvii, n. 10.*
- *White: First Vespers of St. Joseph.*
- *Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday*

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Elevation of the Apostolic Prefecture of Anuradhapura to the status of a Diocese (1982).

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera (2003).

19. **White, Friday, ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, solemnity.**

L. H. The solemnity - At Middle Hour proper antiphons and supplementary psalms.

MASS The solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of St. Joseph (. . . *et te in sollemnitate/ on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. . .*)

RDGS 2 Sam 7, 4-5a. 12-14a. 16.

Ps 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 & 29.

Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22.

Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24a or Lk 2, 41-51a.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted. In dioceses where the solemnity is to be observed as a holy day of obligation, this restriction includes funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B. V. M.*

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Olathoduvai Passion of Christ Shrine - Pada Yadra and Holy Mass.
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20. Purple, Saturday, 4th Week of Lent (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Jer 11, 18-20.

(Yr. I) Ps 7, 2-3. 9bc-10.11-12.

Jn 7, 40-53.

- *The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, if the Bishops' Conference so decides. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.*
- *First Vespers of Fifth Sunday of Lent.*

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Diocesan Pilgrimage and Way of the Cross at Calvary Shrine, Thandiyadi, Thirukovil.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ Diocesan Pilgrimage and Way of the Cross at Nachchikudah, China Bay.
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21. Purple, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✧ MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Fifth Sunday of Lent.

RDGS Jer 31, 31-34.

(Yr. B) Ps. 50, 3-4. 12-13. 14-15.

Heb. 5, 7-9.

Jn. 12, 20-33.

The following readings from year A may also be used:

Ez. 37, 12-14.

Ps. 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7a. 7bc-8.

Rom. 8, 8-11.

Jn. 11, 1-45. (or 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33b-45).

- *In this case the matching proper preface is used.*
- *On this Sunday is celebrated the third scrutiny in preparation for the Baptism of catechumens who will be admitted to the sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil, in accordance with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. (nn. 174-180)*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses*
- *Second Vespers of the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

22. Purple, Monday, 5th Week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS The weekday, Lenten Preface of the passion I.

RDGS Dan 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62

(Yr. I) (or 13, 41c-62)

Ps 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6.

Jn 8, 1-11.

In order to promote Baptismal catechesis, it is permissible to take once more on the most suitable day within this week (provided it does not coincide with a solemnity or feast) the Gospel of Lazarus, assigned to the previous Sunday, instead of those of the weekday. Where this is done, the readings are as follows:

2 Kgs. 4, 18b- 21. 32-37.

Ps. 16, 1. 6-7. 8 & 15

Jn. 11, 1-45.

The matching proper preface of the preceding Sunday should also be used.

23. Purple, Tuesday, 5th Week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion I.

RDG Num 21, 4-9.

(Yr. I) Ps 101, 2-3. 16-18. 19-21.

Jn 8, 21-30.

- *The memorial of St. Turibius de Mogrovejo, Bishop, may be commemorated as set out on pp. xxvi-xxvii, n. 10*
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24. Purple, Wednesday, 5th Week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday

Mass of the weekday, Preface of the Passion I

RDGS Dan 3, 14-20. 91-92. 95.

(Yr. I) Ps Dan 3, 52-56.

Jn 8, 31-42.

- *White - First Vespers of the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.*
 - *Compline of Sunday.*
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25. White, Thursday, THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, solemnity

L. H. of the Solemnity-At Middle Hour proper antiphons and supplementary psalms.

MASS of the solemnity, Gloria, Creed, Preface of the Annunciation.

RDGS Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10.

(Yr. I) Ps 39, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 11.

Heb 10, 4-10.

Lk 1, 26-38.

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- *At the words of the Creed Et incarnatus. (and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate. ..) all kneel briefly (IM 137).*
 - *Other celebrations are not permitted, with exception of funeral Masses.*
 - *Second Vespers of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.*
 - *Compline of Sunday.*
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26. Purple, Friday, 5th Week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday

Mass of the weekday, Preface of the Passion I

RDGS Jer 20, 10-13.

(Yr. I) Ps 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 5-6. 7.

Jn 10, 31-42.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ Main Pilgrimage Day at Calvary Shrine. Mawathagama.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Parappukadanthan Passion of Christ Shrine - Pada Yadra and Holy Mass
 - ◆ Feast at Calvary Komarasankulam.
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27. Purple, Saturday, 5th Week of Lent (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

Mass of the weekday, Preface of the Passion I.

RDGS Ez 37, 21-28.

(Yr. I) Ps Jer 31, 10.11-12ab.13.

Jn 11, 45-56.

- **Red** *First Vespers of Palm Sunday*

1. In Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his earthly life, from his messianic entry into Jerusalem, until his blessed Passion and glorious Resurrection. Lent continues until Holy Thursday.

With the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday begins the Paschal Triduum, which includes Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Holy Saturday, centres upon the Easter Vigil, and concludes with vespers on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection.

The Weekdays of this week are dedicated to the celebration of penance, abstaining from celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, since these have their proper place in the Easter Vigil.

2. The rites of Holy Week, that is to say, the blessing and procession of palms, the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, may be celebrated in all churches and chapels.

In churches other than parish churches, and in chapels, it is best that these rites be celebrated only if this can be done worthily - that is to say, with an appropriate number of ministers, with the possibility of singing at least some parts of the liturgy, and with a sufficiently large congregation of the faithful. Otherwise, it is best that these liturgies be celebrated only in parish churches and in other more important churches.

Pastors should take care to instruct the faithful on the meaning and structure of the rites enacted in these days, and so lead them to an active and fruitful participation.

28. Red, PALMSUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(Psalter wk II)

L.H. of the Sunday.

for the Procession of Palms

Mk. 11, 1-10 or Jn 12, 12-16.

✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Palm Sunday.

RDGS Is. 50, 4-7.

(Yr: B) Ps. 21, 8- 9. 17-18a. 19- 20. 23- 24.

Phil. 2, 6-11.

Mk. 14, 1-15, 47. or (Mk. 15, 1-39).

- *Other celebrations are not permitted. not even funeral Masses.*

PALMSUNDAY

1. Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord', a day on which the Church enters upon the mystery of the Death, Burial and Resurrection of her Lord, brings together the triumphal procession of Christ as King and the proclamation of His Passion. Both aspects of the Paschal mystery should be explained in the catechesis of the day.

2. The Lord's entry into Jerusalem is commemorated by means of a solemn procession. There should be only one such procession, to be celebrated before Mass on either the Saturday evening or on the Sunday itself.

The people should gather in a smaller church or in another suitable place outside the church to which the procession is directed. The faithful take part in the procession singing and waving branches of the palm tree or other trees in their hands. The priest and his ministers do the same.

The branches are blessed by the priest so that they may be carried in procession, but also so that they may be devoutly kept in the home so as to call to mind the victory of Christ as celebrated by today's procession.

3. To commemorate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem, apart from the procession, the Missal proposes a solemn entry to be enacted wherever it is not possible to hold a procession outside the church. This solemn entry is to take place before the main Mass, with the faculty of repeating it before another Mass which is habitually celebrated with a large gathering of the people. The Missal also proposes a simple entry, to be enacted at other Masses.

4. The vestments used today are red. In the procession the priest may wear either the cope or the chasuble.

5. After the procession or the solemn entry, the sign of the cross and the penitential rite or the sprinkling of the congregation with holy water are all omitted from the beginning of Mass. The Collect follows immediately. The Mass then proceeds in the usual way.

6. For the spiritual good of the faithful it is appropriate that the narrative of the Passion be read in its entirety, without however omitting the other readings which precede it. After the reading of the Passion, there should be a homily, even if only a brief one.

7. The narrative of the Lord's Passion is read without candles, incense, initial greeting or marking of the book with the sign of the cross. It is read by the deacon, or in his absence, by a priest. It may be read even by lay readers, the part of Christ being reserved if possible to the priest. Deacons, but not others, recite the prayer *Munda cor meum* (Almighty God, cleanse my heart. . .) and ask a blessing from the priest, as is usually done before the Gospel. At the end is said *Verbum Domini (The Gospel of the Lord)*, but the book is not kissed.

8. Where it is not possible to celebrate Mass, there should be a Liturgy of the Word about the Lord's messianic entry and his Passion, either on Saturday evening or at a suitable time on Sunday.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ♦ Calvary Shrine, St. Anne's Church Hiniduma, Major Pilgrimage Day. Blessing of Palms and Holy Eucharist at 7.00 a.m.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ♦ Diocesan Lenten Fund Collection, Kandy.

29. Purple, MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK (*Psalter. wk. II*)
Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion II.

RDGS Is. 42, 1-7.

(Yr. I) Ps. 26, 1. 2. 3. 13-14.

Jn. 12, 1-11.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

1. **The Chrism Mass**, which the Bishop celebrates with his presbyterium, and at which the oils are blessed, manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop, for at this Mass priests gather and concelebrate, coming from the different parts of the diocese, as witnesses at the consecration of the Chrism and as fellow workers of their bishop, in whose sacred ministry for the building up, sanctification and government of the people of God they participate. Thus is manifest in a clear way the unity of the priesthood and the sacrifice of Christ living on in the Church. The faithful, too, should regularly take part and receive the Eucharist at This Mass.

2. The newly blessed Oils should be borne with honour to the parish churches. The old Oils should be burned or poured into the Blessed Sacrament lamp. The reception of the sacred Oils may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper or at another suitable moment. The faithful should, however, be instructed on the use of the sacred Oils and their efficaciousness in the Christian life.

N. B. If there are notable difficulties which prevent clergy and people gathering with the Bishop on Maundy Thursday, it is permissible to anticipate the blessing of the Holy Oils on another day, on condition that the day chosen is close to Easter and that the proper Mass is used.

(where this is done, the **Readings are as follows**, (order of Blessing, of the Holy Oils. n. 10)

29. **White, CHRISM MASS**, with Gloria, Preface proper to this Mass
Readings for Holy Chrism Mass are:

Is. 61, 1-3a. 6a. 8b-9.

Ps. 88, 21- 22. 25 & 27.

Rev. 1, 5-8.

Lk. 4, 16-21.

HOLY CHRISM MASSES

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

◆ 10.30 a.m. at All Saint's Church, Borella.

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

◆ 5.00 p.m. St. Joseph's Cathedral, Anuradhapura.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ 5.00 p.m at St. Mary's Cathedral, Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ 10.30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Badulla.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ 10.30 a.m at Cathedral of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Chilaw.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ 10.30 a.m. at Queen of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Galle.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ 4.30 p.m at St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ 5.00 p.m, at St. Anthony's Cathedral, Kandy.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ St. Anne's Cathedral at 05.30 p.m.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ 5.00 p.m. at St. Sebastian's Cathedral, Mannar.
After the Mass, Holy Hour for the Priests at the
Bishop's House.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ◆ 10.00 a.m at St. Joseph Vaz's Chapel, Bishop's House
Avisawella.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ 5.30 p.m at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trincomalee.

30. Purple, TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion II.

RDGS Is 49, 1-6.

(Yr. I) Ps 70, 1-2. 3-4a. 5-6ab. 15ab & 17.

Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

31. Purple, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion II.

RDGS Is 50, 4-9a.

(Yr. I) Ps 68, 8-10. 21-22. 31 & 33-34.

Mt 26, 14-25.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
Universal intention:

Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

01. Purple, HOLY THURSDAY (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the weekday.- At the Office of Reading, ps. 68 may be recited with its antiphons (from Friday, week III)

Only the Chrism Mass and the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper may be celebrated today. Mass may not be celebrated without a congregation nor may funeral Masses be celebrated.

The sick may receive Communion at any hour of the day.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM.

Christ accomplished the work of redemption and the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal mystery, in which dying He destroyed our death and rising He restored our life. Hence the sacred Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection shines forth as the culmination of the whole liturgical year (LY 18).

1. By the celebration of the Easter Triduum, that is, of the Death, Burial and Resurrection of her Spouse, the Church means to make present and to fulfill the mystery of the Pasch, the passing over of the Lord from this world to the Father.

In accordance with the tradition of the early Church, the sacred Easter fast should be celebrated on Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and even, as suitable, extended to Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Lord's Resurrection may be arrived at, with alert and open mind (SC. 110).

2. The celebrations of the sacred Triduum should be held only where they may be enacted with dignity and decorum (see above, pp. 63. n. 2).

It is appropriate, therefore that small religious communities come together in more important churches, so as to foster participation of the faithful. Likewise the faithful from a number of lesser parishes in the care of a single priest should, if possible, gather in the main church of the area to take part in the sacred rites.

Where, however, two or more parishes are entrusted to the care of a single parish priest, each parish having a considerable congregation of faithful and the possibility of performing the celebrations with dignity and solemnity, the parish priest has the faculty to repeat the celebrations of the Easter Triduum, with due regard for other norms.

3. It is highly recommended that there be a celebration in common of the Office of Readings and of Lauds on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, so that the Christian community may meditate more efficaciously and more fully upon the Passion, in expectation of the proclamation of the Resurrection.

01. White, HOLY THURSDAY - MAUNDY THURSDAY
In the evening; MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER,
with proper formularies, *Gloria*, with proper Preface and proper inserts for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Ex. 12, 1-8. 11-14.

Ps. 115, 12-13. 15 et 16bc. 17-18.

1 Cor. 11, 23-26.

Jn 13, 1-15.

1. With this Mass, celebrated on the evening of Maundy Thursday, the Church inaugurates the sacred Easter Triduum, aimed at recalling that Last Supper, when the Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, loving those who were His own in the world until the very end, offered His Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine to God and under these symbols, gave them to His Apostles that they might consume them, and ordered them and their successors in the priesthood to offer them.

By means especially of the homily, attention should be focused upon the mysteries which are commemorated in this Mass, namely the Institution of the Eucharist and that of the priestly Order, together with the Lord's command of brotherly love.

2. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is to be celebrated in the evening, at the most appropriate hour, with the full participation of the whole local community. Priests who have already concelebrated at the Chrism Mass, or who are obliged to celebrate another Mass for the faithful, may also concelebrate at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

In accordance with a most ancient tradition of the Church the celebration of Mass without a congregation is prohibited today.

3. Where pastoral reasons urge it, the local Ordinary may permit another Mass to be celebrated in churches and chapels in the evening and even, in case of real need, in the morning, but in this latter case only for the sake of those faithful who cannot in any way take part at the evening Mass. Care should be taken lest any celebration of this kind be undertaken for the advantage of private individuals and lest it prejudice the evening Mass.

4. The Tabernacle should be empty. Hosts should be consecrated at this Mass for the communion of clergy and people today and tomorrow.

5. It is fitting that for the reservation of the Eucharist to serve for communion tomorrow, a chapel should be arranged in which prayer and meditation may be fostered, but it is also highly recommended that all be marked by that austerity which is appropriate to these days.

If the Blessed Sacrament is normally reserved in a chapel separate from the central nave of the church, the place of reposition and of adoration may suitably be set up there.

The Blessed Sacrament should be reserved, however, in a closed tabernacle, exposition in a monstrance being absolutely excluded. Nor should the tabernacle in any way have the appearance of a tomb, and the term tomb or sepulchre should be avoided, since the chapel of reservation is not intended to represent the Lord's tomb, but only to reserve the Blessed Sacrament for communion the next day.

6. While the Gloria (Glory to God in the highest. . .) is being sung, the bells are rung. From the end of this hymn the bells are then silent until the Easter Vigil, unless the Episcopal Conference or the Bishop of the diocese for appropriate reasons decide otherwise.

7. The washing of feet, which according to the tradition for this day is done for a select number of men, shows forth the service and the love of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. It is appropriate that this tradition be maintained and its true meaning be explained.

8. In the procession bearing the gifts it is fitting that there be included gifts destined for the poor, especially gifts which have been collected during Lent as the fruits of penance. While this happens the hymn *Ubi caritas* (Where charity and love. . .) is sung.

9. At the end of the prayer after communion, omitting the other concluding rites, the procession is formed which makes its way through the church with incense and candles, bearing the Eucharist to the chapel of reservation.

