

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER



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LITURGICAL YEAR 2015 - 2016

Holy Year of
MERCY

"We entrust the year to the
Mother of Mercy, so that She may
turn towards us Her gaze and
watch over our paths."

Pope Francis

December 8th 2015, Solemnity of Immaculate Conception to
20th November 2016, Solemnity of Christ the King

Note : Except for the brief seasonal input, a brief autobiography of the saint for the day and Diocesan events, the rest are according to the Roman General Calendar.

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AND THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

ACCORDING TO
THE ROMAN GENERAL CALENDAR

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MOVABLE FEASTS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

2015 - 2016

CELEBRATIONS

2015

First Sunday of Advent	29 Nov
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	.....	08 Dec
Holy Family	.....	27 Dec

2016

Epiphany of the Lord	.....	03 Jan
Baptism of the Lord	.....	10 Jan
Ash Wednesday	.....	10 Feb
Easter Sunday	.....	27 March
Ascension of the Lord	.....	08 May
Pentecost Sunday	.....	15 May
Trinity Sunday	.....	22 May
Corpus Christi	.....	29 May
Sacred Heart of Jesus	.....	03 June
Christ the King	.....	20 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)



DIOCESES

- ⇒ 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 2015-2016

SUNDAY LECTIONARY : Year C or Year of Luke

WEEKDAY LECTIONARY, FIRST READING : Year II

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 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 B:

**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 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).

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 2(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 ⁽³⁾ 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.

(3) 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. p.xxvi 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.xxxvi, n. 10). Should more than one optional memorial fall on the same day, only one may be celebrated; the others are 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 fruitfulness of the soil and for human labour, and to give God public thanks.

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 principal 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 holiday 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*).

TABLE for Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses and Masses for the Dead

(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.

x = Prohibited.

1. Solemnities with obligation			
2. Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter Time	V1 x	D1 x	
3. Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday			
4. Solemnities without obligation. All Souls' Day			
5. Ash Wednesday, weekdays of Holy Week	V1 x	D1 √	
6. Days in Easter Octave			
7. Sundays of Christmas Time and Ordinary Time	V1 √	V2 x	
8. Feasts	D1 √	D2 x	
9. Weekdays of Advent from 17-24 December			
10. Days within the Christmas Octave	V1 √	V2 x	
11. Weekdays of Lent	D1 √	D2 √	
12. Obligatory Memorials			
13. Weekdays of Advent up to 16 December			
14. Weekdays of Christmas Time from 2 January	V1 √	V2 √	D3 x
15. Weekdays of Easter Time	D1 √	D2 √	D3 x
16. Weekdays in Ordinary Time	V1 √	V2 √	V3 √
	D1 √	D2 √	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 the 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 another Sunday 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.

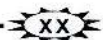
Masses for the Dead (IM, 379-385)

18. First place among the Masses for the Dead is held by the funeral Mass, which may be celebrated on any day except on holy days of obligation, on Maundy Thursday, during the Paschal Triduum, or on the Sundays of the Advent, Lent and Easter seasons.
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 for 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).
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

1. 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).

2. Cathedral and collegiate chapters should celebrate in choir those parts of the Liturgy of the Hours stipulated for them by general 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, 31 a).

3. 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, 31 b).

The Arrangement of the Liturgy of the Hours

4. 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 52 c).

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).

5. 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 readings and its responsory is said the Hymn *Te Deum*, except in Lent.

6. 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 1.
- 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 1; 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.

7. 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 1.
- 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.

8. 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 week day;
NB: If the memorial has proper antiphons for Lauds, these are used together with the psalms of Sunday Week 1; 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 reponse, 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.
9. 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 355a)

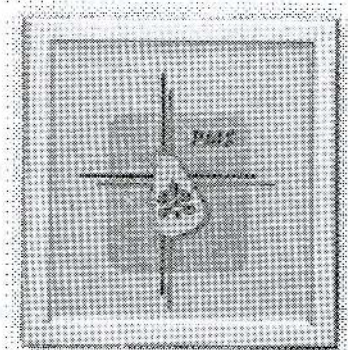
10. Memorials which occur on days between 17 and 31 December and on weekdays of Lent (but not on Ash Wednesday or within Holy Week), may be celebrated in the following way.
- (a) At the Office of Readings, after the prescribed second reading and its responsory is added the reading of the saint with its 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

(CCL nn. 1250-1253)

1. The days and times of penance for all the Latin Church are each Friday of the whole year and the Season of Lent.
2. Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal 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 the close of their fifty-ninth year. 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 Bishiop's 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.

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“දෙව දயවේ දරුවන් වී අපි දක්වමු දயව අන් සැම දන හට”

“Let us be the children of God’s mercy, to become merciful to others.”

“இறைவனின் இரக்கத்தின் பிள்ளைகளாகி நாம்
இரக்கத்தைப் பகிர்ந்திடுவோம்.”

POPE’S DAY - 19th JUNE 2016

“திருத்தந்தையே! இறைவனின் இரக்கத்தின் பிரகாசமாய் இருப்பீராக.”

“Holy Father, be the radiance of God’s compassion.”

“දෙව දයාවේ අරුණැලුම වුව මැන සසුන් පියෙ.”

INDIGENOUS CLERGY DAY - 31st JULY 2016

“සමීපතම දයාවන්ත එඩේරැන් වන්නට ඔබ සුදානම් ද?”

“Are you ready to be the compassionate shepherds of the Lord?”

“கடவுளின் இரக்கத்தின் மேய்ப்பர்களாக இருக்க நீங்கள் தயாரா?”

MISSION SUNDAY - 23rd OCTOBER 2016

“உலகெங்கும் சென்று படைப்பிற்கெல்லாம்
நற்செய்தியைப் பறைசாற்றுங்கள்.” (மாற்கு 16:15)

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mk 16:15)

“ලොව පුරා ගොස් සකල සත්වක හට සුභ අසන දේශනා
කරන්න.” (මාක 16:15)

READING AND EXPLANATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God Himself speaks to His people, and Christ, present in His word, proclaims the Gospel.

Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, by the Homily, as part of the liturgical action.

GIRM,29

Active Participation

For the celebration of the Easter Triduum, a sufficient number of ministers and assistants should be prepared for their role. The faithful should be instructed on the meaning of each part of the celebration so that they can take part more fully and fruitfully. The chants for the people are of special importance for their participation and should not be lightly omitted.

Where the number of participants and ministers is so small that the celebrations of the Easter Triduum cannot be carried out with the requisite solemnity, such groups of the faithful should assemble in a larger church. It is fitting that small religious communities should participate in neighbouring principal churches

LECTIO DIVINA

There is one particular way of listening to what the Lord wishes to tell us in his word and of letting ourselves be transformed by the Spirit. It is what we call *lectio divino*. It consists of reading God's word in a moment of 'prayer' and allowing it to enlighten and renew us. This prayerful reading of the Bible is not something separate from the study undertaken by the preacher to ascertain the central message of the text; on the contrary, it should begin with that study and then go on to discern how that same message speaks to his own life. The spiritual reading of a text must start with its literal sense. Otherwise we can easily make the text say what we think is convenient, useful for confirming us in our previous decisions, suited to our own patterns of thought. Ultimately this would be tantamount to using something sacred for our own benefit and then passing on this confusion to God's people. We must never forget that sometimes 'even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light' (2 Cor 11 : 14).

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 152

PREPARING TO PREACH

Preparation for preaching is so important a task that a prolonged time of study, prayer, reflection and pastoral creativity should be devoted to it. With great affection I wish to stop for a moment and offer a method of preparing homilies. Some may find these suggestions self-evident, but I consider it helpful to offer them as a way of emphasising the need to devote quality time to this precious ministry. Some pastors argue that such preparation is not possible given the vast number of tasks which they must perform; nonetheless, I presume to ask that each week

a sufficient portion of personal and community time be dedicated to this task, even if less time has to be given to other important activities. Trust in the Holy Spirit who is at work during the homily is not merely passive but active and creative. It demands that we offer ourselves and all our abilities as instruments (d. Rm 12: 1) which God can use. A preacher who does not prepare is not 'spiritual'; he is dishonest and irresponsible with the gifts he has received.

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 145

SILENCE

Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times (d. SC, 30, *Musicam sacram*, 17). Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the homily, all meditate briefly on what they now heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to Him.

Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner.

GIRM, 45

THE IMPORTANCE OF SINGING

The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns and spiritual canticles

(d. Col 3: 16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (d. Acts 2: 46). Thus St Augustine says rightly, Singing is for one who loves' (Sermo, 336), and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over.'

Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of peoples and abilities of each liturgical assembly. Although it is not always necessary (e.g., in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are in principle meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holy days of obligation.

However, in the choosing of the parts actually to be sung, preference is to be given to those that are of greater importance and especially to those which are to be sung by the priest or the deacon or a reader, with the people replying, or by the priest and people together (Musicam sacram, 7, 16).

The main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy. Other kinds of sacred music, in particular polyphony, are in no way excluded, provided that they correspond to the spirit of the liturgical action and that they foster the participation of all the faithful (d. SC, 116,30)

Since the faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is desirable that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin, especially the Profession of Faith and the Lord's Prayer, according to the simpler settings (d. SC, 54, Inter Oecumenici, 59, MS, 47).

GIRM,39-41

Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Season

GNLY, 32, 33, 39 Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations in the **Christmas** season. This season runs from First Evening Prayer of Christmas until the Sunday after Epiphany, the feast of the Lord's Baptism.

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. There are two stages in Advent: the first runs until 16 December, the second which is mainly directed to the Christmas feasts runs from 17 December until 24 December.

The Mass Lectionary in Advent Sunday Readings

Each Gospel reading has a distinctive theme: 1st Sunday - the Lord's coming at the end of time, 2nd and 3rd - John the Baptist, 4th - the events preparatory to the Lord's birth. The Old Testament readings, usually from Isaiah, are Messianic prophecies. The readings from an apostle are exhortations and proclamations in keeping with the themes of Advent.

Weekday Readings

There are two series of readings: the first continues until 16 December; the second is according to date from 17 December.

On the first days of Advent the Gospel passage is chosen in relation to the selected passage from Isaiah. v

On Thursday of the second week the Gospel passages are about St John the Baptist, and the first reading is either a continuation of Isaiah or a text chosen in view of the Gospel.

From 17 December, Gospel passages are chosen about the events which immediately prepared for the birth of Christ. The first readings are from different books of the Old Testament in view of the Gospel readings and include the most important messianic prophecies. See Liturgical Note 7 in regard to commemorations of saints.

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope:

- waiting-memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; waiting-supplication for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;
- conversion, to which the Liturgy at this time often refers quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (*Mt 3:2*);
- joyful hope that the salvation already accomplished by Christ (cf. *Rom 8:24-25*) and the reality of grace in the world will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and 'we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is' [*1 Jn 3:2*].

Popular piety is particularly sensitive to Advent, especially when seen as the memory of the preparation for the coming of the Messiah. The Christian people are deeply conscious of the long period of expectation that preceded the birth of our Saviour. The faithful know that God sustained Israel's hope in the coming of the Messiah by the prophets.



Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent.

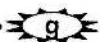
The Advent Wreath

Placing four candles on green fonds has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian homes, especially in Germanic countries and in North America.

The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Son of Justice (cf. vTal 3:20; Lie 1:78).

The Blessed Virgin Mary and Advent

The Liturgy frequently celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary in an exemplary way during the season of Advent. It recalls the women of the Old Testament who prefigured and prophesied her mission; it exalts her faith and the humility with which she promptly and totally submitted to God's plan of salvation; it highlights her presence in the events of grace preceding the birth of the Saviour. Popular piety also devotes particular attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent, as is evident from the many pious exercises practised at this time, especially the novena of the Immaculate Conception and of Christmas. The novena of the Immaculate Conception, wherever it is celebrated, should



highlight the prophetical texts which begin with Genesis 3:15, and end in Gabriel's salutation of the one who is 'full of grace' [Lk 1:31-33).