10. At the end of today's celebration, the altar is privately stripped and if possible all crosses remaining in the church be veiled, if they have not already been veiled by decision of the Episcopal Conference.

11. The faithful should be reminded to spend a suitable length of time during the night, according to circumstances of time and place, in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament reserved, in such a way however, that after midnight the adoration take place without external solemnity.

12. The procession and the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament should not take place in churches where it is not intended to celebrate the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

- Purple**
- *Vespers are not recited by those who take part in the evening Mass.*
 - *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*
 - *Good Friday of the Lord's Passion is a day of penance for the whole Church, to be marked by fasting and abstinence from meat. (cf. P. xxvii).*

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Nicholas Maria Laudadio, S. J (1969).

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Collection for the Seminarians.

**02. Red, GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.
Universal Day of Fasting, Abstinence and Penance.**

L. H. is celebrated with the special features indicated in the Proper of Time.

It is highly appropriate that the Office of Readings and Lauds be celebrated in solemn fashion with the people. (IH, 210)

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion, as in the Missal.

Part I Liturgy of Word

Part II Veneration of the Cross

Part III Reception of Communion

RDGS Is. 52, 13-53, 12.

Ps. 30, 2 & 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17 & 25.

Heb. 4, 14 -16; 5, 7-9.

Jn. 18, 1-19, 42.

- *The Memorial of St. Francis of Paola, Hermit, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Vespers are not recited by those who take part in the celebration of the Lord's Passion.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday*

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

1. On this day, when Christ our Paschal Lamb was sacrificed, the Church contemplates and adores the Cross of her Lord and Spouse, commemorating her own coming forth from the side of Christ as he slept on the Cross, and interceding for the salvation of all the world.

2. According to a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist on this day.

Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful solely during the celebration of the Lord's Passion. It may however, be borne at any time to the sick who are unable to take part in this liturgy.

3. There should be no celebration of the Sacraments today, with the exception of the Sacraments of Penance and of Anointing of the Sick. Funerals should be conducted without singing and without organ music or the ringing of bells.

4. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion is to take place in the afternoon, round about 3 p. m. If however, genuine pastoral reasons require it, the celebration may take place at a more suitable time, but not before noon and not after 9 p. m.

5. The whole liturgy should be conducted according to the prescriptions of the liturgical books. No one should introduce changes on his own initiative.

6. The altar should be bare and devoid of cloths, cross and candlesticks.

7. For the reading of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, see the notes given above for Palm Sunday. (Ch. pg. 65 No. 7).

8. The Cross which is shown to the people and proffered for adoration should be sizeable and of a certain beauty. The formula for the showing of the Cross and the People's response should be sung. For reasons of appropriate symbolism, there should be a single Cross for adoration but care should be taken that the individual faithful are able to adore the Cross, a feature of great importance in today's celebration. The rite by which the Cross is adored in silence by the whole congregation as a body should be used only if the faithful are present in very large numbers.

9. After the celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Blessed Sacrament should be carried back in a simple way to the place of reservation and kept there with the usual lamp burning. The altar should be stripped in private, leaving however the Cross and candlesticks. It is fitting that a place be arranged (as, for example, the chapel used for reposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the previous evening), suitable for prayer and meditation, and that the Cross be placed there to be adored by the faithful.

10. Of great significance are also the popular devotional exercises that are of pastoral importance, such as the Stations of the Cross,

processions of the Lord's Passion, the commemoration of the Sorrows of Our Lady. Their texts and sung parts should be in harmony with the liturgy, and should lead the people to true liturgical participation.

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

- ◆ Liturgical Service at the Calvary Shrine Alagollewa.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Collection for Minor Seminary, Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ 16th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Valence Mendis (2005).

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Calvary Shrine, St. Anne's Church Hiniduma: Way of the Cross followed by Solemn Liturgical Service at 2.00 p.m

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Good Friday Collection for the Seminary.

03. Purple HOLY SATURDAY

The Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated with the special features indicated in the Proper of Time.

It is highly appropriate that the Office of Readings and Lauds be celebrated in solemn fashion with the people (IH 210)

- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday. However, it is omitted by those who are present at the Easter Vigil.*

1. On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating upon his Passion, Death and Descent into Hell, awaiting, in prayer and fasting, His Resurrection.

2. If it is not possible to celebrate the Office of Readings and Lauds with the people's participation, there should be a celebration of the Word of God or some devotional exercise appropriate to today's mystery for her sharing in the Passion of her Son.

3. An image of Christ crucified or laid in the tomb may be set up in the church for the veneration of the faithful, or else a portrayal of his descent into Hell, which casts light upon the mystery commemorated by Holy Saturday, or else an image of Our Lady of Sorrows.

4. Today the Church abstains completely from the celebration of the Eucharist. Holy Communion may only be given in the form of Viaticum. There should be no celebration of Matrimony nor of the other Sacraments, except for Penance and the Anointing of the sick

5. The faithful should be instructed concerning the special character of the day. Festive practices linked to the former anticipated celebration of Easter on Holy Saturday should be restricted to Easter Night and Easter Sunday itself.

EASTER TIME

Fifty days from Easter Sunday of the Lord's resurrection until Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one single feast day as 'Great Sunday' (magna dominica). It is on these days in particular that the Alleluia is sung (LY 22).

Announcing the Easter Vigil

In announcements concerning the Easter Vigil the participation of the faithful should be promoted; care should be taken to present it not as the concluding period of Holy Saturday, but rather it should be stressed that the Easter Vigil is celebrated 'during Easter night and that it is one single act of worship. The faithful who are absent from their parish on vacation should be urged to participate in the liturgy of the place where they happen to be'.

Time of Celebration

'The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday' (Ceremonial of Bishops, 333). This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices which have crept in many places where the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses' (Paschale sollemnitatis, 78)

THE EASTER VIGIL

This is the night when the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the Resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian Initiation.

The Passover Vigil, in which the Hebrews kept watch for the Lord's passover which was to free them from slavery to Pharaoh, prefigured the true Pasch of Christ that was to come. For the Resurrection of Christ, in which he 'broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave', is the foundation of our faith and hope, and through Baptism and Confirmation we are inserted into the paschal mystery of Christ, dying, buried and raised with Him, and with Him we shall also reign.

The full meaning of this Vigil is a waiting for the coming of the Lord.

The Paschal Candle, for effective symbolism must be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size so that it may evoke the truth that Christ is the light of the World. The Paschal Candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After the Easter season, the Candle should be kept with honour in the baptistery and it should not otherwise be lit or placed in the sanctuary outside the Easter season.

Baptismal Promises.

The Sunday assembly commits us to an inner renewal of our baptismal promises, which are in a sense implicit in the recitation of the Creed and are an explicit part of the liturgy of the Easter Vigil and whenever Baptism is celebrated during Mass. In this context, the proclamation of the Word in the Sunday Eucharist celebration takes on the solemn tone found in the Old Testament at moments when the covenant was renewed, when the law was proclaimed and the community of Israel was called - like the people in the desert at the foot of Mount Sinai (see Ex 19,7- 8, 24,3-7) - to repeat its 'yes', renewing its decision to be faithful to God and to obey His commandments. In speaking His word, God awaits our response, a response which Christ has already made for us with His 'Amen' and which echoes in us through the Holy Spirit so that what we hear may involve us at the deepest level (Dies Domini, 41).

A Fifty-Day Celebration

The celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter season. The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated as one feast day, the 'Great Sunday'.

The Sundays of Easter have precedence over all Feasts of the Lord and over all Solemnities.

During Easter time, pastors should instruct the faithful on the meaning of the Church's precept concerning the reception of Holy Communion during this period (C/C, Can. 920). It is highly recommended that Communion be brought frequently to the sick also, especially during the Easter Octave.

The custom of blessing houses at Easter gives an opportunity for exercising a pastoral ministry. The pastor should go to each house for the purpose of undertaking a pastoral visitation. He will speak with each family and pray with them using texts from the Book of Blessings. In larger cities, consideration should be given to the gathering of several families for a common celebration of the blessing for all.

THE EASTER VIGIL

In accord with ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord.

St Augustine called it the 'Mother of all Vigils'. The Gospel of St Luke (12,35 ff.) reminds the faithful to have their lamps ready, awaiting their master's return, so that when He arrives He will find them wide awake and will seat them at His table.

THERE ARE FOUR PARTS TO THE RITE,

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

The new fire should be blessed outside the church, and its flames should be such that they genuinely dispel the darkness and light up the night. During the procession into the church there is no reason why to each response, 'Thanks be to God', there should not be added some acclamation in honour of Christ. All present should hold candles to which the light of the Paschal Candle is gradually passed. A cantor may sing the Exsultet, or Easter Proclamation, if no deacon or celebrant can do so. The Proclamation may be adopted by inserting acclamations from the people.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the Readings from Sacred Scripture, the Church, beginning with Moses and all the Prophets explains Christ's Paschal Mystery. This is the fundamental element of the Easter Vigil'. Consequently, wherever this is possible, all the readings should be read in order that the character of the Easter Vigil, which demands the time necessary, be respected at all costs. However for pastoral reasons, there should be at least three readings from the old Testament including the reading from Exodus ch. 14 with its canticle. It will be helpful to introduce the people to the meaning of each reading by means of a brief introduction, given by the priest himself or by a deacon. Each reading is followed by the singing of a psalm, for which melodies should be provided that foster the peoples' participation and devotion. Great care must be taken that trivial songs do not take the place of the psalms. The Resurrection of the Lord is proclaimed from the Gospel as the high point of the whole Liturgy of the Word. After the Gospel, a homily is to be given, no matter how brief.

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

In the baptismal liturgy, Christ's Resurrection and ours is celebrated. This is 'given full expression when the Christian initiation of adults is held or at least the Baptism of infants. Through the sprinkling with blessed water and the renewal of Baptismal vows, the faithful recall the Baptism they have received.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

MASS Proper. Gloria. No Creed. Preface, Easter I. Proper forms in Roman Canon. This most solemn and joyful celebration fulfils the Sunday obligation. Priests who celebrate or concelebrate the Mass at night may celebrate or concelebrate the second Mass of Easter Sunday.'

The celebration of the Eucharist is in the fullest sense the Easter Sacrament, that is to say, the commemoration of the sacrifice of the Cross and the presence of the Risen Christ, the completion of Christian initiation, and the foretaste of the eternal pasch. Great care must be taken that it is not celebrated in haste; all the rites and words must be given their full force. It is fitting that in the Communion of the Easter

Vigil full expression be given to the symbolism of the Eucharist, namely, by consuming the Eucharist under the species of both bread and wine.

**White, HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL MASS VIGIL
PROPER.**

Liturgy of Word

First Reading, Gen 1, 1-2; 2 or 1, 1. 26-31a
Ps. 103, 1-2. 5-6. 10 and 12. 13-14. 24. 35c
or Ps. 32, 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20 and 22

God saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very good. The understanding of Baptism as our new creation in the image of God makes this first reading appropriate on this night. This is a proclamation to the catechumens and the already baptised of God's creative work at all times.

Second Reading, Gen. 22, 1-18.
(or Gen. 22, 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18).
Ps. 15, 5. and 8. 9-10. 11.

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith. The Isaac story has been seen by Christians from the beginning as a type of Christ's sacrifice. The carrying of the wood represents the Cross, and his reprieve from death is seen as a kind of Resurrection.

Third Reading, Ex. 14, 15-15, 1. (**obligatory**)
Ps. Ex. 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18.

The Israelites went on dry ground right through the sea. This is the most important reading of the night. The crossing of the sea is the type of Christ's death and Resurrection, and of the Christians journey in Baptism through dying and rising with Christ.

Fourth Reading, Is. 54, 5-14.
Ps. 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11- 12a. & 13b.

With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. This passage in which Deutero-Isaiah speaks of the

return from exile, has several pictures. In the exodus God had taken Israel as a bride; in the exile He had rejected her, but only for a moment; in His compassion He brings her back. Christ's compassion for His Church is seen in His death and Resurrection. The new kingdom is rebuilt with precious stones, the Church shines forth in splendour.

Fifth Reading, Is. 55, 1-11
Ps. Is. 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6

Psalm from Isaiah 12,2-6 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant. The Easter Eucharist this night is a foretaste of the eschatological banquet to which all are invited, and to which all Lenten preparation has been directed. This is why God's word has gone out and has not returned empty.

Sixth Reading, Baruch. 3, 9-15. 32- 4, 4
Ps. 18, 8. 9. 10. 11

Psalm 18,8-11 Walk towards the shining of her light. The images of Egyptian captivity and Babylonian exile are used tonight to speak to us of alienation from God. We are called to return to Him from the land of our enemies to enter into the full life of the Church.

Seventh Reading, Ez. 36, 16-17a. 18-28
Ps. 41, 3. 5bcde 42, 3. 4

GLORIA (sung)

I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you.

Exile was a punishment for Israel's sin; return demands purification, new heart, new spirit. This is achieved for the Christian through Baptism, in which new birth and a new spirit is achieved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

Eighth Reading, Rom. 6, 3-11
Ps. 117, 1-2. 16ab and 17. 22-23

This reading prepares us for the celebration and renewal of baptismal vows. In union with Christ we imitate His death and rising. We go from death to life, from darkness to light, from captivity to freedom, from the old way of life to the new.

Solemn Easter Alleluia (Sung)

Ninth Reading, Mk. 16, 1-7.

**04. White, EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S
RESURRECTION Solemnity. with Octave**

L.H. Proper. The Office of Readings is omitted by those who have attended the Easter Vigil. If celebrated - Te Deum.

✠ **MASS** of the Day. Proper. Gloria. Sequence. Creed. Preface of Easter I In the Roman Canon, proper forms

RDGS Acts 10, 34a. 37-43.
Ps 117, 1-2. 16ab & 17. 22-23.
Col 3, 1-4 or 1 Cor 5, 6b-8.
Jn 20, 1-9 or Mk 16, 1-7.

*At an Evening Mass the Gospel may be
Lk 24, 13-35.*

- *The Memorial of St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor is not celebrated this year.*
- *Other Celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral masses*

1. The Mass of Easter Day should be celebrated with great solemnity. At this Mass, in place of the opening penitential rites, all are sprinkled with water blessed on Easter Night, to recall their baptism .

2. The Easter candle, should be placed near the ambo or near the altar, and kept there for the whole Easter season until the end of Pentecost Sunday. It should be lit for the more solemn liturgical celebrations, namely Mass, Lauds, and Vespers, during this time.

3. Where it is still the practice, the custom of celebrating baptismal Vespers on Easter Sunday should be diligently maintained and where it is not the practice, it should whenever possible be introduced. At this celebration of Vespers psalms are sung and there is a procession to the fountains (IH, 213).

Today and throughout the whole Octave, Sunday Compline (as after First or Second Vespers), with the antiphon *Haec dies*, instead of the short responsory.

Instead of the Angelus Prayer (The Angel of the Lord. . . .), for the whole Easter season the antiphon *Regina coeli* (*Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia*) is recited.

05. White, MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER.

L.H. of the weekday, within Easter octave.

MASS Proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Ac 2, 14. 22-33.

(Yr. I) Ps 15, 1-2a & 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11.
Mt 28, 8-15.

- *The memorial of St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ♦ Divine Mercy Feast Mass at the Shrine of Divine Mercy Sathurkondan at 3.00 p.m.
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06. White, TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER.

L.H. of the weekday, within Easter octave.

MASS Proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Ac 2, 36-41.
(Yr. I) Ps 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20 & 22.
Jn 20, 11-18.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted. with the exception of funeral Masses.*

07. White, WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER.

L.H. of the weekday within Easter octave.
MASS Proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.
RDGS Ac 3, 1-10.
(Yr. I) Ps 104, 1-2. 3. 4. 6-7. 8-9.
Lk 24, 13-35.

- *The memorial of St . John Baptist de Ia Salle,, Priest, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

08. White THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER.

L. H. of the weekday within Easter octave.
MASS Proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.
RDGS Ac. 3, 11-26.
(Yr. I) Ps. 8, 2a & 5. 6-7. 8-9.
Lk. 24, 35-48.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

09. White, FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER.

L.H. of the weekday within Easter octave.

MASS Proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Ac 4, 1-12.

(Yr. I) Ps 117, 1-2 & 4. 22-24. 25-27a.

Jn 21, 1-14.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Elmo N. J. Perera (2015).
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10. White SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER.

L.H. of the weekday within Easter octave.

MASS Proper, Gloria, optional sequence, no Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Ac 4, 13-21.

(Yr. I) Ps 117, 1 & 14-15. 16ab & 17-18. 19-21.

Mk 16, 9-15.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *First Vespers of the Second Sunday of Easter.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of His Grace the Late Archbishop Most. Rev. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando (2020).

11. *White*, **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR (of DIVINE MERCY).**

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, Gloria, optional sequence, Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Ac 4, 32-35.

(Yr: B) Ps 117, 2-4, 16ab & 17-18. 22-24.

1 Jn 5, 1-6.

Jn 20, 19-31.

- *The Memorial of St. Stanislas, Bishop & Martyr is not celebrated this year.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses*
- *Second Vespers of the Second Sunday of Easter.*
- *Compline of Sunday.*

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ♦ *Feast: Divine Mercy Shrine, Alles Garden, Trincomalee*

Throughout Easter Time particular attention should be paid to the mystical formation of the newly baptized. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, nn. 235-239)

The Easter Season

1. On a weekday of the Easter season, on which no obligatory memorial falls, it is possible to choose either the Office and Mass of the weekday, or the Office and Mass of the saint who is inscribed for that day in the calendar or in the Martyrology (IH 244; IM 355b)

2. Only when some genuine need or pastoral advantage requires it, may an appropriate Mass for various needs and intentions and votive Masses be celebrated (IM 376)

Daily Masses for the Dead are prohibited (IM 381)

3. In the Weekday Office, the Invitatory antiphon, the Hymns for the Office of Readings, for Lauds and for Vespers, and the antiphon at the Middle Hour are taken from those prescribed for the season.

4. To the antiphons is added "Alleluia" unless this is already present, or unless it does not well accord with the sense of the words.

12. White, Monday, 2nd Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 4, 23-31.

(Yr. I) Ps 2, 1-3. 4-6. 7-9.

Jn 3, 1-8.

13. White, Tuesday, 2nd Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or Red, St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr,

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the Easter weekday, or of the memorial, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 4, 32-37.

(Yr. I) Ps 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5.

Jn 3, 7b-15.

14. White, Wednesday, 2nd Week of Easter (Psalter. wk. II)

Liturgy of the day

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac. 5, 17-26.

(Yr. I) Ps. 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9.

Jn. 3, 16-21.

15. White, Thursday, 2nd Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 5, 27-33.

(Yr. I) Ps 33, 2 & 9. 17-18. 19-20.

Jn 3, 31-36.

16. White, Friday, 2nd Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 5, 34-42.

(Yr. I) Ps 26, 1. 4. 13-14.

Jn 6, 1-15.

17. White, Saturday, 2nd Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Easter weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 6, 1-7.

(Yr. I) Ps 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19.

Jn 6, 16-21.

• *First Vespers of the Third Sunday of Easter.*

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

♦ Death Anniversary of His Lordship the Late Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry Goonawardena OMI (2000).

18. White, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

NATIONAL SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SUNDAY

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 3, 13-15.17-19.

(Yr: B) Ps 4, 2. 4. 6b-7. 9.

1 Jn 2, 1-5a.

Lk 24, 35-48.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted , not even funeral Masses*

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Feast of St. Jude Shrine, Ariyalai, Jaffna.

19. White, Monday, 3rd Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 6, 8-15.

(Yr. I) Ps 118, 23-24. 26-27. 29. 30.

Jn 6, 22-29.

20. White, Tuesday, 3rd Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 7, 51 - 8, 1a.

(Yr. I) Ps 30, 3cd-4. 6ab & 7b-8a. 17 & 21ab.

Jn 6, 30-35.

21. White, Wednesday, 3rd Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

or White, St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor,

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the Easter weekday, or of the memorial, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 8, 1b-8.

(Yr. I) Ps 65, 1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a.

Jn 6, 35-40.

22. *White*, Thursday, 3rd Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 8, 26-40.

(Yr. I) Ps 65, 8-9. 16-17. 20.

Jn 6, 44-51.

23. *White*, Friday, 3rd Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

or *Red St. George, Martyr*

or *Red St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr,*

L. H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of the Easter weekday, or one of the memorials,
Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac. 9, 1-20.

(Yr. I) Ps. 116, 1. 2.

Jn. 6, 52-59.

24. *White*, Saturday, 3rd Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

or *Red St. Fdells of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the Easter weekday, or of the memorial,
Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 9, 31-42.

(Yr. I) Ps 115, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17

Jn 6, 60-69

• *First Vespers of the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

25. *White*, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

[World Day of Prayer for Vocations]

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 4, 8-12.

(Yr: B) Ps. 117, 1 & 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28 & 29.

1 Jn. 3, 1-2.

Jn. 10, 11-18.

- *On this Sunday special prayers are offered for priestly and religious vocations. This intention should be explained to the faithful in the homily and be the object of intercessions in the Prayer of the Faithful.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted. not even funeral Masses.*
- *The Feast of **St. Mark**, Evangelist, is not celebrated this year.*

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA :

- ♦ Death Anniversary of His Lordship, the Late Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Deogupillai. (2003)

Today's collection in all churches is to be deposited with the Procurator General for the two Major Seminaries.

26. *White*, Monday, 4th Week of Easter (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 11, 1-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 41, 2-3. 42, 3-4.

Jn. 10, 1-10.

27. *White*, Tuesday 4th Week of Easter (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 11, 19-26.

(Yr. I) Ps 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7.

Jn 10, 22-30.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA & TRINCOMALEE:

♦ Death Anniversary of His Lordship late Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Glennie, S.J (1993)

28. White, Wednesday, 4th Week of Easter (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

or Red, St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr,

or White, St. Louis M. Grignion de Montfort, Priest.

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of the Easter weekday, or one of the memorials,
Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 12, 24 -13, 5a.

(Yr. I) Ps 66, 2-3. 5. 6 & 8.

Jn 12, 44-50.

29. White, Thursday, 4th Week of Easter (Psalter. wk. IV)

St. Catharine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, Memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 13, 13-25.

(Yr. I) Ps 88, 2-3. 21-22. 25 & 27.

Jn 13, 16-20.

30. White, Friday, 4th Week of Easter (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

or White, St Plus V, Pope

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the Easter weekday, or of the memorial,
Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 13, 26-33.

(Yr. I) Ps 2, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11.

Jn 14, 1-6.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Universal intention**The world of finance**Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.*

MONTH OF MARY

'Since the month of May largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter, the pious exercises practised at this time could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery [cf. *John* 19, 25-27), and the Pentecost event [cf. *Acts* 1, 14) with which the Church begins, Our Lady journeys with the Church having shared in the novum of the Resurrection, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The fifty days are also a time for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation and of the mystagogy. The pious exercises connected with the month of May could easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.' *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.*

(*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, Principles and Guidelines, 191.*)

01. White, Saturday, 4th Week of Easter (*Psalter. wk. IV*)*Liturgy of the day**or White, St. Joseph, the Worker.***L.H.** of the weekday or of the memorial.**MASS** of the Easter weekday or of the memorial, Easter Preface.**RDGS** Ac 13, 44-52.**(Yr. I)** Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4.

Jn 14, 7-14.

OR **Or (In Mass of St. Joseph)***From the Lectionary of Saints,*

Gen. 1, 26-2, 3. or Col 3, 14-15. 17. 23-24.

Ps. 89, 2. 3-4. 12-13. 14 & 16.

Mt. 13, 54-58.

- *First Vespers of Fifth Sunday of Easter.*

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

- ◆ Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Worker, Patron Saint of the diocese.
 - ◆ Feast of the Cathedral, Amuradhapura.
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02. White, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 9, 26-31.

(Yr: B) Ps 21, 26b-27. 28-30ab. 30c-32.

1 Jn 3, 18-24.

Jn 15, 1-8.

- *The memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted. not even funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Holy Rosary, Periyapullumalai, Batticaloa.
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03. Red, Monday, SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES feast

L H of the feast. At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Monday week I.

MASS Feast *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles.

RDGS 1 Cor 15, 1-8.

(Yr. I) Ps 18, 2-3. 4-5.

Jn 14, 6-14.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

04. White, Tuesday, 5th Week of Easter (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 14, 19-28.

(Yr. I) Ps 144, 10-11. 12-13ab. 21.

Jn 14, 27-31a.

05. White, Wednesday, 5th Week of Easter (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 15, 1-6.

(Yr. I) Ps 121, 1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5.

Jn 15, 1-8.

06. White, Thursday, 5th Week of Easter (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 15, 7-21.

(Yr. I) Ps 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 10.

Jn 15, 9-11.

07. White, Friday, 5th Week of Easter (Psalter wk. I)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 15, 22-31.

(Yr. I) Ps 56, 8-9. 10-12.

Jn 15, 12-17.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ 38th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kingsley Swampillai (1983).

08. White, Saturday, 5th Week of Easter (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac. 16, 1-10.

(Yr. I) Ps. 99, 2. 3. 5.

Jn. 15, 18-21.

- *First Vespers of the Sixth Sunday of Easter.*

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Feast of St. Joseph Vaz Shrine - Southbar (place where St. Joseph Vaz landed).
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09. White, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✱ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 10, 25-26. 34-35. 44-48

(Yr: B) Ps. 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4

1 Jn. 4, 7-10

Jn. 15, 9-17

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
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10. White, Monday, 6th Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac. 16, 11-15.

(Yr. I) Ps. 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a & 9b.

Jn 15, 26 -16, 4a.

11. *White*, Tuesday, 6th Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac. 16, 22-34.

(Yr. I) Ps. 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 7c-8.

Jn 16, 5-11.

12. *White*, Wednesday, 6th Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or *Red SS Nereus and Achilleus*, Martyrs.

or *Red St. Pancras*, Martyr.

L. H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of the Easter weekday or one of the memorials, Easter Preface,

RDGS Ac. 17, 15. 22 - 18, 1.

(Yr. I) Ps. 148, 1-2. 11-12. 13. 14.

Jn. 16, 12-15.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

◆ Feast of the Shrine of St. Jude Thethativa, Batticaloa.

13. *White*, Thursday, 6th Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or *white*, Our Lady of Fatima.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the Easter weekday, or memorial, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 18, 1-8.

(Yr. I) Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4.

Jn 16, 16-20.

OR (in Mass of Our Lady of Fatima.)

From the Lectionary of Saints.

RDGS Is 61, 9-11.

Ps 44, 11-12. 14-15. 16-17.

Lk 11, 27-28.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Feast of Our Lady of Fatima's Shrine - Pandatharipu.

14. Red, Friday, ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE, feast.

L.H. of the feast. At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Friday week II.

MASS Proper *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles.

RDGS Ac 1, 15-17. 20-26.

(Yr. I) Ps 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8.

Jn 15, 9-17

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

15. White, Saturday, 6th Week of Easter (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Ascension Preface.

RDGS Ac 18, 23-28.

(Yr. I) Ps 46, 2-3. 8-9. 10.

Jn 16, 23b-28.

**ON THE VIGIL: ASCENSION OF THE LORD,
SOLEMNITY**

White, Mass proper to the vigil, *Gloria*, *Creed*, with proper preface and proper inserts of Ascension for the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Readings are those of the Mass of the Solemnity.

- *First Vespers of the Ascension.*
- *Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.*

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ♦ *Erection of the Diocese of Kurunegala. (1987)*

**16. White, SUNDAY, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD,
Solemnity. Liturgy of the day.**

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L.H. of the solemnity

- ✠ **MASS** OF THE DAY of the solemnity, Gloria, Creed, with proper preface and proper insert of Ascension for the Eucharistic prayer.

RDGS Acts. 1, 1-11.

(Yr: B) Ps. 46, 2. 3. 6-7. 8- 9.

Eph. 4, 1-13 or 4, 1-7. 11-13.

Mk. 16, 15-20.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the Ascension.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Inginiyagala, Ampara.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of late Bishop A. Paul Perera (1989).
- ◆ Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Padiwatte, Kundasale - Diocesan Marian Shrine.

**17. White, Monday, 7th Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)
Liturgy of the day.**

L.H. of the weekday

MASS of the Easter weekday Easter or Ascension
Preface.

RDGS Ac 19, 1-8.

(Yr. I) Ps 67, 2-3. 4-5ac. 6-7ab.

Jn 16, 29-33.

18. White, Tuesday, 7th Week of Easter (Psalter. wk. III)
or, Red, St. John I, Pope & Martyr.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS Easter weekday or of the memorial, Easter or Ascension Preface.

RDGS Ac. 20, 17-27.

(Yr. I) Ps. 67, 10-11. 20-21.

Jn. 17, 1-11a.

19. White, Wednesday, 7th Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday

MASS of the Easter weekday Easter or Preface.

RDGS Ac 20, 28-38.

(Yr. I) Ps 67, 29-30. 33-35a. 35bc & 36c.

Jn 17, 11b-19.

20. White, Thursday, 7th Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

or White. St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of the Easter weekday, or of the memorial, Easter or Ascension Preface.

RDGS Ac 22, 30; 23, 6-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 15, 1-2a & 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11.

Jn 17, 20-26.

21. White, Friday, 7th Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

or Red St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs.

or White, St. Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop.

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS Easter weekday or one of the memorials, Easter or Ascension Preface.

RDGS Ac 25, 13b-21.
(Yr. I) Ps 102, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20ab.
Jn 21, 15-19.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination (1983) of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Vianney Fernando, Bishop of Kandy.

22. White, Saturday, 7th Week of Easter (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

or White, St. Rita of Cascla, Religious.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS Easter weekday or of the memorial, Easter or Ascension Preface.

RDGS Ac 28, 16-20. 30-31.

(Yr. I) Ps 10, 4. 5 & 7.

Jn 21, 20-25.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, solemnity.

The fifty days of the sacred time of Easter conclude with Pentecost Sunday, when the Church recalls the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, the beginnings of the Church, and the start of her mission to all tongues and peoples and nations.

It is fitting that the Vigil Mass of the Pentecost be celebrated in a more ample form, using the readings and prayers to be found in the liturgical books. This Mass, however, unlike the Easter Vigil, does not have a baptismal character, but instead is a celebration of more intense prayer, after the example of the Apostles and the disciples, who together with Mary the Mother of Jesus were one in persevering prayer, as they awaited the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

- 22. Red, SATURDAY EVENING.-FOR THE VIGIL.**
MASS proper to the Vigil, Gloria, Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Pentecost for the Eucharistic Prayer.
RDGS Gen 11, 1-9; or Ex 19, 3-8a. 16-20b.
(Yr. I) or Ez 37, 1-14, or Joel 3, 1-5.
Ps 103, 1-2a. 24 & 35c. 27-28. 29bc-30.
Rm 8, 22-27.
Jn 7, 37-39.

In church where the Vigil Mass is celebrated in extended form, the following readings are proposed as options, followed after the Gloria and collect, by the reading from 8, 22-27.

1. Gen 11, 1-9.
Ps 32, 10-11. 12-13. 14. 15.
2. Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20b.
Ps Dan 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56.
or Ps 18, 8. 9. 10. 11.
3. Ez 37, 1-14.
Ps 106. 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9.
4. Joel 3, 1-5.
Ps 103, 1-2a. 24 & 35c. 27-28. 29bc-30.

- *First Vespers of Pentecost Sunday.*
- *Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.*

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Diocesan Pentecost Vigil at St. Martin's Seminary Ground.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ Pentecost Vigil Service

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- 23. Red, PENTECOST SUNDAY, Solemnity.**
L.H. of the solemnity.
✠ **MASS** PROPER OF THE DAY *Gloria*, sequence, Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Pentecost for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Ac. 2, 1-11.