However, the significance of Advent, 'that time which is particularly apt for the cult of the Mother of God' [*Marialis cultus*, 4), is such that it cannot be represented merely as a 'Marian month'.

In the calendars of the Oriental Churches, the period of preparation for the celebration of the manifestation (Advent) of divine salvation (Theophany) in the mysteries of Christmas-Epiphany of the Only Son of God is markedly Marian in character. Attention is concentrated on preparation for the Lord's coming in the De/para. For the Orientals, all Marian mysteries are Christological mysteries since they refer to the mystery of our salvation in Christ. The Byzantine Rite prepares for Christmas with a whole series of Marian feasts and rituals.

Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 96-98, 100

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NOVEMBER 2015 - SEASON OF ADVENT

28th *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

L.H. of the Sunday. (Psal. wk. 1)

MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface Advent I

RDGS Jer 33:14-16 Ps 24:4-5ab,8-10&14

1 Th 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Second vespers of the First Sunday of Advent.

Sunday Compline.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

Presbyteral concelebrated mass for the deceased Bishops, Priests, Women & Men Religious and the benefactors of the diocese.

30. *Red* Monday, 1st Week of Advent

St. Andrew, Apostle, Feast

L.H. of the Feast, - At Middle Hour, antiphons of the season, and pss of Monday (Psal. wk. 1)

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

RDGS 1 Rom 10:9-18 Ps 18:2-5

Mt 4:18-22

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

DECEMBER 2015 - SEASON OF ADVENT

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Experiencing God's mercy

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization : Families

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

01. Purple Tuesday, 1st Week of Advent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. wk. 1)

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface I

RDGS Is 11:1-10 Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Lk 10:21-24

02. Purple Wednesday, 1st Week of Advent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. wk. 1)

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface I

RDGS Is 25:6-10a Ps 22:1-6
Mt 15:29-37

03. White Thursday, 1st Week of Advent

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

L.H. of the Solemnity, Common of Pastors.

MASS of the Solemnity, Gloria, Creed, Preface Advent or Pastors.

RDGS Is 52:7-10 Ps 117:1-2 or Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8
1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23
Mt 28:16-20 or Mk 16:15-20

DECEMBER 2015 - SEASON OF ADVENT

St. Francis Xavier, 1506-1552, one of the first seven Jesuits was sent to India by St. Ignatius. He converted many in Goa, South India and later in Japan. He died as he attempted to enter China. A patron of the missions.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Feast of St. Francis Xavier's Major Seminary
Columbuthurai, Jaffna.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

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

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

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

04. *Purple* Friday, 1st Week of Advent

or White **St. John Damascene**, Priest & Doctor

L.H of the weekday or of the memorial. (Psal. wk. I)

MASS of the weekday, or of the memorial.

Advent Preface I

RDGS Is 29:17-24 Ps 26:1,4,13,14

Mt 9:27-31

St. John Damascene. 675-749, was a Syrian Christian theologian. He became a priest in the monastery of Saint Sabas near Jerusalem and was a leading figure in the defence of Icons in the iconoclastic controversy.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Advent prayer service - 6.00 - 8.00 p.m at Divine Mercy
Shrine, Alles Garden.

DECEMBER 2015 - SEASON OF ADVENT

05. *Purple* Saturday, 1st Week of Advent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. wk. I)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 146:1-6

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

First vespers of the Second Sunday of Advent.

Sunday Compline.

06. *Purple* SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BIBLE SUNDAY

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Advent Preface I

RDGS Bar 5:1-9 Ps 125:1-6

Phil 1:4-6.8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Second vespers of the Second Sunday of Advent.

Sunday Compline.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Patronal Feast of His Grace Archbishop Emeritus

Most Rev. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando.

07. *White* Monday, 2nd Week of Advent

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor, *memorial*.

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. wk. II)

MASS of the memorial, Advent Preface I

RDGS Is 35:1-10 Ps 84:9-14

Lk 5:17-26

First Vespers of tomorrow's Solemnity

Sunday Compline.

St. Ambrose, 340-397, became governor of the Roman province whose seat was in Milan. In 374, the laity insisted on his becoming bishop though he was still not baptised. He defended orthodoxy in brilliant preaching and through his writing. He is patron of Milan, bee-keepers, and domestic animals.

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 97:1-4

Eph 1:3-6,11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Second Vespers of the Solemnity.

Sunday COMPLINE.

Other celebrations are not permitted. In dioceses where the solemnity is to be observed as a holyday of obligation, this restriction includes funeral Masses.

09. Purple Wednesday, 2nd Week of Advent

or White St. John Diego Cuahatlatoatzin.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial. (Psal. Wk.II)

MASS of the weekday or the memorial, Advent Preface I

RDGS Is 40:25-31

Ps 102:1-4,8&10

Mt 11:28-30

DECEMBER 2015 - SEASON OF ADVENT

10. *Purple* Thursday, 2nd Week of Advent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk.II)

MASS of the weekday Advent Preface I

RDGS Is. 41:13-20 Ps 144:1&9-13ab

Mt 11:11-15

11. *Purple* Friday, 2nd Week of Advent

or *White* **St. Damasus I, Pope**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial, (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4&6

Mt 11:16-19

St. Damasus I, born around 304 and died on this day in 384, was elected pope in 366. He insisted on the apostolic foundations of the Roman See and was active in opposing fourth century heresies. He commissioned St Jerome to prepare the Vulgate version of the Bible.

12. *Purple* Saturday, 2nd Week of Advent

or *White* **Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 79:2ac&3bc,15-16,18-19

Mt 17:10-13

From the Lectionary of Saints:

Is 7:10-14,8:10c Ps 1 Sam 2:1,4-8

Lk 1:39-47

DECEMBER 2015- SEASON OF ADVENT

First Vespers of the Third Sunday of Advent.

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron of America. This memorial recalls the apparitions in December 1531 to Juan Diego Cuahtlatatzin on Tepeyac hill, near Mexico city.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Patronal Feast of His Grace Archbishop Emeritus
Most Rev. Dr. Oswald Gomis.

13. *Purple* THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the Sunday, Proper, Creed, Advent Preface I

RDGS Zeph 3:14-18a

Ps Is 12:2-6

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

Second vespers of the Third Sunday of Advent.

Sunday Compline.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Feast of St. Lucy- Patroness of the City.

Feast of St. Lucia's Cathedral - Kotahena.

DECEMBER 2015- SEASON OF ADVENT

14. *White* Monday, 3rd Week of Advent

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor, *memorial*

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the memorial, Advent Preface I

RDGS Num 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 24: 4-9

Mt 21:23-27

John of the Cross (1542-1591), was a Spanish mystic, Carmelite friar and priest. He reformed the Carmelite Order, along with Saint Teresa of Ávila, the founder of the Discalced Carmelites. He is known for his writings in poetry and studies on the growth of the soul.

15. *Purple* Tuesday, 3rd Week of Advent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface I

RDGS Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 33:2-3, 6-7, 19 & 23

Mt 21:28-32

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Holy Mass for deceased Bishops and Priests of the Diocese.

16. *Purple* Wednesday, 3rd Week of Advent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface I

RDGS Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 Ps 84:9-14

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. xiii 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

L.H. of the weekday, (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface II

RDGS Gen 49:1-2,8-10 Ps 71:1-4,7-8,17

Mt 1:1-17

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18. *Purple* Friday, 3rd Week of Advent

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

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)

19. *Purple* Saturday, 3rd Week of Advent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface II

RDGS Jdg 13:2-7,24,25 Ps 70:3-6,16,17
Lk 1:5-25

First vespers of the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Sunday COMPLINE.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Anniversary of Consecration of St. Anthony's Cathedral,
Kandy.

20. *Purple* FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Sunday Proper, Creed, Advent Preface II

RDGS Mic 5:1-4a Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19
Hebr 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

Second vespers of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Sunday Compline.

Other celebrations are not permitted. not even funeral Masses.

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DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

54th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Bishop Emeritus, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kingsley Swampillai (1961)

21. *Purple* Monday, 4th Week of Advent

St. Peter Canisius

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

St. Peter Canisius, 1521-1597, was born in Holland. He intended to become a lawyer but joined the Jesuits. Through courtesy *and* learning he promoted the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent. His greatest work was a catechism of 211 questions and answers, published in 1555.

22. *Purple* Tuesday, 4th Week of Advent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday. Advent Preface II

RDGS 1 Sam 1:24-28 Ps 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8abcd

Lk 1:46-56

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23. Purple Wednesday, 4th Week of Advent

St. John of Kanty, Priest.

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday. Advent Preface II

RDGS Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 24:4-5,8-10&14

Lk 1:57-66

24. Purple Thursday, 4th Week of Advent

LH of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MORN. MASS of the weekday, Advent Preface II

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

Ps 88:2-5, 27&29

Lk 1: 67-79

CHRISTMAS TIME

After the annual celebration of the paschal mystery, there is no more ancient feastday 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)

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRISTMAS

The first entry in the *Martyrologium Romanum* (Roman Martyrology) for 25 December is a proclamation of 'the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh'. It may be used before or at the beginning of Midnight Mass. Its inclusion after Evening Prayer or at the Office of Readings is also appropriate.

The twenty-fifth day of December.

After the passage of countless centuries from the creation of the world, when in the beginning God created heaven and earth and formed man in His own image; and very many centuries from the time when after the flood the Almighty had set His bow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant and of peace; in the twenty-first century from the migration of Abraham, our father in faith, from

Ur of the Chaldees;

in the thirteenth century from the departure of the people of Israel from Egypt under the leadership of Moses; in about the thousandth year from the anointing of David as king according to the

prophecy of Daniel;

in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the City of

Rome;

in the forty-second year of the rule of Caesar Octavian Augustus; while the whole world was at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the Eternal Father, desiring, to consecrate the world by His most gracious coming, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed after His conception, is born as man in Bethlehem of Judah from the Virgin Mary: the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

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 and 29
Acts 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.

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RDGS

MASS AT MIDNIGHT:

I	Is 9:1-6 Tit 2:11-14	Ps 95:1-3, 11-13 Lk 2:1-14
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MASS AT DAWN:

II	Is 62:11-12 Tit 3: 4-7	Ps 96:1 and 6, 11,12 Lk 2:15-20
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MASS DURING THE DAY:

III	Is 52:7-10; Ps 97: 1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1: 1-18 (<i>or</i> 1-5, 9-14)
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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)

Second vespers of Christmas Day.

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

26. Red Saturday, ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR,
feast

L.H. Feast-At Middle Hour antiphons of the season,
and pss of Saturday, (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

RDGS Ac 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Ps 30:3-4, 6&8, 16-17
Mt 10:17-22

First Vespers of Tomorrow's Feast.

Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.

Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.

St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was one of those in charge of the poor and needy. He is outstanding for his forgiveness to his enemies. Patron of deacons, stonemasons, and bricklayers.

27. *White* SUNDAY, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, *feast*.

L.H. Feast- at Middle Hours, antiphons of the season and ps of Sunday, (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

OR

Sir. 3:3-7, 14-17

Ps 127:1-5

Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52

Second vespers of the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday COMPLINE.

Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.

The Holy Family is seen as the model for the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. The celebration of the Incarnation has brought us to see God's closeness. In the Holy Family we see the ordinariness of the life of Jesus, the simple acceptance of Mary and Joseph of the marvels of God. In the daily life of family and community we can touch the divine, we can come close to God. But we have to learn to live centred on God, with respect and love for each other.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Holy Family Feast.

28. *Red* Monday, HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs,
feast.

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

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

RDGS 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 123:2-5,7cd-8

Mt 2:13-18

Vespers as on Christmas Day, except for the proper texts give for 28 December from the short readings onwards. Sunday COMPLINE.

Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.

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

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

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 (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 95:1-3,5-6
Lk 2:22-35

St. Thomas Becket, 1118-70, as Archbishop of Canterbury, came in conflict with King Henry II over Church rights. He was killed in his cathedral on this date.

Vespers as on Christmas Day, except for the proper texts given for 29 December from the short readings onwards.
Sunday Compline.

Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses, or those celebrated on the first anniversary of death (1/M, 381)

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 (Psal. Wk.I)

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

RDGS 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 95:7-10

Lk 2:36-40

Vespers as on Christmas Day, except for the proper texts given for 30 December from the short readings onwards. Sunday Compline.

Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses, or those celebrated on the first anniversary of death (I/M, 381)

31. White, Thursday, SEVENTH DAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS.

St. Sylvester I, Pope

L.H. Of the 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 Thursday (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 95:1,2, 11-13

Jn 1:1-18

First Vespers of tomorrow's feast.

Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.

Masses of the dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses, or those celebrated on the first anniversary of death (1/7, 381)

St. Sylvester died in 335 after being Pope for twenty-one years. Being elected in the year after the Edict of Milan he was free to build many Churches in Rome.

The memorial of St. Sylvester I, Pope may be commemorated at the office of Readings, and Lauds and at Mass, as set out on page XXVI No 10

December 31 Night

ALL DIOCESES:

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

'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

Universal : Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization : Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

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

L.H. Solemnity- Office proper - At Middle Hour proper antiphons and supplementary pss of Sunday. Wk. I

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

Second vespers of solemnity.

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

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 Hour are taken from those prescribed for the season, before or after Epiphany as the case may be.

02. *White*, Saturday, Weekday of Christmas Time SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Bishops & Doctors *memorial*.

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial. Christmas Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 97:1-3abcd-4

Jn 1: 19-28

First Vespers of the Second Sunday after Christmas.
COMPLINE of Sunday.

St. Basil the Great, 330 - 379, bishop of Caesarea Mazaca in Cappadocia. He was an influential theologian and monastic who defended the faith in opposition to denial of Christ's divinity. He took care of the poor and underprivileged. He established guidelines for monastic life with focus on community life, liturgical prayer, and manual labour.

Gregory of Nazianzen 329-390, Archbishop of Constantinople, is widely considered the most accomplished rhetorical stylist of the patristic age and made significant impact on Trinitarian theology. The two saints together are called the Cappadocian Fathers.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Tewatte New Year Feast - Feast of Blessings.

EPIPHANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The season of Christmas ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. As the season draws to an end, the solemnity of the Epiphany offers an opportunity to proclaim the centrality of Christ's paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. The Easter Triduum of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. The proclamation of the date of Easter may be announced on the solemnity of the Epiphany after the homily or after the prayer after communion.

**03. White, SECOND SUNDAY, AFTER CHRISTMAS
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, *solemnity.***

Office proper

L.H. Solemnity.

MASS OF THE DAY SOLEMNITY, *Gloria,*

Creed, with proper Preface and inserts of
Epiphany for the Eucharistic Prayer

RDGS Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Second vespers of the Epiphany.

Compline as after Second vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

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.

04. White, Monday after Epiphany

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday, Christmas or Epiphany Preface.

RDGS 1 Jn 3:22-4, 6 Ps 2:7-8, 10-11
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

05. White, Tuesday after Epiphany

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday, Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 4:7-10

Ps 71:1-4ab,7-8

Mk 6:34-44

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Anniversary of the Canonical Erection of the
Diocese.(1939)

06. White, Wednesday after Epiphany

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday. Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 4:11-18

Ps 71:1-2,10-13

Mk 6: 45-52

APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE:

Episcopal Consecration of His Excellency Most Rev. Dr.
Pierre Nguyen Van Tot. (2003)

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of Priestly Ordination Most Rev. Dr.
Emmanuel Fernando (1973)

07. White, Thursday, after Epiphany.

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial.(Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS 1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Ps 71:1-2,14-15bc,17

Lk 4:14-22a

St. Raymond of Penyafort, 1175-1275, was a very brilliant lawyer when at the age of forty-seven he became a

Dominican. Later he became Master General of the Dominicans and Arch bishop of Taragona.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Patronal Feast of His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Raymond Peiris (Bishop Emeritus)

08. *White*, Friday after Epiphany

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday. Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20

Lk 5:12-16

09. *White*, Saturday after Epiphany

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday. Christmas or Epiphany Preface

RDGS 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a&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*

L.H. Feast-At Middle Hour proper antiphons and ps of Sunday, (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS Feast, *Gloria*, Creed with proper of Preface the feast.

RDGS Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 103:1b-2-4,24-25,27-30
Tit 2:11-14,3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16,21-22

Second vespers of the Baptism of the Lord.

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

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

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Norbert M. Andradi O.M.I. (2004)

ORDINARY TIME

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).

Ordinary Time in 2016 consists of 33 weeks. There are 5 of these before Lent, running from 11 January (the Monday after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord), until 9 February (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday). After Pentecost, Ordinary Time resumes from the 7th Week, on 15 May (the Monday after Pentecost Sunday)

11. **Green, Monday, 1st Week Ordinary Time**

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Sam 1:1-8

Ps 115:12-19

Mk 1:14-20

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

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

12. Green, Tuesday, 1st Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Sam 1:9-20 Ps 1 Sam 2:1-8abcd

Mk 1:21b-28

13. Green Wednesday, 1st Week Ordinary Time

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

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Sam 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 39:2&5,7-8ab,9-10

Mk 1:29-39

14. Green, Thursday, 1st Week, Ordinary Time.

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Sam 4:1-11 Ps 43:10-11,14-15,24-25

Mk 1:40-45

15. Green, Friday, 1st Week, Ordinary Time.

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Sam 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 88:16-19

Mk 2:1-12

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz, at Joseph Vaz Pura - Maha Galgamuwa.

- 16.White Saturday, ST. JOSEPH VAZ
APOSTLE OF SRI LANKA, FEAST.**
- L.H** Common of Pastors of the Church with Proper
Concluding Prayer.
- MASS** Proper Opening Prayer, Rest from the Common
of Pastors, *Gloria*, Preface from the Pastors of
the Church. (Pg xxvi, No 10)
- RDGS** Acts 20:17-18,28-32,36 Ps 96:1-3.6-8,10
Mk 16:15-20

First vespers of the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

St. Joseph Vaz (1651-1711) was born in Benaulim, Goa and a priest in 1676. He found the Oratorian Mission and as a missionary he came to Sri Lanka during the Dutch persecution and restored Catholic faith in the island. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2015. St. Joseph Vaz is hailed as the Apostle of Sri Lanka and Kanara.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

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

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz, Apostle of Sri Lanka.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz - Shrine of Koddadi.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz Minor Seminary, Trincomalee.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz at Madhukarai.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA :

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz. Namunukula, Ballakatuwa.

17.Green, SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS Is 62:1-5

Ps 95:1-3,7-10a&c

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

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

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA :

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz at Pemaduwa,

DIOCESE OF CHILAW :

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz - Wattakkaliya,

**From 18 to 25 January is held the week of
prayer for Christian unity.**

18.Green, Monday, 2nd Week, Ordinary Time.

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Sam 15:16-23

Ps 49:8-9,16bc-17,21&23

Mk 2:18-22

19. Green, Tuesday, 2nd Week, Ordinary Time.

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Sam 16:1-13 Ps 88:20-22,27-28
Mk 2:23-28

20. Green Wednesday 2nd week, Ordinary Time

or *Red* **St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr.**

or *Red* **St. Sebastian, Martyr.**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or one of the memorial

RDGS 1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 143:1-2,9-10
Mk 3:1-6

St. Fabian, had been Pope for fourteen years when martyred under Decius in 250. **St. Sebastian** may have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Feast of St. Sebastian, Cathedral, Mannar.

21. Red Thursday, 2nd Week, Ordinary Time.

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr, memorial.

L.H of the memorial- At Lauds, proper antiphons with pss of Sunday, (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS 1 Sam 18:6-9,19:1-7 Ps 55:2-3,9-10abc-13
Mk 3:7-12

At vespers proper antiphons with pss of Common of Martyrs.

St. Agnes, wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early 4th cen tury. Patron of bethrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.

22. Green Friday, 2nd Week, Ordinary Time.

or *Red* St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr.

L.H of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of Choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Sam 24:3-21 Ps 56:2-4,6&11

Mk 3:13-19

23. Green Saturday, 2nd Week Ordinary Time

White or Green Mass of Our Lady BVM

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of Choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 2 Sam 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27

Ps 79:2-3.5-7

Mk 3:20-21

First vespers of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

24. *Green* THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. III)

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

RDGS Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ps 18:8-10,15

1 Cor 12:12-30 (or 12-14,27)

Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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

**PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF HOLY
CHILDHOOD**

Announce

That, next Sunday is **Holy Childhood Sunday in all
Dioceses, 31st January 2016**

Please prepare the Children in your Parishes/
Schools/Sunday Schools and Holy Childhood Cells to
celebrate this event meaningfully.

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

*"Let us be the children of God's mercy, to become
merciful to others"*

The Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood,
founded in 1843 by Bishop Charles de Forbin Jansen, to
awaken in every Catholic child a strong sense of
commitment to Jesus Christ and a zeal for the spread of
the Good News every where by

*** Deepening one's faith * Living it faithfully and**

*** Sharing it joyfully.**

- To prepare the Catholic children to be joyful in their faith and to share it with their brothers and sisters at school, at play or any other point in their lives.
- To encourage children to pray, to be loyal to their elders and to bring together all Children in a world-wide fraternity.
- To spread the Good News of Jesus far in the remotest corners of the world by drawing their attention to the spiritual as well as the material needs of the children throughout the world, with their prayers, sacrifices and their offerings.

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, 3rd Week, Ordinary Time
THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, *feast*

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour proper antiphons, and pss of Monday (Psal. Wk. III)

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

RDGS Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22

Ps 116:1-2

Mk 16:15-18

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, Most Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris (1972)

26. White Tuesday 3rd week of Ordinary Time,
SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops, *memorial*

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5 Ps 95:1-3, 7-8a, 10

Lk 10:1-9

or White St. Angela Merici, Virgin, memorial

St. Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274) Thomas taught that Christian revelation and human knowledge are aspects of a single truth and cannot be in conflict with one another. One of the greatest theologians, he is the patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

29. Green Friday, 3rd Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 2 Sam 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17

Ps 50:3-7, 10-11

Mk 4:26-34

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Episcopal appointment of His Lordship

Most Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera (2003)

30. Green Saturday, 3rd Week, Ordinary Time

or White or Green Mass of Our Lady BVM

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 2 Sam 12:1-7a, 10-17

Ps 50:12-17

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 Thoddaveli.

31. Green FOURTH SUNDAY, OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

RDGS Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

Ps 70:1-6ab, 15ab & 17

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 (or 13:4-13) Lk 4:21-30

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

January 31st Sunday

**TODAY IS HOLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY - IN ALL
DIOCESES**

Holy Childhood Sunday Readings:

Deut 6:1-9

Ps 127:1-5 [Res. V. 3]

Col 3:12-21

Mk 10:13-15

***PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE HOLY
CHILDHOOD***

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

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

"Let us be the children of God's mercy, to become merciful to others"

(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.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Feast of Blessed Joseph Vaz Shrine at Ethoya, Ratnapura.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Care for Creation

That we may take good care of creation a gift freely given
cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization : Asia

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter
between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

01. Green Monday 4th week of Ordinary Time

L.H of the weekday (Ps.Wk. IV)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 2 Sam 15:13-14,30,16:5-13a Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5:1-20

02. White Tuesday, 4th Week of Ordinary Time

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, *feast*

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss
of Monday, (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

RDGS Mal 3:1-4 or Hebr2:14-18 Ps 23:7-10
Lk 2:22-40 (or 2:22-32)

Second vespers of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

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

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 to 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 procession 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.

03. *Green* Wednesday, 4th week of Ordinary Time
or *Red* St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
or *White* St. Ansgar, Bishop

L.H of the weekday or of the memorial (Ps. Wk. IV)

MASS of choice (Pg xxi, No 10)

RDGS 2 Sam 24:2,9-17 Ps 31:1-2,5-7

Mk 6:1-6

St. Blaise died in 315. Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Patron for sore throats and sick cattle.