(Yr: B) Ps. 103, 1ab & 24ac. 29bc-30. 31 & 34.
1 Cor. 12, 3b-7. 12-13. or Gal. 5, 16-25.
Jn. 20, 19-23. or Jn 15, 26-27; 16, 12-15.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses*
- *Second Vespers of Pentecost Sunday.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Pentecost Vigil Services at the Divine Mercy Shrine, Sathurukondan, Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Diocesan small Christian Community Day.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Anpnam Week Begins.

After Pentecost Sunday the paschal candle is kept with honour in the baptistery, so that from its flame the candles of the baptized may be lit during their baptism. At funerals the paschal candle should be placed near the bier, to signify that Christian death is a true Pasch.

Outside Easter Time the paschal candle should not be kept in the sanctuary nor should it be lit.

As from tomorrow the recitation of the Angelus (*the Angel of the Lord. . .*) resumes.

ORDINARY TIME after Easter Time

The weeks of Ordinary Time celebrate no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ, Instead especially on the last Sundays, the mystery of Christ in all its fullness is celebrated (LY 43).

Ordinary Time resumes from the 8th Week, The appropriate volume of the Liturgy of the Hours for Ordinary time is taken up, and at Mass the weekday lectionary is that of year I.

24. White, Monday 8th Week, Ordinary Time (*Psalter: wk. IV*)

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial. At office of Readings, Second Reading: from an address by Saint Pope Paul VI, at the end of the third period of the Second Vatican Council (21 November 1964: AAS 56 [1964] 1007-1018).

MASS of the memorial (in the Roman Missal, Votive Mass 10b).

RDGS Gen. 3, 9-15. 20 or Ac. 1, 12-14.
Ps. 86 (87), 1-2. 3 & 5. 6-7.
Jn. 19, 25-34.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ 13th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship, Joseph Ponniah, Bishop of Batticaloa. (2008)

25. Green, Tuesday, 8th Week, Ordinary Time (*Psalter: wk. IV*)

Liturgy of the day

or **White St, Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor.**

or **White St. Gregory VII, Pope.**

or **White St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin.**

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (xxvi, pg. 10)

RDGS Sir 35, 1-15.
(Yr. I) Ps 49, 5-6. 7-8. 14 & 23.
Mk 10, 28-31.

26. White, Wednesday, 8th Week of Ordinary Time (*Psalter. wk. IV*)

St. Phillip Neri Priest, memorial

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Sir 36, 1-2a. 5-6. 13-19.

(Yr. I) Ps 78, 8. 9. 11. 13.

Mk 10, 32-45.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

♦ Feast of the Shrine of St. Philip Neri, Chempianpatru.

27. Green, Thursday, 8th Week of Ordinary Time (*Psalter. wk. IV*)

Liturgy of the day

or White, St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (xxvi, pg. 10)

RDGS Sir 42, 15-26.

(Yr. I) Ps 32, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9.

Mk 10, 46-52.

(In Dioceses where the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest has been permitted, it is celebrated in this way.)

27. White, Thursday after Pentecost Sunday, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, feast.

L.H. of the feast. At middle Hour antiphons and pss of Thursday week IV.

MASS of the feast, Gloria, proper Preface.

RDGS Gen 22, 9-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 39, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10-11a-b. 17.

Mt 26, 36-42.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
 - *Second Vespers of the feast.*
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28. Green, Friday, 8th Week of Ordinary Time (Psalter. wk. IV)

Liturgy of the day

L.H. of the weekday

MASS of choice (xxvi, pg. 10)

RDGS Sir 44, 1. 9-13.

(Yr. I) Ps 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a & 9b.

Mk 11, 11-25.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ♦ Death Anniversary of His Lordship, the late Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B. (1982).
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29. Green Saturday 8th Week of Ordinary Time (Psalter. wk. IV)

Liturgy of the day

or White, St. Paul VI, Pope.

or White or Green, Mass of Our Lady.

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (xxvi, pg. 10)

RDGS Sir 51, 17-27.

(Yr. I) Ps 18, 8. 9. 10. 11.

Mk 11, 27-33.

OR (in Mass of St. Paul VI, Pope.)

From the Lectionary of Saints.

RDGS 1 Cor. 9, 16-19. 22-23.

Ps. 95(96), 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10.

Mt. 16, 13-19.

- *First Vespers of Holy Trinity.*
- *Sunday Compline.*
- *The Mass and Office are to be found at the end of the proper of Time in the liturgical books.*

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ♦ Diocesan Rosary Rally.

30. White SUNDAY; THE MOST HOLY TRINITY OR TRINITY SUNDAY, solemnity.

L.H. The solemnity. At Middle Hour proper antiphons, and psalms. of Sunday, Week I.

✠ **MASS** of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of the Solemnity.

RDGS Deut 4, 32-34. 39-40.

(Yr. A) Ps 32, 4-5. 6. 9. 18-19. 20 & 22.

Rom 8, 14-17.

Mt 28, 16-20.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of Trinity Sunday.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ *May Feast of St. Anne's Cathedral, Kurunegala.*

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ *Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Palaiyoottu, Trincomalee.*

31. White, Monday, 9th Week, Ordinary Time

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, feast

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Monday Week I.

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, Preface of the B.V.M

RDGS Zep 3, 14-18. or Rom 12, 9-16b.

(Yr. D) Ps Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6.

Lk 1, 39-56.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Intention for evangelization

The beauty of marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

01. *Red*, Tuesday 9th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
St. Justin. *Martyr, memorial*
L.H. of the memorial
MASS of the memorial
RDGS Tob 2, 9-14.
(Yr. I) Ps 111, 1-2. 7-8. 9.
Mk 12, 13-17.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

♦ Bishop's Day - Mass in the Cathedral with School Children.

02. *Green*, Wednesday, 9th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day
or *Red* Marcellinus and Peter, *Martyrs*,
L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.
MASS of choice (cf. p. xiii, n.10)
RDGS Tob 3, 1-11a, 16-17a.
(Yr. I) Ps 24, 2-3. 4-5ab. 6 & 7bc. 8-9.
Mk. 12, 18-27.

03. *Red*, Thursday, 9th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
SS. Charles Lwanga & Companions, *Martyrs, memorial*.
L.H. of the memorial.
MASS of the memorial.
RDGS Tob 6, 10-11. 7; 1. 9-17. 8, 4-9a.
(Yr. I) Ps 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5.
Mk 12, 28b-34.

04. *Green*, Friday, 9th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Tob 11, 5-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 145, 1-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10.

Mk 12, 35-37.

05. *Red*, Saturday, 9th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr, Memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Tob 12, 1, 5-15, 20.

(Yr. I) Ps Tob 13, 2cdef, 6fghi, 6klmn.

Mk 12, 38-44.

- *First Vespers of Corpus Christi.*
- *Sunday Compline.*
- *The Mass and Office proper are found at the end of the proper of time.*

06. *White*, 10th SUNDAY THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, (*CORPUS CHRISTI*) Solemnity.

L.H. of the Solemnity. At middle Hour proper antiphons and pss of Sunday, Week. I

✠ MASS of the Solemnity. *Gloria*, optional sequence, Creed with Preface of the Eucharist

RDGS Ex 24, 3-8.

(Yr: B) Ps 115, 12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18.

Hebr 9, 11-15.

Mk 14, 12-16, 22-26.

- *The memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*

- *Second Vespers of Corpus Christi.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ♦ Solemnity of Corpus Christi and Eucharistic Procession at St. Mary's Cathedral, Badulla.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ♦ Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and Eucharistic Procession at the Cathedral, Chilaw.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ♦ Queen of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, *Corpus Christi* Celebration with a Procession.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Solemn Eucharistic Procession in Jaffna Diocese.

07. Green, Monday, 10th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 2 Cor 1, 1-7.

(Yr. I) Ps 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9.

Mt 5, 1-12.

08. Green, Tuesday, 10th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 2 Cor 1, 18-22.

(Yr. I) Ps 118, 129-133. 135.

Mt 5, 13-16.

09. Green, Wednesday, 10th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or *White, St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor.*

L.H. of the weekday, or of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 2 Cor 3, 4-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 98, 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.

Mt 5, 17-19.

10. Green, Thursday, 10th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 2 Cor 3, 15 - 4, 1. 3-6.

(Yr. I) Ps 84, 9ab & 10. 11-12. 13-14.

Mt 5, 20-26.

- *White -First Vespers of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*
- *The Mass and Office are to be found at the end of the proper of Time in the liturgical book.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

◆ **Priests' Day of Sanctification.**

Holy Hour for the Priests of the City, at Sacred Heart Chapel, Archbishop's House at 7.30 p.m.

11. White, Friday THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, Solemnity

L.H. of the Solemnity, At Middle Hour proper antiphons and suppl. pss.

MASS of the solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, with Pref. of the solemnity.

RDGS Hos 11, 1. 3-4. 8c-9.

(Yr. I) Ps Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6.

Eph 3, 8-12. 14-19.

Jn 19, 31-37.

- *The memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle Martyr, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the Sacred Heart.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Anniversary of the the Diocese, Consecrated to Sacred Heart (1939)

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ **Feast of the Sacred Heart.**

Holy Hours to be organized at deanery level or by a group of deaneries.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Priests' day of Sanctification, Holy Hour at Deanery Level.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests.
- ◆ Holy Hour at Deanery level for the Priests of the Diocese.

12. White, Saturday, 10th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial, proper readings, with Preface of B.M.V

RDGS *From the lectionary of Saints*

(Yr. I) Is 61, 9-11.

Ps 1 Sam 2, 1.4-5. 6-7.8abcd

Lk 2, 41-51.

- *First Vespers of the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Feast of the Sacred Heart, Priests' Day of Sanctification, Holy Hour in all Parishes.

13. Green, 11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter.wk III)

Liturgy of the day

L.H of the Sunday

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Ezk 17, 22-24

(Yr: B) Ps 91, 2-3. 13-14. 15-16

2 Cor 5, 6-10

Mk 4, 26-34

- *The memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
Announcement

That next Sunday is **Pope's Day in all Dioceses – 20th June, 2021.**

The Theme for Pope's Day is

“Joyful Servant Leader”

“ சூரிமன் சேவகன்வலே நாடககலே ”

“மகிழ்ச்சியான ஊழியனும், தலைவனும்.”

Please remind the faithful to prepare this day's celebration meaningfully. Awaken them to pray for the Holy Father for his intentions and for the Church, The hoisting of the Papal Flag could be arranged before the Holy Mass.

[Papal Flags are available for purchase at the National Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies]

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Puliyanthievu.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Kele Palliya, Talawila.
- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Daluwa.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine at Kochchikade, Col. 13

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Church - Passaiyoor.
- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Church - Alambil.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Solemnity of St. Anthony, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Kandy.
- ◆ Annual Feast of St. Anthony's Cathedral, Kandy.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Thallady.

14. Green, Monday, 11th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS 2 Cor 6, 1-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4.

Mt 5, 38-42.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Priests' day of Sanctification - Holy hour at the Bishop's House Chapel, Batticaloa : 14th June from 6.30 p.m. to 15th 12.00 noon

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Winston Fernando S.S.S. (1997).

15. Green, Tuesday, 11th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS 2 Cor 8, 1-9.
(Yr. I) Ps 145, 1-2. 5-6ab. 6c-7. 8-9a.
Mt 5, 43-48.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

♦ Priests' Day of Sanctification.

16. Green, Wednesday, 11th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS 2 Cor 9, 6-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 111, 1-2. 3-4. 9.

Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

♦ Anniversary of the Nomination of His Eminence,
Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, as the Archbishop of Co-
lombo (2009).

17. Green, Thursday, 11th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS 2 Cor 11, 1-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 110, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8.

Mt 6, 7-15.

18. Green, Friday, 11th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS 2Cor 11, 18. 21b-30.

(Yr. I) Ps 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7.

Mt 6, 19-23.

19. Green, Saturday, 11th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
Liturgy of the day.

or *White, St. Romuald, Abbot.*

or *White, or Green Saturday Mass of Our Lady.*

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p.xvi, n. 10).

RDGS 2 Cor 12, 1-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 33, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13.

Mt 6, 24-34.

- *First Vespers of 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ♦ **Priests' Day of Santification:** Day of prayer for Priests/
Religious.

20. Green, 12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk IV)

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Job 38, 1. 8-11.

(Yr: B) Ps 106, 23-24. 25-26. 28-29. 30-31.

2 Cor 5, 14-17.

Mk 4, 35-41.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

TODAY IS POPE'S DAY – IN ALL DIOCESES

The Holy Mass could be offered for the Holy Father so that he may continue devoutly the mission of shepherding the flock.

"You are Peter and on this Rock I shall build my Church"

(This collection initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference, Sri Lanka, must be submitted immediately to the Procurator or the Diocesan Director PMS as the case may be, for transmission to Rome via National Office of the PMS).

The Theme for Pope's Day is ...

"Joyful Servant Leader"

" திருமீன் சேவகர்களின் நாசகங்கள் "

"மகிழ்ச்சியான ஊழியனும், தலைவனும்."

May we pray for those who are generous to the mission and for those who will receive the benefits of their generosity.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Kottapitiya.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine - Manipay.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Annual Feast of St. Anthony, National Shrine, Wahacotte.

21. White, Monday 12th week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Gen 12, 1-9.

(Yr. I) Ps 32, 12-13. 18-19. 20 & 22.

Mt 7, 1-5.

22. Green, Tuesday 12th week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)
or White, St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop &
or Red, SS. John Fisher, Bishop
Thomas More, Martyrs.

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDG Gen 13, 2. 5-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5.

Mt 7, 6. 12-14.

23. Green Wednesday, 12th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS Gen 15, 1-12. 17-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9.

Mt 7, 15-20.

23. White, Wednesday, VIGIL MASS

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST,
solemnity.

Gloria, Creed, with Preface of St. John the Baptist..

RDGS Jer1, 4-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 70, 1-2. 3-4a. 5-6ab.15ab and 17.

1 Pt 1, 8-12.

Lk 1, 5-17.

- *First Vespers of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.*
- *Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination
Most. Rev. Dr. J. D. Anthony. (2018).

24. White, Thursday THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, solemnity.

L.H. of the solemnity At Middle Hour proper antiphons and Supplementary psalms.

✠ **MASS** of the day, Gloria, Creed, with Preface of St. John the Baptist.

RDGS Is 49, 1-6.

(Yr. I) Ps 138, 1-3. 13-14ab. 14c-15.

Ac 13, 22-26.

Lk 1, 57-66. 80.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

- *Second Vespers of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

25. **Green, Friday 12th week of Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 17, 1. 9-10. 15-22.

(Yr. I) Ps 127, 1-5.

Mt 8, 1-4.

26. **Green, Saturday 12th week Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

or *White or Green Saturday Mass of Our Lady.*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 18, 1-15.

(Yr. I) Lk 1, 46-47. 48-49. 50 & 53. 54-55.

Mt 8, 5-17.

- *First Vespers of the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

27. **Green, 13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Wis 1, 13-15. 2, 23-24.

(Yr. B) Ps 29, 2 & 4. 5-6. 11-12a & 13b.

2 Cor 8, 7. 9. 13-15

Mk 5, 21-43 (or 21-24. 35b-43)

- *The Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor is not celebrated this year.*

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ♦ **Corpus Chrissti Celebration** in the City of Colombo 3.30 p.m. at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena. (All the Fathers and the Religious in the Colombo area are kindly requested to participate).

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ♦ **Feast of St. Anthony** at Hiripitiya.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ♦ **Anniversary of the dedication of Ss. Peter & Paul's Cathedral, Ratnapura (1996)**

28. Red, Monday, 13th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr, memorial

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Gen 18, 16-33.

(Yr. I) Ps 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8-9. 10-11.

Mt 8, 18-22.

28. Red, Monday, VIGIL MASS

SS. PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES, solemnity.

Gloria, Creed, with Preface of the solemnity SS. Peter & Paul.

RDGS Act 3, 1-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 18, 2-3. 4-5.

Gal 1, 11-20.

Jn 21, 15-19.

- *First Vespers of the solemnity SS. Peter & Paul.*
- *Sunday Compline.*

**29. Red, Tuesday, SS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES
solemnity.**

L.H. The solemnity-At Middle Hour proper antiphons,
and supplementary pss.

✠ **MASS** of the Solemnity, Gloria, Creed, with Preface
of the solemnity.

RDGS Ac 12, 1-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9.

2 Tim 4, 6-8. 17-18.

Mt 16, 13-19.

- *Second Vespers of the of the solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul Apostles.*
- *Sunday Compline.*
- *Other Celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

- ◆ Day of Recollection and Prayer for Priests' Sanctification.

**30. Green, Wednesday, 13th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.**

or **Red, First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church.**

L.H. of the weekday, or of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 21, 5. 8-20.

(Yr. I) Ps 33, 7. 8-9. 10-11. 12-13.

Mt 8, 28-34.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal intention:

Social friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

01. *Green*, Thursday, 13th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 22, 1-19.

Ps 114, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9.

Mt 9, 1-8.

02. *Green* Friday, 13th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 23, 1-4. 19; 24, 1-8. 62-67.

(Yr. I) Ps 105, 1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5.

Mt 9, 9-13.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

♦ Feast of Our Lady of Madhu.

03. *Red*, Saturday, ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE *feast*

L.H. of the feast. At Middle Hour antiphons and pss of Saturday, Week I.

MASS of the feast - *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles.

RDGS Eph 2, 19-22.

(Yr. I) Ps 116, 1. 2.

Jn 20, 24-29.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *First Vespers of the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ 9th Anniversary of the Creation of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ Patronal Feast of St. Joseph Vaz Minor Seminary.
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04. Green, 14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Ez 2, 2-5.

(Yr: B) Ps 122, 1-2a. 2bcd. 3-4.

2 Cor 12, 7-10.

Mk 6, 1-6.

- *The memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Evening - Beginning of the Annual Retreat.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of Wannu Madhu Shrine, Angunawila.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ◆ Annual Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul's Cathedral, Ratnapura.
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05. Green, Monday, 14th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or *White* St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Gen 28, 10-22a.

(Yr: I) Ps 90, 1-2. 3-4. 14-15ab.

Mt 9, 18-26.

06. Green, Tuesday, 14th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or *Red, St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr.*

L.H. of the weekday, or of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS Gen 32, 23-33.

(Yr. I) Ps 16, 1. 2-3. 6-7. 8 & 15

Mt 9, 32-38.

07. Green, Wednesday, 14th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n. 10)

RDGS Gen 41, 55-57; 42, 5-7a. 17-24a.

(Yr. I) Ps 32, 2-3. 10-11. 18-19.

Mt 10, 1-7.

08. Green, Thursday, 14th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n. 10)

RDGS Gen 44, 18-21. 23b-29. 45, 1-5.

(Yr. I) Ps 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21.

Mt 10, 7-15.

09. Green, Friday, 14th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or *Red SS. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs.*

L.H. The weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n. 10)

RDGS Gen 46, 1-7. 28-30.

(Yr. I) Ps 36, 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40.

Mt 10, 16-23.

10. Green, Saturday, 14th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)
Liturgy of the day.

or White or Green, Saturday Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi n.10)

RDGS Gen 49, 29-32. 50, 15-26a.

(Yr. I) Ps 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7.

Mt 10, 24-33.

- *First Vespers of the 15th Sunday Ordinary Time*

11. Green, 15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ⊗ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Am 7,12-15

(Yr. B) Ps 84, 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14

Eph 1, 3-14 (or 1, 3-10)

Mk 6, 7-13

- *The memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Pallekandal.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Annual Feast: The Shrine of Christ the Healer, Weligama.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ 12th Anniversary of the Canonical Installation of His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera (2009) as the Bishop of Kurunegala.
- ◆ Feast of our Lady of Madu at Moroththa.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Most Rt. Rev. Dr. Cletus C. Perera O.S.B., Bishop of Ratnapura. (2007).

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of His Lordship the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Charles Lavigne, S.J. (1913).
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12. Green, Monday, 15th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p.xvi, n.10).

RDGS Ex 1, 8-14. 22.

(Yr. I) Ps 123, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8.

Mt 10, 34 -11, 1.

13. Green, Tuesday, 15th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

or *White St. Henry, Bishop & Doctor, memorial.*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS Ex 2, 1-15a.

(Yr. I) Ps 68, 3. 14. 30-31. 33-34.

Mt 11, 20-24.

14. Green, Wednesday, 15th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III).

Liturgy of the day

or *White, St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Ex 3, 1-6. 9-12.

(Yr. I) Ps 102, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7.

Mt 11, 25-27.

15. White, Thursday, 15th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III).
St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Ex 3, 13-20.

(Yr. I) Ps 104, 1 & 5. 8-9. 24-25. 26-27.

Mt 11, 28-30.

16. Green, Friday, 15th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III).

Liturgy of the day.

or White, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Ex 11, 10-12, 14.

(Yr. I) Ps 115, 12-13. 15 & 16bc. 17-18.

Mt 12, 1-8.

or (in the Mass of the B. V. M.)

From the lectionary of Saints

Zec 2, 14-17.

Ps Lk 1, 46-47. 48-49. 50-51. 52-53. 54-55.

Mt 12, 46-50.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of His Lordship the late Bishop
Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund J. Fernando, OMI (2004).
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17. Green, Saturday, 15th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III).

Liturgy of the day.

or White or Green, Saturday Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi n.10)

RDGS Ex 12, 37-42.

(Yr. I) Ps 135, 1. 23. 24. 10 -15.

Mt 12, 14-21.

- *First Vespers of the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Grace Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Oswald Gomis (1968).

18. Green, 16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday

MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

- ✠ **RDGS** Jer 23, 1-6.
(Yr: B) Ps 22, 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6.
Eph 2, 13-18.
Mk 6, 30-34.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anne's Shrine, Welimada.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of the Cathedral of Mount Carmel, Chilaw.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
Announcement

That, next Sunday is **Indigenous Clergy / Religious Sunday in all Dioceses 25th July, 2021.**

Please inspire and educate the faithful on the value of this day and prepare them to be generous with their contributions which will be used for the education and formation of native Priests and Religious who serve them.

The Theme for Indigenous Clergy / Religious Sunday is.....

“You are my Chosen Servant”

“*මාගේ තෝරා ගත් සේවකයා, ඔබයි.*”

“நான் தேர்ந்துகொண்ட ஊழியன் நீயே”

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- 19. Green, Monday, 16th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV).**
Liturgy of the day.
L.H. of the weekday.
MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS Ex 14, 5-18.
(Yr. I) Ps. Ex 15, 1bc-2. 3-4. 5-6.
Mt 12, 38-42.
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- 20. Green, Tuesday, 16th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV).**
Liturgy of the day.
or Red St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr.
L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.
MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS Ex 14, 21-15, 1a.
(Yr. I) Ps. Ex 15, 8-9. 10 & 12. 17.
Mt 12, 46-50.
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- 21. Green Wednesday, 16th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)**
Liturgy of the day.
or White, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor,
L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.
MASS of choice (cf. p.xvi, n.10)
RDGS Ex 16, 1-5. 9-15.
(Yr. I) Ps 77, 18-19. 23-24. 25-26. 27-28.
Mt 13, 1-9.
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- 22. White, Thursday, 16th Week Ordinary Time.**
St. Mary Magdalene, Feast
L.H. of the Feast. At office of readings, first reading from Roman 12, 1-21. At Lauds, proper Antiphons with Pss of Sunday Week I. At middle hour antiphons and pss of Thursday week IV, short reading and verse from Common of Saints.

MASS of the Feast, Gloria, Eucharistic prayer with Preface proper to this Feast. (cf. Decree of Congregation for Divine Worship, 3 June 2016).

RDGS Song 3, 1-4a or 2 Cor 5, 14-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 62, 2abc. 2d-4. 5-6. 8-9.

Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
 - *At Vespers proper antiphons with pss. of the Common of Saints.*
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23. Green, Friday, 16th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

or White, St. Bridget of Sweden, Religious

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p.xvi, n.10)

RDGS Ex 20, 1-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 18, 8. 9. 10. 11.

Mt 13, 18-23.

24. Green Saturday, 16th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV).

Liturgy of the day.

or White St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest.

or White, or Green Mass of Our Lady.

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Ex 24, 3-8.

(Yr. I) Ps 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15.

Mt 13, 24-30.

- *First Vespers of the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

25. *Green*, 17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk 1)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday

✱ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS 2 Kgs 4, 42-44.

(Yr: B) Ps 144, 10-11. 15-16. 17-18.

Eph 4, 1-6.

Jn 6, 1-15.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *The feast of St. James, apostle, is not celebrated this year.*

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
TODAY IS INDIGENOUS CLERGY / RELIGIOUS SUNDAY –
IN ALL DIOCESES

Let us pray and offer sacrifices for more Priestly & Religious vocations. The Holy Mass could be offered for Priests and Religious.

The Theme for Indigenous Clergy / Religious Sunday is....

“You are my Chosen Servant”

“ மானே தோர் னை சேவகன, இவச. ”

“நான் தேர்ந்துகொண்ட ஊழியன் நீயே”

(Total collection of this Sunday to be submitted by the following Sunday to the Procurator or the

Diocesan Director – PMS as the case may be for transmission to the International Solidarity Fund via National Office of the PMS).

The Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle, founded in 1843 by Jeanne Bigard, provides for the education of native Clergy, support of canonical-year Novices, post graduate study for native diocesan Clergy and native Religious Women. May we pray for those who are generous to the Mission and for those who will receive the benefits of their generosity.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

♦ Feast of St. Anne's Cathedral, Kurunegala.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ 6th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Christian Noel Emmanuel (2015).

26. White, Monday, 17th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I).
SS Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

L.H. of the memorial

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Ex 32, 15-24. 30-34.

(Yr. I) Ps. 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23.

Mt 13, 31-35.

27. Green, Tuesday 17th Week Ordinary time (Psalter wk I).
Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Ex 33, 7-11; 34, 5b-9. 28.

(Yr. I) Ps 102, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. 12-13.

Mt 13, 36-43.

28. Green, Wednesday 17th Week Ordinary time (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Ex 34, 29-35.

(Yr. I) Ps 98, 5. 6. 7. 9.

Mt 13, 44-46.

29. White, Thursday, 17th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I).
St. Martha, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial

MASS of the memorial, proper readings .

from the lectionary of Saints,

RDGS 1 Jn 4, 7-16.

(Yr. I) Ps 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11.
Jn 11, 19-27. or Lk 10, 38-42.

30. Green, Friday, 17th Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.

or White St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor,
memorial.

L.H. of the weekday of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Lev 23, 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34b-37.

(Yr. I) Ps 80, 3. 4. 5-6ab. 10-11ab.
Mt 13, 54-58.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Savundranayagam (1981).
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31. White, Saturday, 17th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Lev 25, 1. 8-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 66, 2-3. 5. 7-8.
Mt 14, 1-12.

- *First Vespers of the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ♦ Solemnity of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Patron of the Diocese of Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ♦ Feast of St. James, Diocesan Gathering at Velvery Mission.
- ♦ Solemnity of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Patron of the Diocese of Trincomalee.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Intention for evangelization

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

01. *Green*, 18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday

✠ MASS of the Sunday, Gloria, Creed, Preface of Sunday in Ordinary Time

RDGS Ex 16, 2-4. 12-15.

(Yr: B) Ps 77, 3 & 4bc. 23-24. 25 & 54

Eph 4, 17. 20-24.

Jn 6, 24-35.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *The memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor, is not celebrated this year.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Main Feast of St. Anne's National Shrine, Talawila.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine at Periyakaddu.

On 2 August, or on another day determined by the Ordinary for the convenience of the people, the plenary indulgence traditionally called the <<Portiuncula>> indulgence may be acquired in minor basilicas, shrines and parish churches. The practices prescribed for the obtaining of the indulgence are a devout visit to a church and the recitation there of the Lord's Prayer (*Our Father*), and the Creed and in addition a sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. This indulgence

may be acquired only once. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight of the day itself (*Manual of indulgences, Norms 1999 edition, concession 33*).

02. **Green, Monday, 18th Week, Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or *White, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop.*

or *White, St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest.*

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Num 11, 4b-15.

(Yr. I) Ps 80, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17.

Mt. 14, 13-21.

03. **Green, Tuesday, 18th Week, Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk II).

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Num 12, 1-13.

(Yr. I) Ps 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 6bc-7. 12-13.

Mt. 14, 22-36. (or 15, 1-2. 10-14).

04. **White, Wednesday, 18th Week, Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk II)

St. John Vianney, Priest, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Num 13, 1-2. 25-14, 1. 26-30. 34-35.

(Yr. I) Ps 105, 6-7a. 13-14. 21-22. 23.

Mt. 15, 21-28.

5. **Green, Thursday, 18th Week, Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

Or White, Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Num 20, 1-13.

(Yr. I) Ps 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9.

Mt. 16, 13-23.

Or (in a Mass for Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major)

From the lectionary of Saints

Rev. 21, 1-5a.

Ps Jdt 13, 18bcde. 19.

Lk 11, 27-28.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Feast of Our Lady of Madhu at Diocesan Shrine, Sinnamadhū.

06. White, Friday, TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, FEAST

L.H. of the feast. At Middle Hour proper antiphons and ps of Friday, Week II.

MASS of the feast, Gloria, with Preface of the feast.

RDGS Dan 7, 9-10. 13-14

(Yr. B) Ps 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9.

2 Pet 1, 16-19.

Mk 9, 2-10.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

07. Green, Saturday, 18th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II).

Liturgy of the day.

Or Red, SS Xystus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs.

Or White, St. Cajetan, Priest.

Or White or Green, Saturday Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Dt 6, 4-13.
(Yr. I) Ps 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 4, 47 & 51ab.
Mt 17, 14-20.

- *First Vespers of the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

08. Green, 19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sunday in Ordinary Time.

RDGS 1 I Kgs 19, 4-8.

(Yr. B) Ps 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9.
Eph 4, 30-5, 2.
Jn 6, 41-51.

- *The memorial of St. Dominic, Priest, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ *Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine (Calvary & Holy Shroud Shrine), Uthiya, Mahiyangana.*

09. Green, Monday, 19th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

Or Red, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr,

L.H. of the weekday, or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Deut 10, 12-22.

(Yr. I) Ps 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20.
Mt. 17, 22-27.

10. Red, Tuesday, ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR, feast

L.H. of the feast. At Middle Hour, antiphons and
pss Tuesday, Week III.

MASS of the feast, Gloria, with Preface of Martyrs.

RDGS 2 Cor. 9, 6-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 111, 1-2. 5-6. 7-8. 9.
Jn 12, 24-26.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

◆ **Solemnity of St. Lawrence**

Principal Patron of the City.

Solemn office and Mass within the City.

11. White, Wednesday, 19th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

St. Clare, Virgin, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of memorial.

RDGS Deut 34, 1-12.

(Yr. I) Ps 65, 1-3a. 5 & 16-17.
Mt. 18, 15-20.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ Presbyteral Concelebrated Holy Eucharist for the deceased Bishops, Priests, Women & Men Religious, Lay Faithful.
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12. Green, Thursday, 19th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

Or White St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Josh 3, 7-10a. 11. 13-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 113a, 1-6.
Mt 18, 21-19, 1.

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA,

◆ Feast of the Pilgrims at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Kalaoya.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

◆ Presbyteral Concelebrated Holy Mass for the Benefactors.

13. Green, Friday, 19th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
Liturgy of the day.

Or Red SS. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Josh 24, 1-13.

(Yr. I) Ps 135, 1. 2. 3. 16. 17. 18. 21. 22. 24.
Mt 19, 3-12.

14. Red, Saturday, 19th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Josh 24, 14-29.

(Yr. I) Ps 15, 1-2a & 5. 7-8. 11.
Mt 19, 13-15.

- *First Vespers of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*
 - *Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.*
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14. White, Saturday evening - ON THE VIGIL

MASS *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of the solemnity.

RDGS 1 Chr 15, 3-4. 15-16. 16, 1-2.

Ps 131, 6-7. 9-10. 13-14.