St. Ansgar, a Frenchman, became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century and preached the gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandinavia. Patron of Denmark.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His
Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris (2001)

**04. White Thursday, Our Lady of Lanka, Solemnity
Patroness of Sri Lanka**

L.H. The Solemnity. (Psal Wk I)

MAS *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Solemnity

RDGS IS 43:1-5 PS 95:1-3,7-10

ACTS 1:12-13,2:1-2,4-8,11

MT 2:1-2,7-12

**National Seminary Feast of the National Seminary of
Our Lady of Lanka, Ampitiya.**

**SRI LANKA: NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE
COMMEMORATION DAY.**

In 1942 war was at our door. On Easter Sunday Colombo had its first taste of Japanese bombs, and a few days later, Trincomalee. The damage was slight, but the effect on the people was distressing. From every believing heart in Ceylon supplications went up to heaven, and public prayers were ordered in all dioceses for the safety of the country.

His Grace, Archbishop Masson, with a heart heavy with anxiety for the future of his flock, appealed to the Immaculate Mother of God to protect Ceylon from the dangers that threatened its safety. On his knees at Tewatte he vowed to Our Lady to build a votive church if the country was spared. God heard the prayers

of thousands of His children and Our Lady interceded for them, and Lanka was no more troubled by her enemies. On the 5th of February 1947, before a vast crowd at Tewatte Archbishop Masson proclaimed Our Lady Queen of Sri Lanka, in the following words:

By the Authority of Our Holy Father PIUS XII, we proclaim the Most and Immaculate Virgin Mary, Queen of our Island and ordain that she be invoked as Our Lady of Lanka.

05. Red Friday, 4th Week, Ordinary Time

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, *memorial*.

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Sir 47:2-13 Ps 17:31,47&50-51

Mk 6:14-29

St. Agatha died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the third century. Patron of bell-founders.

06. Red Saturday, 4th Week Ordinary Time

SS. Paul Miki and Companions Martyrs *memorial*

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 118:9-14

Mk 6:30-34

SS. Paul Miki and Companions martyred in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1597. The 6 Franciscans, 17 Franciscan Tertiaries, and 3 Jesuits died suspended on crosses.

First vespers of the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

07. Green FIFTH SUNDAY, of Ordinary Time

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. I))

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

RDGS Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

Ps 137:1-5, 7-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

Lk 5:1-11

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Feast of Our Lady of Lanka National Basilica Tewatta.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Feast of St. Sebastian's Church at Alawwa.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Kudagama.

08. Green Monday, 5th Week, Ordinary Time

White SS. Jerome Emiliani

White Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 131:6-10

Mk 6:53-56

09. White Tuesday 5th week of the Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk I)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 83:3-5&10-11

Mk 7:1-13

SEASON OF LENT

The annual Lenten season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter.

The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinies, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the word of their baptismal promises. God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises.

The faithful are to be encouraged to participate in an ever more intense and faithful way in the Lenten liturgy and in penitential celebrations. They are to be clearly reminded that both according to the law and tradition they should approach

the sacrament of penance during this season so that with purified heart they may, participate in the paschal mysteries. [*Paschale solemnitatis*, 6, 15, Ceremonial of Bishops, 249, 251]

The appropriate volume of the Liturgy of the Hours for Lent

10. Purple 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

L.H. of the week day-At Lauds the ps and canticles from Friday, week III may be used.

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface IV.

RDGS Joel 2: 12-18 Ps 50:3-6a, 12-14&17
2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

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 rite 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 GALLE:

Calvary Shrine, St. Anne's Church, Hiniduma: Beginning of the 67th Festive Season and Lenten Pilgrimages. **DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:**

Beginning of Lenten Pilgrimages at Calvary Shrine, Mawathagama.

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

Inauguration of Lenten Pilgrimages, Calvary, Shrine Alagollawa.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Beginning of Lenten Pilgrimages to the Calvary at Kudagama, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.

11. Purple Thursday after Ash Wednesday

WORLD SICK DAY

L.H. of the weekday, (Psal. Wk.IV)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Deut 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4&6

Lk 9:22-25

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination (2012)
Most Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Fernando and Most Rev. Dr. Maxwell Granville Silva.

12. Purple Friday after Ash Wednesday

L.H. of the weekday, (Psal. Wk.IV)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Is 58:1-9a Ps 50:3-6a, 18-19

Mt 9:14-15

13. Purple Saturday after Ash Wednesday

L.H. of the weekday, (Psal. Wk.IV)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Is 58:9B-14 Ps 85:1-6

Lk 5:27-32

First vespers of the First Sunday of Lent.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Lunugala.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Feast of our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Manthai - Mannar.

14. Purple FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of First Sunday of Lent.

RDGS Dt 26:4-10

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

Second vespers of the First Sunday of Lent.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - Tewatta

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Nattandiya.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine, Parakaduwa.

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

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

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

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

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)

15. *Purple* Monday, 1st Week of Lent

L.H. of the Weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Lev 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 18:8-10,15

Mt 25: 31-46

16. *Purple* Tuesday, 1st Week of Lent

L.H. of the Weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

Mass of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Is 55:10-11 Ps 33:4-7,16-19

Mt 6:7-15

17. *Purple* Wednesday, 1st Week of Lent

L.H. of the Weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

Mass of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Jona 3:1-10 Ps 50:3-4,12-13,18-19

Lk 11:29-32

18. Purple Thursday, 1st Week of Lent

L.H. of the Weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

Mass of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Est 4:17n Ps 137:1-3,7c-8
(Vulgate 14:1,3-5.12-14) Mt 7:7-12

19. Purple Friday, 1st Week of Lent

L.H. of the Weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Ez 18:21-28 Ps 129:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Diocesan pilgrimage and Way of the Cross at Calvary Shrine, Hingurana, Ampara.

20. Purple Saturday, 1st Week of Lent

L.H. of the Weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Dt 26:16-19 Ps 118:1-2,4-5,7-8
Mt 5:43-48

First Vespers of the Second Sunday of Lent

21. Purple SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)

Mass of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Second Sunday of Lent

RDGS Gen 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 26:1,7-9abc,13-14
 Phil 3:17-4:1 (or Phil 3:20-4:1) Lk 9:28b-36

Second Vespers of the Second Sunday of Lent.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Pilgrimage & Feast of St. Antony's Shrine, Kachchathivu.

22. White Monday 2nd week of Lent

CHAIR OF ST. PETER, THE APOSTLE, *Feast*

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour, antiphons of the season and pss of Monday, (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 22:1-3ab-6

Mt 16:13-19

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

23. Purple Tuesday, 2nd Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

Mass of the weekday Lenten Preface

RDGS Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 49:8-9,16-17,21&23

Mt 23:1-12

24. Purple Wednesday, 2nd Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday Lenten Preface

RDGS Jer 18:18-20 Ps 30:5-6,14-16

Mt: 20:17-28

25. Purple Thursday, 2nd Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

Mass of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4&6

Lk 16:19-31

26. Purple Friday, 2nd Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS The weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28 Ps 104:16-21

Mt 21:33-43,45-46

27. Purple Saturday, 2nd Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Mic 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 102:1-4,9-12

Lk 15:1-3,11-32

First Vespers of the Third Sunday of Lent

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Lenten Prayer Service - 5.00 - 9.00 p.m. at Divine Mercy Shrine, Alles Garden.

28. *Purple* THIRD SUNDAY, OF LENT

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. III)

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

RDGS Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 102:1-4,6-8,11

1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9

Second Vespers of the Third Sunday of Lent

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

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

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

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

29. *Purple* Monday 3rd Week , of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS 2 Kgs 5:1-15a Ps 41:2-3,42:3-4

Lk 4:24-30

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Families in Difficulty

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization : Persecuted Christians

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

01. Purple Tuesday 3rd Week , of Lent

L.H. of the weekday. Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 24:4-9

Mt 18:21-35

02. Purple Wednesday 3rd Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20

Mt 5:17-19

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Komarasankulam Calvary Pada Yadra begins, 5.00am
mass at St. Sebastian's Cathedral.

03. Purple Thursday 3rd Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Jer 7:23-28 Ps 94:1-2,6-9

Lk 11:14-23

Tomorrow, the anniversary of the election as Supreme Pontiff of Pope Francis, the Mass for the anniversary of election of the Pope may be celebrated. In any case, in all Masses there should be an intention in the Prayer of the Faithful for the Pope.

04. Purple Friday 3rd Week, of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Hos 14:2-10 Ps 80: 6-11ab,14&17

Mk 12:28b-34

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Pada Yadra ends at Komarasankulam with the Mass at Calvary.

05. Purple Saturday 3rd Week, of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Hos 6:1-6 Ps 50:3-4,18-21ab

Lk 18:9-14

First Vespers of Fourth Sunday of Lent.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Archdiocesan Children's Day at Tewatta 8.30 am

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Diocesan Penitential Day at Thambakanda.

06. *Purple* FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Sunday, Creed, Preface of Fourth Sunday
of Lent

RDGS Jos 5:9a,10-12

Ps 33:2-7

2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Second Vespers of the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Announce- Next Sunday Archdiocesan Lenten Fund
Collection.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

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

07. *Purple* Monday 4th Week of Lent

L.H. of the Weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Weekday, Lenten Preface.

RDGS Is 65:17-21

Ps 29:2&4-6,11-13b

Jn 4:43-54

08. *Purple* Tuesday, 4th Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 45:2-3,5-6,8-9ab

Jn 5:1-16

09. *Purple* Wednesday, 4th Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Is 49:8-15 Ps 144:8-9,13-14,17-18

Jn 5:17-30

10. *Purple* Thursday, 4th Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Ex 32:7-14 Ps 105:19-23

Jn 5:31-47

11. *Purple* Friday, 4th Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 33:17-21&23

Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Olathoduvai Passion Christ Shrine – Pada Yadra and mass

12. Purple Saturday, 4th Week of Lent

L.H. of the Weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday, Lenten Preface

RDGS Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,9-12

Jn 7:40-53

First vespers of Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Tomorrow we remember the anniversary of the election as Supreme Pontiff of Pope Francis. In all masses there should be an intention in the prayer of the faithful for the Holy Father.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Lenten Pilgrimage, Nachchikudah, China Bay

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.

**13. Purple FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS the Sunday, Creed, Preface of 5th Sunday of Lent

RDGS Is 43:16-21 Ps 125:1-6

Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

Second vespers of the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

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

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Annual Lenten Feast - St. Anne's Shrine, Talawila

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Lenten Fund collection.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Lenten Education Programme collection to be sent to
the Director, Caritas Ratnapura- SETHMINI.

14. *Purple* Monday, 5th Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion I

RDGS Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 (or 41c-62)

Ps 22:1-6

Jn 8:12-20

15. *Purple* Tuesday, 5th Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion I

RDGS Num 21:4-9 Ps 101:2-3,16-21

Jn 8:21-30

16. *Purple* Wednesday, 5th Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion I

RDGS Dan 3:14-20,91-92,95 Ps Dan 3:52-56

Jn 8:31-42

17. Purple Thursday, 5th Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MAS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion I

RDG Gen 17:3-9 Ps 104:4-9

Jn 8:51-59

18. Purple Friday, 5th Week of Lent

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion I

RDGS Jer 20:10-13 Ps 17:2-7

Jn 10:31-42

First Vespers of St. Joseph.

COMPLINE as after First Vespers of Sunday.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

(Friday before Holy Week)

Main Pilgrimage Day at Calvary Shrine. Mawathagama.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Parappukadanthan Passion Christ Shrine - Pada Yadra
and mass

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

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

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

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

19. White Saturday, 5th Week of Lent

ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the BVM

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

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

RDGS 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 88:2-5, 27 & 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Patronal Feast of His Lordship Rt. Most Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris, Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Patronal Feast of His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Rayappu Joseph.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Patronal Feast of His Lordship, Bishop of Batticaloa, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Ponniah.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Patronal Feast of Bishop Emeritus, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kingsley Swampillai

Red First Vespers of Palm Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

PALM SUNDAY

1. Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, 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 lesser 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 him 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 the Saturday evening or at a suitable time on the Sunday.

20. Red PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

L.H. of the Sunday. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS The Sunday, Creed, Preface of Palm Sunday.

RDGS Is 50:4-7 Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24
Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56 (or 23:1-49)

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted. not even funeral Masses.

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.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA

Diocesan Lenten Fund Collection

HOLY WEEK

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 Maundy Thursday. With the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday begins the Easter 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.

21. *Purple* MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday, Preface of the Passion II

RDGS Is 42:1-7 Ps 26:1-3,13-14

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)

Readings for Holy Chrism Mass

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

Ps 88:21-22,25&27

Rev 1:5-8

Lk 4:16-21

HOLY CHRISM MASSES

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

10.00 a.m at St. Theresa's Church, Dehighapitiya.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

10.30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

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

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

10.30 a.m at Cathedral of Our Lady of Mt.Carmel

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

10.30 a.m. at Queen of the Holy Rosary Cathedral

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

4.30 p.m at St. Mary's Cathedral

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

5.00 p.m, at St. Anthony's Cathedral

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

5.00 p.m at St. Mary's Cathedral

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

5.00 p.m at St. Mary's Cathedral

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

5.00 p.m. at St. Sebastian's Cathedral. After the mass,
Holy Hour for the Priests at the Bishop's House

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

5.00 p.m. St. Joseph's Cathedral

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

5.00 pm St. Anne's Cathedral

22. *Purple* TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

Mass of the weekday, Preface of the Passion II

RDGS Is 49:1-6 Ps 70:1-6ab, 15ab & 17

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

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

APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE:

Anniversary of the appointment of His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Pierre Nguyen Van Tot, as Apostolic Nuncio of Sri Lanka (2014)

23. *Purple* WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

Mass of the weekday, Preface of the Passion II

RDGS Is 50:4-9a Ps 68:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34

Mt 26:14-25

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

24. *Purple* MAUNDY THURSDAY

L.H. Weekday (Psal. Wk II)

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

*Vespers are not recited by those who take part in the evening Mass.
Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.*

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Celebrating the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Unity of the Celebration

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening, at a time more convenient for the full participation of the whole local community. All priests may concelebrate, even if they have already celebrated. Where pastoral considerations require it, the local ordinary may permit another Mass to be celebrated, but not for the benefit of private persons or small groups, or to the detriment of the main Mass. All Masses without the participation of the people are forbidden on this day.

The Mandatum

The Gospel account of the Mandatum is actualised when the ceremony is carried out. The tradition of the washing of the feet should be maintained, and its proper significance explained. Gifts for the poor, especially those collected during lent as the fruit of penance, may be presented in the procession of gifts.

The Sick and Infirm

It is appropriate that the Eucharist be borne directly from the altar by the deacons . or acolytes or extraordinary ministers at the moment of Communion, for the sick and infirm who must communicate at home, so that in this way they may be more closely united to the celebrating church.

Place of Repose

For the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament that will be distributed in Communion on Good Friday, a place should be prepared and adorned in such a way as to be conducive to prayer and meditation. The Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a closed tabernacle or pyx. When the tabernacle is located in a chapel separated from the port of the Church, it is appropriate to prepare there the place of repose or adoration. The faithful should be encouraged to spend some period of the time there during the night before the Blessed Sacrament. From midnight onwards the adoration should be made without solemnity, for the day of the Lord's Passion has begun. After Mass the altar should be stripped. It is fitting that any crosses in the church be covered with a red or purple veil Lamps should not be lit before the images of saints.

The Lectionary for the Easter Triduum

On Holy Thursday at the evening Mass, the readings direct attention to the supper preceding Christ's departure. On Good Friday the liturgical service has as its centre John's narrative of the Passion of Him who was portrayed in Isaiah as the Servant

of God and who became the one High Priest by offering himself to the Father.. On the holy night of the Easter Vigil there are seven old Testament readings recalling the wonderful works of God in the history of salvation. The New Testament readings announce the Resurrection and speak of Baptism as the sacrament of Christ's Resurrection. On Easter Day, the Gospel reading is from John The finding of the empty Tomb, or the Easter Vigil Gospel may be used. In the evening Luke's story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus may be used.

24. White HOLY 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 115:12,13,15-18

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

(a)Foot - washing ceremony during Mass

(b) Public Prayer hours before the Blessed Sacrament till midnight only.

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 the 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.

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.27).

APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE:

Priesthood Ordination of His Most Rev. Dr. Pierre
Nguyen Van Tot (1974)

25. Red, GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.

**Universal Day of Fasting,
Abstinence and Penance.**

L.H. 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.

Liturgy of the Word.

Veneration of the Cross.

Liturgy of Communion.

Is 52:13-53:12 Ps.30:2&6,12-13,15-17,25
Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9 Jn.18:1-19,42

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion Day of Fast and
Abstinence**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION Proper

This celebration takes place in the afternoon, about three o'clock,
unless pastoral reasons suggest a later hour. The celebration
consists of three parts: liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the
Cross, and Holy Communion (Ceremonial of Bishops, 313).

READINGS

Is 52: 13-53: 12. This servant song, applied to Christ, gives a horrifying account of his sufferings, and the cause of them - our sins.

Ps 30:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25, RI Lk 23:46. A lament for the sufferings of the just one, and an expression of trust in God who is faithful.

Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9. Christ embraced our human state and lived through our hardships. Because He was a man without sin God heard Him, and all the human race as well on His behalf.

Jn 18: 1-19:42. St John's account of the Passion is more reflective and theological. He emphasises Jesus' obedience to the Father's will. The kingship of Jesus is asserted: the crucifixion is a victory, the hour of death is also the hour of triumph. 'Christ gives his life, he is "lifted up" on the Cross, but willingly, and only in order to enter into His glory, a glory that is made visible even in this world to the confusion of unbelievers and ending in the defeat of Satan once and for all. (*New Jerusalem Bible*)

After the proclamation of the Passion, a homily should be given, at the end of which the faithful may be invited to spend a short time in meditation.

'On this day, when Christ our paschal lamb was sacrificed, what had long been promised is signs and figures was at last revealed and brought to fulfilment. The true lamb replaced the symbolic lamb, and the many offerings of the past gave way to the single sacrifice of Christ.

The wonderful works of God among the people of the Old Testament were a prelude to the work of Christ the Lord. He achieved His task of redeeming humanity and giving perfect glory to God, principally by the paschal mystery of his blessed Passion, Resurrection from the dead, and glorious Ascension, whereby dying He destroyed our death and rising He restored our life (Preface of Easter). For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the Cross that there came forth the sublime sacrament of the whole Church.

In contemplating the Cross of its Lord and Bridegroom, the Church commemorates its own origin and its mission to extend to all peoples the blessed effects of Christ's Passion that it celebrates on this day in a spirit of thanksgiving for His marvellous gift.' (Ceremonial of Bishop, 312)

Day of Penance

Good Friday is a day of penance to be observed as of obligation in the whole Church, and indeed through abstinence and fasting. All celebration of the sacraments on this day is strictly prohibited, except for the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick. Funerals are to be celebrated without singing, music or tolling of bells.

Times of Celebrations

The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer should take place in the morning. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion is to take place in the afternoon, around three o'clock. For pastoral reasons, in order to allow the faithful to assemble more easily, another time may be chosen, such as shortly after midday, or in the late evening, but not later than nine o'clock.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

The order for the celebration of the lord's Passion, which stems from an ancient tradition of the Church, should be observed faithfully and religiously. The priest and ministers proceed to the altar in silence and without any singing. If any words of introduction are to be said, they should be pronounced before the ministers enter. The rite of prostration should be strictly observed as it signifies human abasement and the grief of the Church. The general intercessions are to follow the wording and form handed down by ancient tradition, maintaining the full range of intentions.

Veneration of the Cross

For the Veneration of the Cross, let a cross be used that is of appropriate size and beauty. The rite should be carried out with the splendour worthy of the mystery of our salvation. After each sung invitation and response, the celebrant holds the raised Cross for a period of respectful silence. The Cross is to be presented to each of the faithful individually for their veneration, since the personal veneration of the Cross is a most important feature in this celebration, and only when necessitated by the large numbers of faithful present should the rite of veneration be made simultaneously by all present. Only one Cross should be used for the veneration, as this contributes to the full symbolism of the rite: After the celebration, an appropriate place (for example, the chapel of repose used for reservation of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday can be prepared, and there the lord's Cross is placed with four candles, so that the faithful may venerate and kiss it, and spend some time in meditation. -

Popular Devotions

Devotions, such as the Way of the Cross and Prayer around the Cross, are not to 'be neglected. The texts and songs should be appropriate to the spirit of this day. Such devotions should be assigned to a time of the day that makes it quite clear that the liturgical celebration by its very nature far surpasses them in importance (*Sacrosanctum concilium*, 13)

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

Calvary Shrine, St. Anne's Church Hiniduma: Way of the Cross Followed by the solemn Liturgical Service at 2.00p.m

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

Liturgical Service at the Calvary Shrine Alagollewa.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Collection for Seminarians.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Collection for St. Joseph Vaz Minor Seminary.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Collection for Minor Seminary, Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Collection for the Seminary.

26. *White* HOLY SATURDAY

LITURGY OF THE HOURS Proper

It is highly recommended that on this day the OFFICE OF READINGS and MORNING PRAYER be celebrated with the participation of the people. Where this cannot be done, there should be some celebration of the Word of God, or some act of devotion suited to the mystery celebrated on this day.

Night Prayer after vespers 2 of Sunday is said only by those who do not attend the Paschal Vigil. St Isidore, Bishop and doctor of the Church, is not celebrated this year.

On Holy Saturday the Church is, as it were, at the Lord's tomb meditating on His Passion and death, and on His descent into hell, and awaiting His Resurrection with prayer and fasting. The image of Christ crucified or lying in the tomb, or the descent into hell, which mystery Holy Saturday recalls, as also an image of the Sorrowful Virgin Mary can be placed in the church for the veneration of the faithful.

On this day the Church abstains strictly from the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass. Holy Communion may be given only in the form of Viaticum. The celebration of marriages is forbidden, as are the celebration of other sacraments, except Penance and Anointing of the Sick. The faithful are to be instructed on the special character of Holy Saturday. Festive customs and traditions associated with this day on account of the former practice of anticipating the celebration of Easter on Holy Saturday should be reserved for Easter night and the day that follows.

By means of a more intensive pastoral care and a deeper spiritual effort, all who celebrate the Easter feasts will, by the Lord's grace, experience their effect in their daily lives.

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 the Easter Vigil is celebrated of the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses' (Paschale someminitis, 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:

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. The reading from Exodus ch. 14 with its canticle must never be

omitted. 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 (4 PARTS).**

Liturgy of the Light,
Liturgy of the Word,

Liturgy of the Baptism,
Liturgy of the Eucharist,

Proper, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

I Genesis 1: 1-2:2 (shorter form 1: 1, 26-31). About creation.
Lect 1:399

Psalm 103 or 32

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.

II Genesis 22:1-18 (shorter form 1-2, 9-13, 15-18). About Abraham's sacrifice. Lect 1:403

Psalm 15

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.

III Exodus 14: 15-15: 1. About the passage through the Sea.
Lect 1:405

Psalm from Exodus 15

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 Christian's journey in Baptism through dying and rising with Christ.

IV Isaiah; 54:5-14. About the new Jerusalem. Lect 1:407

Psalm 29

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.

V Isaiah 55: 1-11. About salvation freely offered to all. Lect 1:408

Psalm from Isaiah 12 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.

VI Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4. About the fountain of wisdom. Lect 1:410

Psalm 18 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.

VII Ezekiel 36:16-28. About a new heart and a new spirit. Lect 1:412

Psalm 41 or 50

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.

VIII Romans 6:3-11. About the new life through Baptism. Lect 1:414

Psalm 117

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.

IX Lk 24:1-12 Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.
Lect 1:415

(Taken from *In the Light of Christ: The Old Testament Readings for the Easter Vigil*. Commentaries by Brian Magee ~M, Anne F. Kelly, Andrew McGrady, Anne looney and Donal Neary SJ., Veritas, 1994)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Solemnity. with Octave

HOURS Proper. The Office of Readings is omitted by those who have attended the Easter Vigil. If celebrated - Te Deum. MASS in the Day. Proper. Gloria. Sequence. Creed. Preface of Easter I In the Roman Canon, proper forms

Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/ v 24. Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8. In 20: 1-9. Lect 1:41 7 or Lk 24:1-12

The Gospel from the Easter Vigil, Mk 16:1-7, Lect 1:415, may be used at the Day Mass as an alternative. 'Christ is Risen, alleluia!' This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all. 'Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of Feasts.' The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him' (see, 1169).