1 Cor 15, 54b-57.

Lk 11, 27-28.

15. *White*, SUNDAY, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE

B.V.MARY, Solemnity.

L.H. of the solemnity. At Middle Hour proper antiphons and supplementary psalms.

✠ **MASS** OF THE DAY, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of the Assumption.

RDGS Rev 11, 19a. 12, 1-6a. 10ab.

Ps. 44, 10-12ab. 16.

1 Cor 15, 20-27a.

Lk 1, 39-56.

- *Other celebrations are not permitted. In dioceses the solemnity is to be observed as a holy day of obligation, this restriction includes funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the Assumption.*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ♦ **Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady**
Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ♦ Feast of St. Mary's Cathedral, Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Patronal Feast of the St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna.
Collection for the common needs of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ♦ Major Feast of Our Lady of Madhu.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ♦ Feast of Our Lady of Assumption Shrine,
Thanjanthena.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ♦ Feast of St. Mary's Cathedral, Trincomalee.

16. *Green*, Monday, 20th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV).

Liturgy of the day.

Or White, St. Stephen of Hungary

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.
MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS Jdg 2, 11-19.
(Yr. I) Ps 105, 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43ab & 44.
Mt 19, 16-22.

17. Green, Tuesday, 20th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV).

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.
MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS Jdg 6, 11-24a.
(Yr. I) Ps 84, 9. 11-12. 13-14.
Mt 19, 23-30.

18. Green, Wednesday, 20th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.
MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS Jdg 9, 6-15.
(Yr. I) Ps 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7.
Mt 20, 1-16a.

19. Green, Thursday, 20th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

Or White, St. John Eudes, Priest.

L.H. of the weekday, or of the memorial.
MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS Jdg 11, 29-39a.
(Yr. I) Ps 39, 5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10.
Mt 22, 1-14.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ♦ Death Anniversary of late Bishop Bernard Regno. O.S.B. (1982).

20. White, Friday, 20th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)
St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Ruth 1, 1. 3-6. 14b-16. 22.

(Yr. I) Ps 145, 5-6ab. 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10.

Mt 22, 34-40.

21. White, Saturday, 20th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)
St. Plus X, Pope, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Ruth 2, 1-3. 8-11; 4, 13-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5.

Mt 23, 1-12.

- *First Vespers of the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time.*
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22. Green, 21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.

L.H. Of the Sunday.

✠ **MASS** Of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sunday in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Josh 24, 1-2a. 15-17. 18b

(Yr: B) Ps 33, 2-3. 16-17. 18-19. 20-21. 22-23.

Eph 5, 21-32.

Jn 6, 60-69.

- *The memorial of The Queenship of the B.V. Mary, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ♦ **Announcement - Next Sunday Blessing of the Sick at Tewatta Basilica.**

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Patronal Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady, Lathpandura Dehiattakandiya.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ◆ Second Feast of St. Anthony, National Shrine, Wahacotte.
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23. Green, Monday, 21st Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I).

Liturgy of the day.

or *White, St. Rose de Lima, Virgin.*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf p. xvi, n.10)

RDGS 1 Th 1, 1-5. 8b-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a & 9b.

Mt 23, 13-22.

24. Red, Tuesday, ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE, feast.

L.H. of the feast- At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss of Tuesday Week I.

MASS of the feast, Gloria, with Preface of the Apostles.

RDGS Rev 21, 9b-14.

(Yr. I) Ps 144, 10-11. 12-13ab. 17-18.

Jn 1, 45-51.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of late Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Frank Marcus Fernando (2009)
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25. Green, Wednesday, 21st Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

or *White* St. Louis.

or *White* St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.
MASS of choice (xxvi, pg. 10)
RDGS 1 Th 2, 9-13.
(Yr. I) Ps 138, 7-8. 9-10. 11-12ab.
Mt 23, 27-32.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

◆ 128th Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese of Galle (1893).

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE,

◆ 128th Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese of Trincomalee.

26. Green, Thursday, 21st Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.
MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS 1 Th 3, 7-13.
(Yr. I) Ps 89, 3-4. 12-13. 14 & 17.
Mt 24, 42-51.

27. White, Friday, 21st Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I).
St. Monica, memorial

L.H. of the memorial.
MASS of the memorial.
RDGS 1 Th 4, 1-8.
(Yr. I) Ps 96, 1 & 2b. 5-6. 10. 11-12.
Mt 25, 1-13.

28. White, Saturday, 21st Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.
MASS of the memorial.

RDGS 1 Th 4, 9-11.
(Yr. I) Ps 97, 1. 7-8. 9.
Mt 25, 14-30.

- *First Vespers of the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time.*
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29. Green, 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ⊗ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Dt 4, 1-2. 6b-8.

(Yr. B) Ps 14, 2-3 ab. 3cd-4ab. 5.

Jm 1, 17-18. 21b-22. 27.

Mk 7, 1-8. 14-15. 21-23.

- *The Memorial of The Passion of St. John the Baptist, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Blessing of the Sick at Tewatta Basilica.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Collection for the Apostolate of the Laity in the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ Feast of the Shrine of St. Anne - Kattimahana.

REMINDER: Next Sunday is the National Youth Sunday

30. Green, Monday, 22nd week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 1 Th 4, 13-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 95, 1 & 3. 4-5. 11-12a. 12b-13.

Lk 4, 16-30.

31. Green, Tuesday, 22nd Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 1 Th 5, 1-6. 9-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 26, 1. 4. 13-14.

Lk 4, 31-37.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Eminence Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith (1991)

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Raymond Kingsley Wickramasinghe (2011).

SEPTEMBER 2021

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal intention :

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

01. **Green, Wednesday, 22nd Week Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Col 1, 1-8.

(Yr. I) Ps 51, 10.11.

Lk 4, 38-44.

02. **Green, Thursday, 22nd Week Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Col 1, 9-14.

(Yr. I) Ps 97, 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6.

Lk 5, 1-11.

03. **White, Friday, 22nd Week Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk II)

St. Gregory the Great Pope & Doctor, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Col 1, 15-20.

(Yr. I) Ps 99, 2. 3. 4. 5.

Lk 5, 33-39.

04. **Green, Saturday, 22nd Week Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or White or Green, Saturday Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Col 1, 21-23.

(Yr. I) Ps 53, 3-4. 6 & 8.

Lk 6, 1-5.

- *First Vespers of the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ♦ Death Anniversary of late Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Peiris O.M.I (1989).

05. Green, 23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed. Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Is 35, 4-7a.

(Yr: B) Ps 145, 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10.

Jm 2, 1-5.

Mk 7, 31-37.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA,

- ♦ Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Maduruoya, Polonnaruwa.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ♦ Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Aithiyamalai, Batticaloa.

06. Green, Monday, 23rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10)

RDGS Col. 1, 24 - 2, 3.
(Yr. I) Ps. 61, 6-7. 9.
Lk. 6, 6-11.

07. Green Tuesday, 23rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf.p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Col 2, 6-15.

(Yr. I) Ps 144, 1-2. 8-9. 10-11.

Lk 6, 12-19.

08. White, Wednesday, THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast.

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss of Wednesday Week III

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, with Preface of the B.V.M

RDGS Mic. 5, 1-4a. or Rom. 8, 28-30.

(Yr. I) Ps 12, 6ab. 6c.

Mt 1, 1-16. 18-23. (or 18-23).

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
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09. Green, Thursday, 23rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

Or, White, St Peter Claver, Priest.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf.p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Col 3, 12-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 150, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6.

Lk 6, 27-38.

10. Green, Friday, 23rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS 1 Tim 1, 1.2. 12-14.

(Yr. I) Ps 15, 1-2a & 5. 7-8. 11.

Lk 6, 39-42.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ National Shrine of Our Lady of Matara, Annual Feast, Holy Hour, Eucharistic procession and Benediction. 4.00 p.m.
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11. Green, Saturday, 23rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

Or White or Green, Saturday Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday, or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n. 10).

RDGS 1 Tim 1, 15-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5a & 6-7.

Lk 6, 43-49.

- ◆ *First Vespers of the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ **Sacerdotal Ordinations in the Archdiocese.**

9.00 a.m. at Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Van Reeth, SJ (1923) The first Bishop of Galle.
- ◆ National Shrine of Our Lady of Matara, Annual Feast, Holy Rosary, Litany, Solemn Evening Prayer and Marian Procession at 5.30 p.m.

12. *Green*, 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Is 50, 5-9a.

(Yr: B) Ps 114, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9.

Jm 2, 14-18.

Mk 8, 27-35.

- *The memorial of The Most Holy Name of Mary, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of St. Winifrieda's Shrine, Kahatawila.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ National Shrine of Our Lady of Matara. Annual Feast, Festival Mass at 8.00 a.m.

13. *White*, Monday, 24th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV).
St Joim Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS 1 Tim 2, 1-8.

(Yr: I) Ps 27, 2. 7. 8-9.

Lk 7, 1-10.

14. *Red*, Tuesday, 24th Week, THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, *Feast*.

L.H. of the feast. At Middle Hour proper antiphons and pss of Tuesday, Week IV.

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, Preface of the feast.

RDGS Num 21, 4b-9 or Phil 2, 6-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 77, 1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38.

Jn 3, 13-17.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
 - *Vespers of the Feast.*
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15. White, Wednesday, 24th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial.

L.H. of the Memorial. At Lauds proper antiphons with pss of Sunday, Week I.

MASS of the Memorial. proper readings, optional proper sequence with preface of the B.V.M.

RDGS *From the Lectionary of Saints,*

(Yr. I) Hebr 5, 7-9.

Ps 30, 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6. 15-16. 20.

Jn 19, 25-27 or Lk 2, 33-35.

- *At Vespers proper Antiphons with pss of Common of B.V.M.*
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16. Red, Thursday, 24th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

SS. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS 1 Tim 4, 12-16.

(Yr. I) Ps 110, 7-8. 9. 10.

Lk 7, 36-50.

17. Green, Friday, 24th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

or White, St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor.

L.H. of the weekday, or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

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RDGS 1 Tim 6, 2c-12.
(Yr. I) Ps 48, 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20.
Lk 8, 1-3.

18. Green, Saturday, 24th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

or *White or Green, Saturday Mass of Our Lady*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 1 Tim 6, 13-16.

(Yr. I) Ps 99, 2. 3. 4. 5.

Lk 8, 4-15.

- *First Vespers of the 25th Sunday ordinary time.*
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19. Green, 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

NATIONAL CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✳ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Wis 2, 12a. 17-20.

(Yr: B) Ps 53, 3-4. 5. 6 & 8.

Jm 3, 16-4, 3.

Mk 9, 30-37.

- *The memorial of St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Feast of the Shrine of Holy Cross, Sorikalmunai, Sammanthurai.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of the Holy Cross National Shrine, Marawila.

20. Red **Monday, 25th Week, Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk I)
SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs, memorial.
L.H. of the memorial.
MASS of the memorial.
RDGS Ezr 1, 1-6.
(Yr. I) Ps 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6.
 Lk 8, 16-18.

21. Red, **Tuesday, ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST, feast.**
L.H. The feast - At Middle Hour antiphons and pss of Tuesday, Week I.
MASS The feast- *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles.
RDGS Eph 4, 1-7. 11-13.
(Yr. I) Ps 18, 2-3. 4-5.
 Mt 9, 9-13.

• *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

22. Green, **Wednesday, 25th Week, Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.
L.H. of the weekday.
MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS Ezr 9, 5-9.
(Yr. I) Ps Tob 13, 2. 3-4a. 4bcd. 5. 8.
 Lk 9, 1-6.

23. White, **Thursday, 25th Week, Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk I)
St. Plus of Pietrelcina, Priest, memorial.
L.H. of the memorial.
MASS of the memorial.
RDGS Hag 1, 1-8.
(Yr. I) Ps 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a. & 9b.
 Lk 9, 7-9.

24. Green, Friday, 25th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Hag 1, 15b - 2, 9.

(Yr. I) Ps 42, 1. 2. 3. 4.

Lk 9, 18-22.

25. Green, Saturday, 25th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

or white or Green, Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Zec 2, 5-9. 14-15a.

(Yr. I) Ps Jer 31, 10. 11-12ab. 13.

Lk 9, 43b-45.

- *First Vespers of the 26th Sunday Ordinary Time.*

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Our Lady of Good Voyage - Diocesan Shrine at Chaddy.
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26. Green, 26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANT'S DAY.

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Nm 11, 25-29.

(Yr: B) Ps 18, 8. 10. 12-13. 14.

Jm 5, 1-6.

Mk 9, 38-43. 45. 47-48.

- *The memorial of SS Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

- ♦ Every Priest in the Diocese, together with Religious and lay faithful, will offer a Holy Mass for the intentions of the benefactors of the diocese.

27. White, Monday, 26th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Zec 8, 1-8.

(Yr. I) Ps 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 & 22-23.

Lk 9, 46-50.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ♦ Holy Mass for the benefactors of the Diocese.

28. Green Tuesday, 26th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter. wk. II)
Liturgy of the day

or Red St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

or Red St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs.

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (xxvi, pg. 10)

RDGS Zec 8, 20-23.

(Yr. I) Ps 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7.

Lk 9, 51-56.

29. White, Wednesday, THE HOLY ARCHANGELS, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, feast.

L.H. of the feast. - At the Middle Hour proper antiphons and pss of Wednesday Week. II.

MASS of the feast. *Gloria*, with Preface of the Angels.

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RDGS Dan 7, 9-10, 13-14. (or Rev 12, 7-12a).
(Yr. I) Ps 137, 1-2a. 2bcd-3. 4-5
Jn 1, 47-51

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ Death anniversary of His Lordship the Late Bishop Most. Rev. Dr. Raymond Peiris (2017).
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30. White, Thursday, 26th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor, memorial

LH of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Neh 8, 1-4a. 5-6. 7b-12.

(Yr. I) Ps 18, 8. 9. 10. 11.

Lk 10, 1-12.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Intention for evangelisation :

Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

The Rosary should be recommended to the faithful and its nature and importance explained.

A plenary indulgence may be gained by those reciting five decades of the Rosary in church, as family at home, as a religious community, or as a pious fraternity, or in general whenever several persons have gathered together for a good purpose, and in other circumstances a partial indulgence (Manual of Indulgences, 1999 edition, concession 17).

01. White, Friday, 26th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
Patroness of Mission Lands. Solemnity for Sri Lanka.

LH of the Solemnity.

MASS of the Solemnity, Gloria, Creed, Preface of Virgins or Religious.

RDGS Is 66, 10-14.

Ps 44, 11-12. 14-17.

Cor 13, 4 - 13.

Mt 18, 1 - 4. (English Missal Pg. 812)

- *Masses for the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of the Solemnity of St. Therese of the Child Jesus.*

02. White, Saturday, 26th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial.

LH of the memorial- At Lauds proper antiphons and with pss of Sunday week I.

MASS of the memorial, proper readings, with, Preface of the Angels.

From the lectionary of Saints

RDGS Ex. 23, 20-23.

(Yr. I) Ps. 90, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 10-11

Mt. 18, 1-5. 10.

- *First Vespers of the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

03. Green, 27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

LH of the Sunday.

✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Gen 2, 18-24.

(Yr: B) Ps 127, 1-2.3.4-5.6.

Heb 2, 9-11.

Mk 10, 2-16 (or 10, 2-12).

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Bandirippuwa.

04. White, Monday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

St. Francis of Assisi, memorial

LH of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Jona 1, 1-2. 11.
(Yr. I) Ps Jons 2, 3. 4. 5. 8.
Lk 10, 25-37.

05. Green, Tuesday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

Or. St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (xxvi, pg. 10)

RDGS Jona 3, 1-10.

(Yr. I) Ps 129, 1-2. 3-4. 7bc-8.

Lk 10, 38-42.

Or (In Mass of Faustina Kowalska)

(The following readings may be used):

Eph 3, 14-19.

Ps 102 (103), 1-2. 3-4. 8-9. 13-14. 17-18a.

Mt 11, 25-30.