Evening Mass: Gospel Lk 24: 13-35. Lect 1:428 may be used as an alternative. The penitential rite may take the form of sprinkling with water blessed at the Vigil. The Rite of Renewal of Baptismal Promises is desirable after the homily.

It is fitting that EVENING PRAYER should be celebrated in a more solemn manner to mark the close of the Easter Triduum and to commemorate the apparitions in which our Lord showed Himself to His disciples (GILH, 213). Night Prayer 1 or 2 of Sunday is used at choice throughout the Octave.

No other celebrations, not even funeral Masses, are permitted today (see Lit. Note 8)

27. White, SOLEMNITY WITH OCTAVE.

L.H. Proper of Easter Sunday, The Office of Readings is omitted by those who take part in the Easter Vigil.

MASS Proper of Easter Sunday, Gloria, Sequence, Creed (Renewal of Baptismal Vows - No Creed), with proper preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer. Dismissal: Alleluia, Alleluia.

RDGS Acts 10:34a,37-43
Ps 117:1-2.16ab-1,22-23
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn.20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

At an evening Mass the Gospel may be Lk.24: 13-35.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection - Collection for the Seminarians.

28. *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 Ps 15:1-2a & 5:7-11
Mt 28:8-15

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

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Commemoration of the deceased Bishops, Priests, Religious and parents of the Priests. Holy Mass at the Bishop's House.

29. *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 Ps 32:4,5,18-20&22
Jn 20:11-18

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

30. 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 Acts 3:1-10 Ps 104:1-4,6-9

Lk 24:13:35

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

31. White THURSDAY 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 Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2a and 5-9

Lk 24:35-48

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Small Farmers

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization : African Christians

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political - religious conflicts.

01. *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 Ps 117:1-2&4.22-27a
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. Nicholas Maria Laudadio, SJ (1969)

02. *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 Ps 117:1&14-21
Mk 16:9-15

First vespers of the second Sunday of Easter.

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

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

11th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Valence Mendis (2005)

DIOCESES OF BADULLA :

19th Anniversary of the Appointment of His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Winston Fernando, S.S.S. (1997)

**03. White SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(of DIVINE MERCY)**

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, optional sequence, Creed, with proper Preface and proper inserts of Easter for the Eucharistic Prayer.

RDGS Acts 5:12-16

Ps 117:2-4,22-27a

Rev 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 Jn 20:19-31

Second Vespers of the second Sunday of Easter.

COMPLINE as after Second vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

DIOCESES OF TRINCOMALEE:

Divine Mercy Feast, Divine Mercy Shrine, Alles Garden.

04. White Monday, 2nd Week of Easter

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD,
Solemnity. (From 25 March)

L.H. of the solemnity - At Middle Hour proper
antiphons, and supplementary psalms (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Ps 39:7-8ab, 9-11
Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Other celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Masses.
Second Vespers of the solemnity.

05. White Tuesday, 2nd Week of Easter
St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday, or of the memorial,
Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 4:32-37 Ps 92:1abc, 2, 5
Jn 3:7b-15

06. White Wednesday, 2nd Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday, Easter Preface

RDGS Ac 5:17-26 Ps 33:2-9
Jn 3:16-21

07. White Thursday, 2nd Week of Easter

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest, memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial, Easter Preface

RDGS Ac 5:27-33 Ps 33:2&9,17-20

Jn 3:31-36

08. White Friday, 2nd Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday. Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 5:34-42 Ps 26:1,4,13-14

Jn 6:1-15

09. White Saturday, 2nd Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 6:1-7 Ps 32:1-2,4-5,18-19

Jn 6:16-21

First vespers of the Third Sunday of Easter.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Sacerdotal Ordinations in the Archdiocese 9.00 a.m at
St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

Death Anniversary of His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Elmo
N. J. Perera. (2015)

**10. White THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
NATIONAL SMALL CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY DAY**

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 29:2&4-6, 11-13b

Rev 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or 1-14

Other celebration are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

11. Red Monday, 3rd Week of Easter

St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the memorial, Easter Preface

RDGS Acts 6:8-15 Ps 118:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

Jn 6:22-29

12. White Tuesday, 3rd Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday Easter Preface

RDGS Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 30:3cd-4, 6-8a, 17&21ab

Jn 6:30-35

13. White Wednesday, 3rd Week of Easter

or Red St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the Easter weekday or of the memorial.

Easter Preface

RDGS Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 65:1-3a, 4-7a

Jn 6:35-40

14. **White Thursday, 3rd Week of Easter.**

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 8:26-40 Ps. 65:8-9.16-17.20

Jn 6:44-51

15. **White Friday, 3rd Week of Easter.**

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 9:1-20 Ps. 116:1-2

Jn 6:52-59

16. **White Saturday, 3rd Week of Easter.**

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 9:31-42 Ps. 115:12-17

Jn 6:60-69

First vespers of the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

17. **White FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR

VOCATIONS [Vocation Sunday]

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface

RDGS Acts 13:14,43-52 Ps 99:2.3.5

Rev 7:9.14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

Today's collection in all churches is to be deposited with the Procurator General for the two major seminaries.

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.

DIOCESES OF ANURADHAPURA:

Death Anniversary of His Lordship the Late Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry Goonawardena OMI. (2000)

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Feast of the Shrine of St. Jude, Thethathievu, Batticaloa.

18. White Monday, 4th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 11:1-18 Ps 41:2-3,42:3-4
Jn 10:1-10

19. White Tuesday, 4th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 11:19-26 Ps 86:1-7
Jn 10:22-30

20. White Wednesday, 4th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 12:24-13:5a Ps 66:2-3,5,6& 8
Jn 12:44-50

21. *White* Thursday, 4th Week of Easter

or *White* St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Easter weekday or memorial Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 13:13-25 Ps 88:2-3,21-22,25&27
Jn 13:16-20

22. *White* Friday, 4th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11
Jn 14:1-6

23. *White* Saturday, 4th Week of Easter

or *Red* SS George, Martyr and Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials
(Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the Easter weekday or of one of the memorials.
Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 13:44-52 Ps 97:1-3abcd-4
Jn 14:7-14

First vespers of Fifth Sunday of Easter.

24. White, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

National Laity Sunday

L.H. of the Sunday. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 14:21-27

Ps 144:8-13ab

Rev 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Feast of St. Jude - Shrine of Ariyalai, Jaffna.

25. Red Monday, 5th Week of Easter

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST, *Feast*

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Monday, (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS 1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 88:2-3,6-7,16-17

Mk 16:15-20

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

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Death Anniversary of His Lordship, the Late Bishop
Rt. Rev. Dr. Deogupillai. (2003)

26. White, Tuesday, 5th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 14:19-28 Ps 144:10-13ab,21

Jn 14:27-31a

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Patronal Feast of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Cletus C. Perera OSB.

27. White Wednesday, 5th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Easter weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 15:1-6 Ps 121:1-5

Jn 15:1-8

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Death Anniversary of His Lordship, the Late Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Glennie, S.J. (1993)

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Death Anniversary of His Lordship the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Glennie, S.J. (1993)

28. White Thursday, 5th Week of Easter

or Red Peter Chanel Priest & Martyr and

or White St. Louis Mary de Grignon de Montfort, Priest

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorials (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Easter weekday or of one of the memorials.
Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 15:7-21

Ps 95:1-3,10

Jn 15:9-11

29. White Friday, 5th Week of Easter

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, *Memorial*

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 15:22-31

Ps 56:8-12

Jn 15:12-17

St. Catherine of Siena, 1347-80, humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth-century Europe, spent all her energies for the Church, being able to achieve the Pope's return from Avignon to Rome. She is remembered also as a mystic and reformer of religious life. Proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1970 and Patroness of Europe in 2000.

30. White Saturday, 5th Week of Easter

St. Pius V, Pope

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Easter weekday, or of the memorial.
Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 16:1-10

Ps 99:1b-2,3,5

Jn 15:18-21

First vespers of the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

MAY, 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)

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Respect for Women

That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Evangelization : Holy Rosary

That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

01. *White* **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8
Rev 21:10-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29

The memorial of **St. Joseph the worker** is not celebrated this year.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

Solemnity of St. Joseph the worker Patron Saint of the Diocese. Feast of the Cathedral Anuradhapura.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Holy Rosary, Periyapullumalai, Batticaloa.

02. White Monday, 6th Week of Easter

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor, *memorial*

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial, Easter Preface

RDGS Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6a & 9b

Jn 15:26-16:4a

St. Athanasius, 296-373, Patriarch of Alexandra was a staunch defender of the Divinity of Christ.

03. Red Tuesday, 6th Week of Easter

SS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES,
Feast

L.H. The Feast - At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Tuesday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS The Feast, *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles
Easter Preface

RDGS 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 18:2-5

Jn 14:6-14

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

04. White Wednesday, 6th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14

Jn 16:12-15

05. White Thursday, 6th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Acts 18:1-8

Ps 97:1-3abcd-4

Jn 16:16-20

06. White Friday, 6th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 18:9-18

Ps 46:2-7

Jn 16:20-23a

07. White Saturday, 6th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday, Easter Preface.

RDGS Ac 18:23-28

Ps 46:2-3,8-10

Jn 16:23b-28

First vespers of the Ascension.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Emeritus, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Kingsley Swampillai (1983)

08. White SEVENTH SUNDAY, OF EASTER

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Solemnity

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

L.H. of the Solemnity

MASS of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, Ascension Preface.

RDGS Ac 1:1-11 Ps 47: 2-3,6-9
 Heb 9:24-28,10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53

Second Vespers of the Ascension.

COMPLINE as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Benefactor's Day - Mass to be offered for all the Benefactors of the Diocese.

09. White Monday, 7th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Easter or Ascension Preface.

RDGS Ac 19:1-8 Ps 67:2-7ab

Jn 16:29-33

10. White Tuesday, 7th Week of Easter

St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka, Priest

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Easter or Ascension Preface.

RDGS Ac 20:17-27 Ps 67:10-11,20-21

Jn 17:1-11

11. White Wednesday, 7th Week of Easter

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday, Easter or Ascension Preface.

RDGS Acts 20:28-38 Ps 67:29-30,33-35abc-36c

Jn 17:11b-19

12. White Thursday, 7th Week of Easter.

or **Red SS Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs.**

Red St. Pancras, Martyr.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk.III)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial,
Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 15:1-2a& 5,7-11
Jn 17:20-26

13. White Friday, 7th Week of Easter

Our Lady of Fatima

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday or memorial, Easter Preface.

RDGS Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 102:1-2,11-12,19-20ab
Jn 21:15-19

OR

From the Lectionary of Saints.

RDGS Is 61:9-11 Ps 44:11-17
Lk 11:27-28

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima's Shrine - Pandatharipu.

14. Red Saturday, ST. MATTHIAS APOSTLE feast

L.H. Feast At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and
pss of Saturday, (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS The feast, *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostle

RDGS Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 112:1-8
Jn 15:9-17

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

St. Matthias, like all the apostles, was chosen to become a witness of Christ's resurrection'. The story of his election as one of the apostles is given in the first reading. He seems to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea; then he travelled east to Cappadocia (now Turkey), where it is said that he was a vital instrument in bringing many pagans to the faith. He is said to have been martyred at Colchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St. Helena.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Appointment of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera as Bishop of Kurunegala (2009)

Pentecost Sunday, Solemnity when the Church recalls the giving 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.

14. Red Saturday evening.- FOR THE VIGIL

MASS Mass proper for 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

Ps 103:1,2a,24&35c,27-30

Rm 8:22-27

Jn 7:37-39

First Vespers of Pentecost Sunday.

Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Grace the Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando (1977)

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Pentecost Vigil Service - Parish Level

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Pentecost Vigil Service, 6.00 p.m to 12.00 midnight, at Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Palaiyoothu.

15. Red SUNDAY PENTECOST SUNDAY

L.H. 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 Ps 103:1ab&24ac,29bc-31,34

1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 (or Rom 8:8-17)

Jn 20:19-23 (or Jn 14:15-16,23b-26)

Second vespers of Pentecost Sunday.

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Diocesan Small Christian Community Day.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Collection for the common needs of the Diocese.

Anpnam week Begins.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima,
Inginiyagala, Ampara.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Erection of the Diocese of Kurunegala. (1987)

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...*) should resume.

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 7th 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 II.

16. *Green* Monday 7th Week of Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Ps Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Jm 3:13-18 Ps 18:8-10,15

Mk 9:14-29

DIOCESE OF KANDY

Death Anniversary of late Bishop A. Paul Perera (1989)

17. *Green* Tuesday 7th Week of Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Ps Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Jm 4:1-10 Ps 54:7-8-10ab-11,23

Mk 9:30-37

18. *Green* Wednesday, 7th Week of Ordinary Time

or *Red* **St. John I, Pope and Martyr**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Jm 4:13-17 Ps 48:2-3,6-11

Mk 9:38-40

St John I 470 - 526 Pope was imprisoned by the King who supported heresies and died of neglect and ill treatment.

19. *Green* **Thursday 7th Week of Ordinary Time**

L.H. of the weekday (Ps Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Jm 5:1-6 Ps 48:14-15abcde, 16-20
Mk 9:41-50

20. *Green* **Friday, 7th Week of Ordinary Time**

White **St. Bernardine of Siena**, Priest

L.H. of the weekay or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Jm 5:9-12 Ps 102:1-4,8-9,11-12
Mk 10:1-12

St. Bernadine was born in Siena in 1380. He become a Franciscan, travelled through Italy, preaching with great success. He promoted devotion to the Holy Name and to St. Joseph. He died in 1444.

21. *Green* **Saturday, 7th Week of Ordinary Time**

or *Red* **St. Christopher Magallanes**, Priest and Companions, Martyrs.

White **St. Eugene de Mazenod**, Bishop of Marseilles
Founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

or *White* **Mass of Our Lady B.V.M**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Jm 5:13-20 Ps 140:1-3&8

Mk 10:13-16

St. Christopher Magallanes, 1869-1927 a Mexican priest wrote and preached against armed rebellion, but was falsely accused of promoting rebellion and arrested while enroute to celebrate Mass. He gave away his few remaining possessions to his executioners, gave them absolution, and without a trial, he was martyred. His last words to his executioners were "I die innocent, and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican brethren."

St. Eugene de Mazenod, 1782-1861 After some years of ecclesiastical labours at Aix, the young priest, bewailing the sad fate of religion resulting among the masses from the French Revolution, gathered together a little band of missionaries to preach in the vernacular and to instruct the rural populations of Provence. On 17th February, 1826, under the name of Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, was solemnly approved by Pope Leo xii.

First Vespers of Trinity Sunday.

Sunday COMPLINE.

DIOCESE OF KANDY

Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination (1983) of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Vianney Fernando, Bishop of Kandy.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Ordination Anniversary of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr.
Christian Noel Emmanuel (1986)

22. *White* SUNDAY; THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Solemnity

L.H. of the solemnity - At Middle Hour proper antiphons, and psalms, of Sunday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of the solemnity.

RDGS Pro 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9
Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

Second vespers of Trinity Sunday.

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Padiwatte, Kundasale
Diocesan Marian Shrine.

23. *Green* Monday, 8th Week of Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 110:1-2,5-6,9&10c
Mk 10:17-27

24. Green Tuesday, 8th Week of Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 97:1, 2-3abcd-4

Mk 10:28-31

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Eight Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship, Joseph Ponniah, Bishop of Batticaloa.

25. Green Wednesday 8th Week, Ordinary Time

or **White** St, Bede the Venerable Priest & Doctor.

or **White** St. Gregory VII Pope and

or **White** St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials
(Ps Wk. IV)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15,19-20

Mk 10:32-45

St. Bede, 735 born in Northumbria, OSB, called "Venerable" while still living authored the Ecclesiastical History of the English People and wrote Scriptural expositions commentaries, and homilies, known as the "Father of English history."

St. Gregory VII 1085, from Tuscany; OSB, championed reform of the clergy against simony, clerical marriage, and lay investiture, leading to the excommunication of Henry IV; expanded the authority of the Roman See.

White Pilip Neri Priest, Memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS 1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12 Ps 99:2-5

Mk 10:46-52

St. Pilip Neri, 1515-1595, was born in Florence but spent most of his life in Rome, where he founded the Congregation of the Oratory to foster good preaching and to promote holiness of priestly life.

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Feast of the Shrine of St. Philip Neri, Chempianpattu.

or *White* St. Augustine of Centerbury, Bishop

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 95:10-13

Mk 11:11-25

St. Augustine of Centerbury, was a monk in Rome when sent by Pope Gergory the Great to preach to the English. He set up his see at Centerbury and much success in converting the south of England.

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L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Jude 17:20b-25 Ps 62:1.3-6

Mk 11:27-33

First Vespers of Corpus Christi.

Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.

Death Anniversary of His Lordship, the late Bishop,
Rt. Rev. Dr .Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B. (1982)

29. *White* Sunday, THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, SOLEMNITY.

(Corpus Christi)

L.H. of the Solemnity. At middle Hour proper antiphons and pss of Sunday. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Solemnity. *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Eucharist.

RDGS Gen 14:18-20 Ps 109:1-4

1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17

Second Vespers of Corpus Christi.

Compline as after the Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and Eucharist procession at the Cathedral.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

Corpus Christi celebration with the Eucharistic Procession, Queen of the Holy Rosary Cathedral.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Solemnity of Corpus Christi and Eucharistic Procession at St. Mary's Cathedral.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Palaiyootru, Trincomalee.

30. *Green* Monday 9th Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 2 Pt 1:2-7 Ps 90:1-2,14-15abc&16

Mk 12:1-12

31. *White* Tuesday, 9th Week of Ordinary Time

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY, *feast*

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour antiphons of the season and pss of Tuesday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, Prface of the B.V.M

RDGS ZephH 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16b

Ps Is 12:2-4bcd,5-6 Lk 1:39-56

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Human Solidarity

That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization : Seminarians and Novices

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

01. Red Wednesday, 9th Week of Ordinary Time

St. Justin, Martyr, *Memorial*

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS 2 Tim 1:1-3,6-12 Ps122:1-2abcd

Mk 12:18-27

St. Justin was born in the Holy Land and settled in Rome. He became a Christian and is remembered for his defence of Christian belief and practice. He was martyred 165

02. Green Thursday, 9th Week of Ordinary Time

or Red Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS 2 Tim 2:8-15 Ps 24:4-5ab,8-10&14

Mk 12:28-34

First Vespers of the Sacred Heart

Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.

Priests' Day of Santification.

Holy Hour for the Priests of the city, at the Sacred Heart Chapel, Archbishop's House at 7.30 p.m.

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 Ez 34:11-16
Rom 5:5b-11

Ps 22:1-3ab,4-6
Lk 15:3-7

Second Vespers of the Sacred Heart.

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire mystery of Christ: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of man kind. (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 166)

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Holy Hours to be organized at Deanery Level or by a group of Deaneries.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Priests day of Sanctification, Holy Hours in all Parishes.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Priests day of Sanctification, Holy Hour for the priests of the diocese at the Deanery level.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Feast of the Sacred Heart, Priests Day of Sanctification, Holy Hour in all Parishes.

04. White Saturday, 9th Week, Ordinary Time.

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS *From the lectionary of Saints*

RDGS Is 61:9-11 Ps 1 Sam 2:1,4-8

Lk 2:41-51

First Vespers of the 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

05. Green 10th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS 1 Kgs 17:17-24

Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13b

Gal 1:11-19

Lk 7:11-17

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

06. Green Monday 10th Week, Ordinary Time

or **White Norbert, Bishop**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 120:1-8

Mt 5:1-12

St. Norbert, 1080-1134, archbishop of Magdeburg, founder of the Norbertine canons.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary: Patronal Feast of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Priests' day of Sanctification - Holy hour at the Bishop's House Chapel, Batticaloa from 6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m.

07. Green Tuesday 10th Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5,7-8

Mt 5:13-16

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Priests' Day of Sanctification – Holy Hour

08. Green Wednesday 10th Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 15:1b-2ab,4,5ab&8,11
Mt 5:17-19

09. Green Thursday 10th Week, Ordinary Time

or **White St. Ephrem of Syria, Deacon & Doctor**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 64:10-13
Mt 5:20-26

10. Green Friday 10th Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-16 Ps 26:7-8ab-9abc,13-14
Mt 5:27-32

11. Red Saturday, 10th Week, Ordinary Time

St. Barnabas Apostle, Memorial.

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial, proper Readings, Preface of the Apostles II

RDGS Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-3abcd-4-6
Mt 10:7-13

First Vespers of the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

St. Barnabas was born on the island of Cyprus. He was one of the first converts in Jerusalem and preached at Antioch. He became a companion of St. Paul and went with him on his first missionary journey and he took part in the Council of Jerusalem. He returned to his native land to preached the Gospel and there he died.

12. Green 11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. III)

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

RDGS 2 Sam 12:7-10,13 Ps 31:1-2,5,7,11
Gal 2:16,19-21 Lk 7:36-8:3

Announce

That next Sunday is **Pope's Day in all Dioceses 19th June 2016.**

The Theme for Pope's Day is

"Holy Father, be the radiance of God's compassion!"

Please remind the faithful to prepare this day's celebration meaningfully. Awaken them to pray for the Holy Father for his intentions 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]

13. White Monday, 11th Week, Ordinary Time.

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor *memorial*

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3,5-7
Mt 5:38-42

St. Anthony died in Padua in 1231 at the age of thirty-six. Born in Portugal he had joined the Franciscans and preached against heresy throughout France and Italy.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine at Kochchikade, Col 13

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Kele Palliya, Talawila.

Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Daluwa

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Feast of St. Anthony's Church - Passaiyoor.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Feast of St. Anthony at Thallady

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Solemnity of St. Anthony, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Kandy, Annual Feast of St. Anthony's Cathedral

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Puliyanthievu.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Patronal Feast of His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera.

14. Green Tuesday 11th Week, Ordinary Time.

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 1 Kgs 21:17-29

Ps 50:3-6a,11&16

Mt 5:43-48

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His
Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Winston Fernando S.S.S. (1997)

15. Green Wednesday 11th Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14

Ps 30:20-21,24

Mt 6:1-6,16-18

16. Green Thursday, 11th Week, Ordinary Time.

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Sir 48:1-15

Ps 96:1-7

Mt 6:7-15

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of the Nomination of His Eminence,
Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, as the Archbishop of Colombo
(2009)

17. Green Friday, 11th Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20 Ps 131:11-14,17-18

Mt 6:19-23

18. Green Saturday, 11th Week Ordinary Time

or White Mass of Our Lady B.V.M

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 88:4-5,29-30-34

Mt 6:24-34

First Vespers of the 12th Sunday of the Ordinary Time.

19. Green 12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

RDGS Zec 12:10-11;13:1 Ps 62:2abcd-6,8-9

Gal 3:26-29 Lk 9:18-24

Mass of the Dead are not permitted, with the exeception of funeral Masses.

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 the National Office of the PMS).

The Theme for Pope's Day is

"Holy Father, be the radiance of God's compassion!"

May we pray for those who are generous to the mission and for those who will receive the benefits of their generosity.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Annual Feast of St. Anthony, National Shrine, Wahacotte.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine - Manipay.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Kottapitiya.