06. Green Wednesday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter. wk. III)

Liturgy of the day

or White St. Bruno, Priest.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial

MASS of choice (xxvi, pg. 10)

RDGS Jona 4, 1-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 85, 3-4. 5-6. 9-10.

Lk 11, 1-4.

07. White, Thursday, 27th Week Ordinary Time

Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial.

LH of the memorial-At Lauds, proper antiphons with pss of Sunday, Week I.

MASS of the memorial, proper readings with Preface of the B.V.M.

from the lectionary of Saints,

RDGS Ac 1, 12-14.

(Yr. I) Ps Lk 1, 46-47. 48-49. 50-51. 52-53. 54-55.

Lk 1, 26-38.

- *At Vespers proper antiphons with pss of Common of B.V.M.*

08. Green, Friday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Joel 1, 13-15; 2, 1-2.

(Yr. I) Ps 9, 2-3. 6 & 16, 8-9.

Lk 11, 15-26.

09. Green, Saturday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)

Liturgy of the day.

or *Red SS. Dents, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs.*

or *White St. John Leonardi, Priest*

Or White or Green, Mass of Our Lady,

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Joel 4, 12-21.

(Yr. I) Ps 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12.

Lk 11, 27. 28.

- *First Vespers of the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

10. Green, 28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

NATIONAL LAITY SUNDAY

L.H. of the Sunday.

⊗ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Wis 7, 7-11

(Yr. B) Ps. 89, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17.

Hebr 4, 12. 13.

Mk 10, 17-30 or 17-27.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

- ◆ Solemnity of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Patroness of the Diocese at St. Mary's Cathedral - Badulla.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Minor Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Holy Rosary, Periyapullumalai, Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Annual Feast of the Queen of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Galle.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ◆ Annual Feast of the Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Hewadiwela.

11. Green, Monday, 28th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

or *White, St. John XXIII, Pope.*

L. H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 1, 1-7.

(Yr. I) Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4.

Lk 11, 29-32.

or *(Mass of St. John XXIII, Pope)*

from the lectionary of Saints,

RDGS Ez 34, 11-16.

Ps 22 (23).

Jn 21, 15-17.

12. Green, Tuesday, 28th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 1, 16-25.

(Yr. I) Ps 18, 2-3. 4-5.

Lk 11, 37-41.

13. **Green, Wednesday, 28th Week Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 2, 1-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 61, 2-3. 6-7. 9.

Lk 11, 42-46.

14. **Green, Thursday, 28th Week, Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk IV).

Liturgy of the day.

or *Red, St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr.*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 3, 21-30a.

(Yr. I) Ps 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7a.

Lk 11, 47-54.

15. **White, Friday, 28th Week, Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk IV)

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor, memorial

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Rom 4, 1-8.

(Yr. I) Ps 31, 1-2. 5. 11.

Lk 12, 1-7.

16. **Green, Saturday, 28th Week Ordinary Time** (Psalter wk IV).

or *White, St. Hedwig, Religious,*

or *White, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin,*

Or *White or Green, Mass of Our Lady,*

LH of the weekday or of one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 4, 13. 16-18.

(Yr. I) Ps 104, 6-7. 8-9. 42-43.

Lk 12, 8-12.

• *First Vespers of the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time.*

17. *Green*, 29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

MASS Is 53, 10-11.

(Yr: B) Ps 32, 4-5.18-19.20 and 22.

Heb 4, 14-16.

Mk 10, 35-45 (or Mk 10, 42-45).

- *The memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE PROPAGATION OF FAITH

Announcement

That next Sunday is World Mission Sunday in all Dioceses 24th October, 2021.

The Theme for World Mission Sunday is.....

“I believed that’s why I spoke”

“ஓர் பிழைக்க கடி கிண கண கடிக்கே.”

“நான் கடவுள்மீது நம்பிக்கையோடு இருந்தேன்,
ஆகவே பேசினேன்.”

Awaken a Missionary spirit among the faithful on the value of this day and prepare them to be generous with their contributions which will be used for the Missions throughout the World.

18. *Red*, Monday, ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST, *feast.*

L.H. of the feast. - At Middle Hour antiphons and ps of Monday, Week I.

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, with Preface of the Apostles II.

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RDGS 2 Tim 4, 10-17b.

(Yr. I) Ps 144, 10-11. 12-13ab. 17-18.

Lk 10, 1-9.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*
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19. *Green*, Tuesday, 29th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

or Red, SS John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues

Priests, and Companions, Martyrs,

or White, St. Paul of the Cross, *Priest,*

LH of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 5, 12. 15b. 17-19. 20b-21.

(Yr. I) Ps 39, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17.

Lk 12, 35-38.

20. *Green*, Wednesday, 29th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10)

RDGS Rom 6, 12-18.

(Yr. I) Ps. 123, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8.

Lk 12, 39-48.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Rayappu Joseph, The Bishop Emeritus of Mannar (1992).
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21. *Green*, Thursday, 29th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 6, 19-23.
(Yr. I) Ps 1, 1-2. 3. 4 & 6.
Lk 12, 49-53.

22. Green, Friday, 29th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

or White, St. John Paul II, Pope.

L.H. of the weekday, or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 7, 18-25a.

(Yr. I) Ps 118, 66. 68. 76. 77. 93. 94.

Lk 12, 54-59.

*or (Mass of St. John Paul II, Pope)
from the lectionary of Saints,*

RDGS Is. 52, 7-10.

Ps 96(95), 1-3, 7-8, 10.

Jn 21, 15-17.

23. Green, Saturday, 29th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

Or, White St. John of Capestrano, Priest,

or White or Green, Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10)

RDGS Rom 8, 1-11.

(Yr. I) Ps 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6.

Lk 13, 1-9.

• *First Vespers of the 30th Sunday Ordinary Time.*

24. Green, 30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the Sunday.

⊗ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Jer 31, 7-9.

(Yr: B) Ps. 125, 1-2ab, 2cd-3. 4-5. 6.

Hebr 5, 1-6.

Mk 10, 46-52.

- *The memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF FAITH

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - IN ALL DIOCESES

Let us enlighten the faithful on the value of this day that is dedicated for missions and awaken in them a spirit of prayer and sacrifice and to be generous and feel the urgency of proclaiming the mission of Jesus. The Holy Mass could be offered for the missionaries and their dedicated service for the missions.

The Theme for World Mission Sunday is ...

“I believed that’s why I spoke”

“ஓஓ பித்தக வல திக வற வலேஓ.”

**“நான் கடவுள்மீது நம்பிக்கையோடு இருந்தேன்,
ஆகவே பேசினேன்.”**

(Total collection of this Sunday to be submitted by the following Sunday to the Procurator or the Diocesan Director-PMS as the case may be for transmission to the International Solidarity Fund via National Office of the PMS).

The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of Faith, founded in 1822 by Pauline Jaricot, provides Missionary animation in general; awakens missionary vocations; funds for construction of buildings: churches, pastoral centers, rectories, bishops’ residences, convents, etc & catechists. May we pray for those who are generous to the mission and for those who will receive the benefits of their generosity.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

◆ **Feast of St. Jude’s Shrine - Passara.**

25. Green, Monday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of Choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 8, 12-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 67, 2 & 4. 6-7ab. 20-21.

Lk 13, 10-17.

26. Green, Tuesday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 8, 18-25.

(Yr. I) Ps 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6.

Lk 13, 18-21.

27. Green Wednesday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 8, 26-30.

(Yr. I) Ps 12, 4-5. 6.

Lk 13, 22-30.

28. Red, Thursday, SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES, feast.

L.H. of the feast. At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss of Thursday, Week II.

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles.

RDGS Eph 2, 19-22.

(Yr. I) Ps 18, 2-3. 4-5.

Lk 6, 12-19.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Installation of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Valence Mendis (2006)
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29. Green, Friday, 30th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 9, 1-5.

(Yr. I) Ps 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20

Lk 14, 1-6.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of Servant of God, Thomas Cardinal Cooray, OMI (1988).
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30. Green, Saturday, 30th Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

White or Green, Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 11, 1-2a. 11-12. 25-29.

(Yr. I) Ps.93, 12-13a. 14-15. 17-18.

Lk 14, 1. 7-11.

- *First Vespers of the 31st Sunday Ordinary Time.*
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31. Green 31st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter. wk. III)

Liturgy of the day

L.H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sunday in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Deut. 6, 2-6.

(Yr: B) Ps. 17, 2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51ab.

Heb. 7, 23-28.

Mk. 12, 28b-34.

- *Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.*
- **White** - *First Vespers of All Saints.*
- *Sunday Compline.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Minor Feast of St. Jude Shrine - Indigolla.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Feast of the Shrine of St. Jude, Thethatheevu, Batticaloa.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal intention :

People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

01. White, Monday, ALL SAINTS, solemnity.

L.H. of the solemnity. - At Middle Hour proper antiphons and supplementary psalms.

MASS of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of the Solemnity.

RDGS Rev 7, 2-4. 9-14.
Ps 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6.
1 Jn 3, 1-3.
Mt 5, 1-12a.

- *Other Celebrations are not permitted. In Dioceses where the solemnity is to be observed as a holyday of obligation, this restriction includes funeral Masses.*
- *Second Vespers of All Saints*
- *Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who (1) on one of the days from 1 to 8 November visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead; 2) on All souls Day (or else with the permission of the Ordinary, on the Sunday that precedes or follows, or else on All Saints' Day) visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father and the Creed.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who 1) visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead; 2) recite devoutly Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation Eternal rest grant... (*Requiem aeternam dona ...*) (Manual of Indulgences, edition of 1999, concession 29).

**02. Purple, Tuesday, COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE
or FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day).**

Black, L.H. proper of this day.

MASS of the Commemoration of all the Faithful departed, Preface of the Dead.

Readings are to be selected from those set forth in the lectionary for the Masses for the Dead

In virtue of the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Benedict XV of 10 August 1915, all priests are permitted to celebrate three Masses today (with an interval of time between one Mass and the next), on condition, moreover, that while they may at their preference apply one of the Masses in favour of any person and accept for that Mass a stipend. They may not accept a stipend for the second or for the third Mass, the second of which they are bound to apply respectively for all the faithful departed and the third for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. (IM204d)

- *No other celebrations are permitted.*

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ During the week following all Soul's Day, every Priest will celebrate a Mass for the deceased members of the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies and for the other deceased benefactors of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese of Ratnapura (1995)

**03. Green, Wednesday, 31st Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
Liturgy of the day.**

or White St. Martin de Porres, Religious

LH of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (xxvii, pg. 10).

RDGS Rom 13, 8-10.
(Yr. I) Ps 111, 1-2. 4-5. 9.
Lk 14, 25-33.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ♦ Holy Mass to be offered for the deceased Bishops, Priests, Men & Women Religious, Lay Faithful and Benefactors of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

- ♦ Holy Mass to be offered for the deceased Bishops, Priests Religious, Lay faithful and benefactors of the Diocese at St. Joseph Vaz's Chapel, Bishop's House at 5 p.m.

04. White, Thursday, 31st Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial.

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Rom 14, 7-12.

(Yr. I) Ps 26, 1. 4. 13-14.

Lk 15, 1-10.

05. Green, Friday, 31st Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Rom 15, 14-21.

(Yr. I) Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4.

Lk 16, 1-8.

06. Green, Saturday, 31st Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk III)
Liturgy of the day.

White or Green, Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

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RDGS Rom 16, 3-9. 16. 22-27.

(Yr. I) Ps 144, 2-5. 10. 11.

Lk 16, 9-15.

- *First Vespers of the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary time*
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07. Green 32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalterwk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the Sunday.

- ✠ **MASS** of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sunday in Ordinary Time.

RDGS 1Kgs 17, 10-16.

(Yr: B) Ps. 145, 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10.

Heb 9, 24-28.

Mk 12, 38-44 or (41-44).

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*
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08. Green Monday, 32nd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)

Liturgy of the day.

L.H. of the weekday.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Wis 1, 1-7.

(Yr. I) Ps 138, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10.

Lk 17, 1-6.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ◆ Presbyteral Concelebrated Mass for the deceased Bishops, Priests and Brothers of the Archdiocese at the Sacred Heart Chapel, Archbishop's House at 11.30 a.m.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

- ◆ Concelebrated Mass for the deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Batticaloa at 5.00 p.m at St. Mary's Cathedral, Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ◆ Requiem Mass for the deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

- ◆ Requiem Mass for the departed souls of the Bishops, Priests and Religious of the Diocese at St. Sebastian's Cathedral, 5.00 p.m.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

- ◆ Mass for the deceased Bishops, Priests, Religious and Laity in the Diocese at 5,00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trincomalee.

09. White, Tuesday, THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, *feast.*

L.H. of the feast- At Middle Hour proper antiphons and pss of Tuesday week IV.

MASS of the Feast, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of the Dedication.

RDGS Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12. or 1 Cor 3, 9b-11. 16-17.

(Yr. I) Ps 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9.

Jn 2, 13-22.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

- ◆ Death Anniversary of His Lordship, the late Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. W. Don Sylvester (1995).

**10. White, Wednesday, 32nd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)
St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor, *memorial***

L.H. of the memorial

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Wis 6, 1-12.

(Yr. I) Ps 81, 3-4. 6-7.

Lk 17, 11-19.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ◆ Presbyteral Concelebrated Holy Eucharist for the deceased Bishops, Priests, Women & Men Religious, Lay Faithful.

11. White, Thursday, 32nd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalterwk IV)
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop, memorial

L.H. of the memorial. At Lauds, proper antiphons
With pss of Sunday week I.

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Wis 7, 22 - 8, 1.

(Yr. I) Ps 118, 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175.

Lk 17, 20-25.

- *At Vespers proper antiphons with psalms of Common of Pastors.*

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

- ♦ Feast of St. Martin's Minor Seminary, Jaffna.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

- ♦ Presbyteral Concelebrated Holy Mass for the Benefactors.
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12. Red, Friday, 32nd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)
St. Josephat, Bishop & Martyr, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Wis 13, 1-9.

(Yr. I) Ps 18, 2-3. 4-5.

Lk 17, 26-37.

13. Green, Saturday, 32nd Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk IV)
Liturgy of the day.

White or Green, Saturday Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Wis 18, 14-16. 19, 6-9.

(Yr. I) Ps 104, 2-3. 36-37. 42-43.

Lk 18, 1-8.

- *First Vespers of the 33rd Sunday ordinary time.*

14. *Green* 33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

L. H. of the Sunday.

✠ MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time.

RDGS Dn 12, 1-3.

(Yr: B) Ps. 15, 5 & 8. 9-10. 11.

Heb 10, 11-14. 18.

Mk 13, 24-32.

- *Masses of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

♦ **Charlty Sunday.**

In view of Supporting the Marcsri Homes for elders in the Archdiocese of Colombo.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

♦ Collection for the Shepherds' Trust Fund in Jaffna Diocese.

15. *Green* Monday, 33rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

Or White St. Albert the Great, *Bishop & Doctor*

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 1 Mac 1, 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-64.

(Yr. I) Ps 118, 53. 61. 134. 150. 155. 158.

Lk 18, 35-43.

16. *Green*, Tuesday, 33rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)

Liturgy of the day.

Or White St. Margaret of Scotland

Or White St. Gertrude, *Virgin*

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 2 Mac 6, 18-31.
(Yr. I) Ps 3, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7.
Lk 19, 1-10.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

- ◆ Anniversary of the Consecration of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Chilaw. (1860)
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17. White, Wednesday, 33rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious, memorial.
L.H. of the Memorial.
MASS of the Memorial.
RDGS 2 Mac 7, 1. 20-31.
(Yr. I) Ps 16, 1. 5-6. 8 & 15.
Lk 19, 11-28.

18. Green, Thursday, 33rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.
Or, White Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul
L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.
MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS 1 Mac 2, 15-29.
(Yr. I) Ps. 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15.
Lk 19, 41-44.
OR (in Mass for Dedication of the Basilicas)
From the lectionary of Saints,
Ac 28, 11-16. 30-31.
Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6.
Mt 14, 22-33.

19. Green, Friday, 33rd Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I)
Liturgy of the day.
L.H. of the weekday.
MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 1 Mac 4, 36-37. 52-59.
(Yr. I) Ps. 1 Chr 29, 10. 11abc. 11d-12a 12bcd.
Lk 19, 45-48.

20. Green, Saturday, 33rd Week Ordinary Time (Psalter wk I).

Liturgy of the day.

Or White or Green, Mass of Our Lady.

L.H. of the weekday of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS 1 Mac 6, 1-13.

(Yr. I) Ps 9, 2-3. 4 & 6. 16b & 19.

Lk 20, 27-40.

- *First Vespers of Christ the King.*
- *COMPLINE as First Vespers of Sunday.*

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

- ♦ Anniversary of His Eminence, Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith's elevation to the Cardinalate (2010).
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21. White, 34th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Solemnity.

L.H. of the Solemnity. At Middle Hour, proper antiphons and pss of Sunday week I.

✠ **MASS** of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of the Solemnity.

RDGS Dn 7, 13. 14.

(Yr: B) Ps 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5.

Rev 1, 5-8.

Jn 18, 33b-37.

- *The memorial of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is not celebrated this year.*
- *Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.*

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- *Second Vespers of Christ the King.*
 - *COMPLINE as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*
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22. Red, Monday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, memorial
L.H. of the memorial.
MASS of the memorial
RDGS Dan 1, 1-6. 8-20.
(Yr. I) Ps Dan 3, 52a. 53. 54. 55. 56.
Lk 21, 1-4.

23. Green, Tuesday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)
Liturgy of the day.
Or Red St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr.
Or White St. Columban, Abbot.
L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials.
MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).
RDGS Dan 2, 31-45.
(Yr. I) Ps Dan 3, 57. 58. 59. 60. 61.
Lk 21, 5-11.

24. Red, Wednesday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)
SS Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions (Martyrs).
L.H. of the Memorial.
MASS of the Memorial.
RDGS Dan 5, 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28.
(Yr. I) Ps Dan 3, 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67.
Lk 21, 12-19.

25. Green, Thursday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)
Liturgy of the day.
Or Red St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr, memorial.
L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.
MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

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RDGS Dan 6, 12-28.
(Yr. I) Ps Dan 3, 68-74.
Lk 21, 20-28.

26. Green, Friday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

or White St. Sylvester of Osimo, Abbot.

L. H of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (pg. xxvi, no. 10)

RDGS Dan 7, 2-14.

(Yr. I) Ps Dan 3, 75-81.

Lk 21, 29-33.

27. Green, Saturday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time (Psalter wk II)

Liturgy of the day.

Or White or Green, Saturday Mass of Our Lady

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.

MASS of choice (cf. p. xvi, n.10).

RDGS Dan 7, 15-27.

(Yr. I) Ps Dan 3, 82-87.

Lk. 21, 34-36.

- ***End of Ordinary Time.***
 - ***Purple - First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent.***
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From the First Sunday of Advent following, the Sunday Lectionary becomes Year C.

N.B. - For the convenience of the user, the following pages schematic information for the liturgical celebrations until 31 December 2021.

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28. Sunday First Sunday of Advent.
29. Monday Advent Week I.
30. Tuesday St. Andrew Apostle, *Feast.*

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01. Wednesday Advent Week I.
02. Thursday Advent Week I.
03. Friday St Francis Xavier, Priest, *memorial.*
04. Saturday Advent Week I. *Or,*
St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor
05. Sunday Second Sunday of Advent.
06. Monday Advent Week II or St. Nicholas, *Bishops.*
07. Tuesday St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor, *memorial.*
08. Wednesday Immaculate Conception B.V.M., *solemnity.*
09. Thursday Advent Week II. *Or,*
St. John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
10. Friday Advent Week II or B. V. M of Loreto.
11. Saturday Advent Week II. *Or,* St Damasus I, Pope.
12. Sunday Third Sunday of Advent.
13. Monday St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr, *memorial.*
14. Tuesday St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor, *memorial.*
15. Wednesday Advent Week III.
16. Thursday Advent Week III.
17. Friday Advent Week III.
18. Saturday Advent Week III.
19. Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent.
20. Monday Advent Week IV.
21. Tuesday Advent Week IV.
Commemoration of St Peter Canisius, Priest
& Doctor.
22. Wednesday Advent Week IV.
23. Thursday Advent Week IV .
or Commemoration of St John of Kanty, Priest.
24. Friday Advent Week IV.

**CHRISTMAS TIME
DECEMBER 2021**

24. Friday Evening, Vigil Mass of Christmas.
25. Saturday Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day),
solemnity.
26. Sunday Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
feast.
27. Monday St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, feast
28. Tuesday Holy Innocents, Martyrs, feast.
29. Wednesday Fifth Day within Christmas Octave.
Commemoration of St Thomas Becket,
Bishop & Martyr.
30. Thursday Sixth Day within Christmas Octave.
31. Friday Seventh Day within Christmas Octave.
Commemoration of St Sylvester I, Pope.

TABLE - I
WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 2011 - 2025

Year	Sunday Cycle	Weekday	Number of Weeks	Ending	Beginning	Week Number	First Sunday of Advent
2011	A	I	9	08 Mar.	13 June	11	27 Nov.
2012	B	II	7	21 Feb.	28 May	08	02 Dec.
2013	C	I	5	12 Feb.	20 May	07	01 Dec.
2014	A	II	8	04 Mar.	09 June	10	30 Nov.
2015	B	I	6	17 Feb.	25 May	08	29 Nov.
2016	C	II	5	09 Feb.	16 June	07	27 Nov.
2017	A	I	8	28 Feb.	05 June	09	03 Dec.
2018	B	II	6	13 Feb.	21 May	07	02 Dec.
2019	C	I	8	05 Mar.	10 June	10	01 Dec.
2020	A	II	7	25 Feb.	01 June	09	29 Nov.
2021	B	I	6	16 Feb.	24 May	08	28 Nov.
2022	C	II	8	01 Mar.	06 June	10	27 Nov.
2023	A	I	7	21 Feb.	29 May	08	03 Dec.
2024	B	II	6	13 Feb.	20 May	07	01 Dec.
2025	C	I	8	04 Mar.	04 June	10	30 Dec.

TABLE II

ORDER OF THE FIRST READING FOR WEEKDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

<i>Week</i>	<i>Year I</i>	<i>Year II</i>
1	Hebrews	1 Samuel
2	"	"
3	"	2 Samuel
4	"	2 Samuel; 1 Kings, 1-16
5	Genesis, 1—11	1 Kings, 1-16
6	"	James
7	Sirach	"
8	"	1 Peter; Jude
9	Tobit	2 Peter; 2 Timothy
10	2 Corinthians	1 Kings, 17-22
11	"	1 Kings, 17-22; 2 Kings
12	Genesis, 12—50	2 Kings; Lamentations
13	"	Amos
14	"	Hosea; Isaiah
15	Exodus	Isaiah; Micah
16	"	Micah; Jeremiah
17	Exodus; Leviticus	Jeremiah
18	Numbers; Deuteronomy	Jeremiah; Nahum; Habakkuk
19	Deuteronomy; Joshua	Ezekiel
20	Judges; Ruth	"
21	1 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians; 1 Corinthian
22	1 Thessalonians; Colossians	1 Corinthians
23	Colossians; 1 Timothy	"
24	1 Timothy	"
25	Ezra; Haggai; Zechariah	Proverbs; Ecclesiastes
26	Zechariah; Nehemiah; Baruch	Job
27	Jonah; Malachi; Joel	Galatians
28	Romans	Galatians; Ephesians
29	"	Ephesians
30	"	"
31	"	Ephesians; Philippians
32	Wisdom	Titus; Philemon; 2 and 3 Jchn
33	1 and 2 Maccabees	Revelation :
34	Daniel	"

**TABLE III: ORDER OF THE SECOND READINGS
FOR SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday	Year A	Year B	Year C
2	1 Corinthians, 1-4	1 Corinthians, 6-11	1 Corinthians, 12-15
3	"	"	"
4	"	"	"
5	"	"	"
6	"	"	"
7	"	2 Corinthians	"
8	"	"	"
9	Romans	"	Galatians
10	"	"	"
11	"	"	"
12	"	"	"
13	"	"	"
14	"	"	"
15	"	Ephesians	Colossians
16	"	"	"
17	"	"	"
18	"	"	"
19	"	"	Hebrews, 11-12
20	"	"	"
21	"	"	"
22	"	James	"
23	"	"	Philemon
24	"	"	1 Timothy
25	Philippians	"	"
26	"	"	"
27	"	Hebrews, 1-10	2 Timothy
28	"	"	"
29	1 Thessalonians	"	"
30	"	"	"
31	"	"	1 Thessalonians
32	"	"	"
33	"	"	"

TABLE IV
ORDER OF THE GOSPEL READINGS FOR
SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday	Year A Matthew	Year B Mark	Year C Luke
Baptism of Lord	3:13-17	1:7-11	3:15-16, 21-22
2	[John 1:29-34]	[John 1:35-41]	[John 2:1-11]
3	4:12-23	1:14-20	1:1-4, 4:14-21
4	5:1-12	1:21-28	4:21-30
5	5:13-16	1:29-39	5:1-11
6	5:17-37	1:40-45	6:17, 20-26
7	5:38-48	2:1-12	6:27-38
8	6:24-34	2:18-22	6:39-45
9	7:21-27	2:23-3:6	7:1-10
10	9:9-13	3:20-35	7:7-17
11	9:36-10:8	4:26-34	7:36-8:3
12	10:26-33	4:35-41	9:18-24
13	10:37-42	5:21-43	9:51-62
14	11:25-30	6:1-6	10:1-12, 17-20
15	13:1-23	6:7-13	10:25-37
16	13:24-43	6:30-34	10:38-42
17	13:44-52	[John 6:1-15]	11:1-13
18	14:13-21	[John 6:24-35]	12:13-21
19	14:22-23	[John 6:41-51]	17:32-48
20	15:21-28	[John 6:51-58]	12:49-53
21	16:13-20	[John 6:60-69]	13:22-30
22	16:21-27	7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	14:1, 7-14
23	18:15-20	7:31-37	14:25-33
24	18:21-35	8:27-35	15:1-32
25	20:1-16	9:30-37	16:1-13
26	21:28-32	9:38-43, 45, 47-48	16:19-31
27	21:33-43	10:2-16	17:5-10
28	22:1-14	10:17-30	17:11-19
29	22:15-21	10:35-45	18:1-8
30	22:34-40	10:46-52	18:9-14
31	23:1-12	12:28-34	19:1-10
32	25:1-13	12:38-44	20:27-38
33	25:14-30	13:24-32	21:5-19
34	25:31-46	[John 18:33-37]	23:35-43

Liturgical Year

Year	Sunday Cycle	Ash Wednesday	Easter Sunday	Ascension Sunday	Pentecost Sunday	Corpus Christi Sunday
2012*	B-C	21 Feb.	08 Apr.	17) May 20	27 May	10 June
2013	C-A	13 Feb.	31 Mar.	09) May 12	19 May	02 June
2014	A-B	05 Mar.	20 Apr.	29) May/ Jun 01	08 June	22 June
2015	B-C	18 Feb.	05 Apr.	14) May 17	24 May	07 June
2016	C-A	10 Feb.	27 Mar.	05) May 08	15 May	29 May
2017	A-B	01 Mar.	16 Apr.	25) May 28	04 June	18 June
2018*	B-C	14 Feb.	01 Apr.	10) May 13	20 May	03 June
2019	C-A	06 Mar.	21 Apr.	30) May/ Jun 02	09 June	23 June
2020*	A-B	25 Feb.	12 Apr.	21) May 24	31 May	14 June
2021	BC	17 Feb.	04 Apr.	13) May 16	23 May	06 June
2022	C-A	02 Mar.	17 Apr.	26) May 29	05 June	19 June
2023	A-B	22 Feb.	09 Apr.	18) May 21	28 May	11 June

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Ordinary Time				Advent First Sunday	Year
First Part		Second Part			
Week	Last Day	First Day	Last Week		
07	20 Feb.	28 May	08	02 Dec.	2012*
05	12 Feb.	20 May	07	01 Dec.	2013
08	04 Mar.	09 June	10	30 Nov.	2014
06	17 Feb.	25 May	08	29 Nov.	2015
05	08 Feb.	16 May	07	27 Nov.	2016*
08	28 Feb.	05 June	09	03 Dec.	2017
06	13 Feb.	21 May	07	02 Dec.	2018
08	05 Mar.	10 June	10	01 Dec.	2019
07	24 Feb.	01 June	09	29 Nov.	2020*
06	16 Feb.	24 May	08	28 Nov.	2021
08	01 Mar.	06 June	10	27 Nov.	2022
07	21 Feb.	29 May	08	03 Dec.	2023

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Year	Month	Temperature			
		Maximum		Minimum	
		°C	°F	°C	°F
1945	Jan	22.5	72.5	10.0	50.0
1945	Feb	23.0	73.4	10.5	50.9
1945	Mar	24.0	75.2	11.0	51.8
1945	Apr	25.0	77.0	11.5	52.7
1945	May	26.0	78.8	12.0	53.6
1945	Jun	27.0	80.6	12.5	54.5
1945	Jul	28.0	82.4	13.0	55.4
1945	Aug	29.0	84.2	13.5	56.3
1945	Sep	28.0	82.4	13.0	55.4
1945	Oct	27.0	80.6	12.5	54.5
1945	Nov	26.0	78.8	12.0	53.6
1945	Dec	25.0	77.0	11.5	52.7
1945	Year	25.5	77.9	12.2	54.0

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A Modern Catholicism Needs Scripture

Pope Francis emphasized that this theme "affects not only the individual believer but the whole Church, for the Church's life and mission are founded on the Word of God, which is the soul of theology as well as the inspiration of all of Christian existence." But the Word of God, in the Catholic understanding, is not confined to Scripture; rather, Sacred Scripture is the written testimony of the divine Word, the canonical memory that attests to the event of Revelation. However, the Word of God precedes the Bible and surpasses it. That is why the centre of our faith isn't just a book, but a salvation history and above all a person, Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh which lies at the heart of Sacred Scripture.

Because the Word of God embraces and extends beyond Scripture, in order to properly understand it, the Holy Spirit's constant presence, who guides us "to all truth," is necessary. It is necessary to place ourselves within the great Tradition that has, with the Holy Spirit's assistance and the Magisterium's guidance, recognized the canonical writings as the Word that God addresses to His people, who have discovered inexhaustible riches from it.

The Scriptures arose out of the life of the Church—that is, out of the life of those believers who encountered Christ, both personally and through their fellow believers. They were written within the context of that relationship with Christ, and the selection of the canon of the books that would become the Bible occurred within that context. Scripture however remains only a portion of the Word of God, because the fullness of the Word is found in the life of the Church and her relationship to Christ.

Sacred Scripture is the Word of God that was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Sacred Tradition transmits the Word of God in its entirety, entrusted by Christ and by the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and their successors. These, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, should faithfully preserve it with their preaching which must expound and propound it.

And that is why severing Scripture, and especially the interpretation of Scripture, from the life of the Church and her teaching authority is very dangerous because it presents a portion of the Word of God as if it were the entirety:

The interpretation of Sacred Scriptures cannot be just an individual academic effort, but must always be compared to, inserted within, and authenticated by the living tradition of the Church. This norm is essential in identifying the proper and reciprocal relationship between the exegesis and the Magisterium of the Church and to nourish the faith of the community and to guide the life of charity.

Separated from the Church, either through academic treatment or through individual interpretation, Scripture is cut off from the person of Christ, Who lives on through the Church that He established and that He entrusted to the guidance of the Holy Spirit:

Understanding the relationship between Scripture and Tradition, and the role of the Church in integrating the Word of God as revealed in Scripture into the Word of God as revealed most fully in Christ is essential. Scripture lies at the heart of the life of the Church, not because it stands alone and is self-interpreted, but precisely because "the centre of our faith" is "a salvation history and above all a person, Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh," and not "just a book."

Tearing the book from the heart of the Church not only leaves a hole in the Church but tears the life of Christ from the Scriptures.

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