20. Green Monday, 12th Week, Ordinary Time.

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15a,18 Ps 59:3-5,12-13
Mt 7:1-5

21. Green Tuesday, 12th Week Ordinary Time

White **St. Aloysius Gonzaga**, memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS 2 Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36
Ps 47:2-3abcd-4,10-11
Mt 7:6,12-14

22. Green Wednesday, 12th Week Ordinary Time

or White **St. Paulinus of Nola**, Bishop

or Red **John Fisher**, Bishop & **Thomas More**, Martyrs

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials
(Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday of the memorial

RDGS 2 Kgs 22:8-13;23:1-3 Ps 118:33-37,40
Mt 7:15-20

St. Paulinus, 355-431, bishop of Nola in the Campania.

St. John Fisher, 1469-1535, as Vice - chancellor, built Christ's and St. John's Colleges, Cambridge. Bishop of Rochester. His love of truth brought about his death.

St. Thomas More, 1478-1535, the first commoner to be Lord Chancellor of England, suffered martyrdom also under Henry VIII. Patron of lawyers and those in public life.

23. Green Thursday, 12th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk.IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 78:1-2,3-5,8-9
Mt 7:21-29

First vespers of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.
Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday

24. White FRIDAY, THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Solemnity

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

MASS of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, Creed, with Preface of St. John the Baptist.

RDGS Is 49:1-6 Ps 138:1-3,13-15
Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66,80

Second Vespers of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other Celebrations are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Mass.

25. Green Saturday, 12th Week, Ordinary Time
or **White Mass of Our Lady B.V.M**

DAY OF THE SEAFARER

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk.IV)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Lm 2:2,10-14,18-19 Ps 73:1-7,20-21

Mt 8:5-17

First Vespers of the 13th Sunday of the Ordinary Time.

26. Green 13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS 1 Kgs 19:16b,19-21 Ps 15:1-2,5,7-11

Gal 5:1, 13-18

Lk 9:51-62

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Corpus Christi Celebration in the city of Colombo 3.30 pm at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena (All the city Fathers & the Religious are kindly requested to participate)

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Annual Feast of SS Peter & Paul's Cathedral, Ratnapura

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Feast of St. Anthony at Hiripitiya.

27. Green Monday, 13th Week, Ordinary Time

White St. Cyril of Alexandria Bishop & Doctor

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorial
(Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of weekday or one of the memorial

RDGS Am 2:6-10,13-16 Ps 49:16bc-23
Mt 8:18-22

St. Cyril, 370-444, patriarch of Alexandria, fought against Nestorianism at the Council of Ephesus, 431, which proclaimed Mary, Mother of God.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Hour of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Anniversary of the dedication of Ss. Peter & Paul's Cathedral, Ratnapura (1996)

28. Red Tuesday, 13th Week, Ordinary Time

St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr, memorial

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk.I)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Am 3:1-8;4:11-12 Ps 5:5-8
Mt 8:23-27

First Vespers of the solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles.
Sunday COMPLINE.

Day of Recollection and Prayer for Priests Sanctification.

29. Red Wednesday, 13th Week, Ordinary Time

SS. PETER AND PAUL, Apostles Solemnity

L.H The Solemnity - At Middle Hour proper antiphons, and supplementary pss. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the solemnity, Gloria, Creed, with Preface of the solemnity

RDGS Ac 12:1-11 Ps 33:2-9

2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Second Vespers of the solemnity of SS Peter and Paul Apostles.

Sunday Compline.

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

St. Peter died by crucifixion and **St. Paul** by beheading within two years of each other but dates unknown we celebrate the two founders of the Church in Rome on the day traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation date.

APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE:

Patronal Feast of His Excellency

Most Rev. Dr. Pierre Nguyen Van Tot.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of His Eminence,
Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith.

30. Green Thursday, 13th Week, Ordinary Time

Red First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Am 7:10-17 Ps 18:8-11

Mt 9:1-8

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Indigenous Peoples

That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelization : Latin America and the Caribbean

That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

01. Green Friday 13th Week Ordinary Time

or White Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest.

L.H of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Am 8:4-6,9-12 Ps 118:2,10,20,30,40,131

Mt 9:9-13

02. Green Saturday, 13th Week, Ordinary Time

White Mass of Our Lady B.V.M

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS Choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Am 9:11-15 Ps 84:9.11-14

Mt 9:14-17

First vespers of the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Major Feast of Our Lady of Madhu.

03. *Green* 14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS Is 66:10-14c Ps 65:1-7a,16&20
Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12,17-20

Second vespers of the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Feast of Wannu Madu Shrine, Angunawila.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Feast of Our Lady of Madhu at Moroththa.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Patronal Feast of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Savundranayagam. Bishop's Day Mass in the Cathedral with School Children.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

4th Anniversary of the Creation of the Diocese of Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

July 3rd Evening - Beginning of the Annual Retreat.

04. *Green* Monday, 14th Week, Ordinary Time

or *White* St. Elizabeth of Portugal

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial.

RDGS Hos 2:16-17b-18,21-22 Ps 144:2-9
Mt 9:18-26

St. Elizabeth of Portugal, 1271-1336, of the House of Aragon, had an unhappy marriage with the King of Portugal. She persevered in prayer and good works and as a widow lived in poverty as a Franciscan tertiary.

05. Green Tuesday, 14th Week, Ordinary Time

or **Red St. Anthony Zaccaria**, Priest

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 113B:3-7ab, 8-10

Mt 9:32-38

St. Anthony Zaccaria 1502-1539, priest and medical practitioner who worked amongst the sick and poor called the church establishment to return to the basics of their call and earned enmity of many. While on a mission to Guastalla, Italy, due to his waning health coupled with heavy penances he died.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of His Lordship
Most Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera (1980)

06. Green Wednesday, 14th Week Ordinary Time

or **Red St. Maria Goretti**, Virgin & Martyr.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 104:2-7

Mt 10:1-7

St. Maria Goretti, 1890-1902, stabbed to death in defence of her virtue,

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Anniversary of the Nomination of the Bishop of Jaffna,
His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Savundranayagam.
(1992)

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Anniversary of the nomination of his Lordship
Rt. Rev. Dr. Rayappu Joseph, Bishop of Mannar (1992)

07. Green Thursday, 14th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Hos 11:1-4,8c-9 Ps 79:2ac&3bc,15-16
Mt 10:7-15

08. Green Friday, 14th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Hos 14:2-10 Ps 50:3-4,8-9,12-14&17
Mt 10:16-23

09. Green Saturday, 14th Week Ordinary Time

or **Red** **St. Augustine Zhao Rong**, Priest and
Companions, Martyrs.

or **White** **Mass of Our Lady. B.V.B**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS Choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Is 6:1-8 Ps 92:1abc-2,5

Mt 10:24-33

First vespers of the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

St. Augustine Tzhao born 1746 converted to Christianity, was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially in the Boxer Risings.

10. Green 15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. III)

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

RDGS Dt 30:10-14 Ps 68:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37
Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

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

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Pallekandal. (Wilpaththu Sanctuary)

11. White Monday, 15th Week Ordinary Time

St. Benedict, Abbot, Memorial

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Is 1:10-17 Ps 49:8-9,16bc-17,21&23

Mt 10:34-11:1

St. Benedict, c. 480-547, after living as a hermit of Subiaco, founded the monastery at Monte Cassino. His Rule, observed by Benedictines and Cistercians, is distinguished by its wisdom and balance and those who lived by it did much to shape the Europe of today. Named patron of Europe in 1964.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Anniversary of the Canonical Installation of His Lorship ~~Most~~ Rev. Dr. Harold Anthony Perera (2009) as the Bishop of Kurunegala.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt.Rev. Dr. C. Cletus Perera OSB the Bishop of Ratnapura.

12. *Green* Tuesday, 15th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Is 7:1-9

Ps 47:2-8

Mt 11:20-24

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Priests' day of Sanctification - Holy Hour for Priests at the Bishop's House from 9.30 am - 12.30 noon.

13. Green Wednesday, 15th Week Ordinary Time
or White St. Henry

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Is 10:5-7,13-16 Ps 93:5-10,14-15

Mt 11:25-27

14. Green Thursday, 15th Week Ordinary Time.

or White St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the Choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Ps 101:13-14ab&15-21

Mt 11:28-30

15. Green Friday, 15th Week Ordinary Time.

or White St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor *memorial*

L.H of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 Ps Is 38:10-12abcd,16

Mt 12:1-8

St. Bonaventure, 1221-1274, born in Tuscany, Minister General of the Franciscans, Cardinal Archbishop of Albano, theologian of the Council of Lyons.

16. Green Saturday, 15th Week Ordinary Time

or **White Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

or **White Mass of Our Lady BVM**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS Choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Mic 2:1-5 Ps 9:22-25.28-29.35

Mt 12:14-21

OR *From the lectionary of Saints*

(in the Mass of the B. V. M.)

Zec 2:14-17

Ps Lk 1:46-55

Mt 12:46-50

First vespers of the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.

The Carmelite communities inherit the early hermits' devotion to Elijah and his solitary prayer, and to Mary under this title of Mount Carmel.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA

Death Anniversary of His Lordship the late Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund J. Fernando, OMI (2004)

17. Green 16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

RDGS Gen 18:1-10a

Ps 14:2-5

Col 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Grace Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Oswald Gomis (1968)

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Feast of the Cathedral Chilaw.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Feast of St. Anne's Shrine, Welimada.

18. Green Monday, 16th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Mic 6:1-4,6-8 Ps 49:5-6,8-9,16bc-17,21& 23
Mt 12:38-42

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Raymond Peiris (1987) (Bishop Emeritus)

19. Green Tuesday, 16th Week Ordinary Time

LH of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Mic 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 84:2-8
Mt 12:46-50

20. Green Wednesday, 16th Week Ordinary Time

or **Red St. Appollinarius, Bishop & Martyr.**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Jer 1:1,4-10 Ps 70:1-4a,5-6ab,15ab&17
Mt 13:1-9

St. Appollinarius in the second century preached the Gospel in the region of Ravenna. He was bishop of Classis where he suffered martyrdom.

21. Green Thursday, 16th Week Ordinary Time

or **White St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor.**

LH of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 Ps 35:6-7ab,8-11
Mt 13:10-17

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, 1559-1619, Capuchin who preached the Counter Reformation. He led German armies against the Turks in Hungary and gained peace for the people of Naples.

22. White Friday, 16th Week Ordinary Time

St. Mary Magdalene, memorial

L.H. of the memorial - At Lauds, Proper antiphons with pss of Sunday. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial, Proper readings from the lectionary of Saints.

RDGS Song 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17

Ps 62:2abcd-4,5-6,8-9

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

St. Mary Magdalene, who went to the tomb to anoint the body of the Lord was instead chosen by the Lord to carry the good news of Resurrection to the apostles on Easter morning.

At vespers proper antiphons with pss. of the Common of Saints.

23. *Green* Saturday, 16th Week Ordinary Time.

or *White* St. Bridget of Sweden, Religious.

or *White* **Mass of Our Lady BVM**

LH of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Jer 7:1-11 Ps 83:3-6a&8a,11

Mt 13:24-30

First vespers of the 17th Sunday ordinary Time.

St. Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373. She was declared a Patron of Europe 1999.

24. Green 17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS Gen 18:20-32

Ps 137:1-3,6-8

Col 2:12-14

Lk 11:1-13

Compline as after second vespers of the Sunday.

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

***PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF ST. PETER
THE APOSTLE***

Announce

That, next Sunday is **Indigenous Clergy - Religious Sunday**
in all Dioceses 31st July 2016.

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.....***

**“Are you ready to be the compassionate shepherds of
the Lord”**

25. Red Monday, 17th Week Ordinary Time

ST.JAMES APOSTLE, *feast*

L.H. of the Feast - At Middle Hour antiphons and pss of Monday. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Feast- *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles.

RDGS 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 125:1-6

Mt 20:20-28

St. James, son of Zebedee and brother of John called the Greater. He was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostella in Spain.

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Most Rev. Dr. Maxwell Silva (1981)

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

1st Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Christian Noel Emmanuel.

26. Green Tuesday, 17th Week Ordinary Time

White St.. Jochim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *memorial*

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Jer 14:17-22 Ps 78:8-9,11&13

Mt 13:36-43

Solemnity of St. Anne, Principal Patroness of the Diocese. Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Anne's Cathedral, Kurunegala (1988)

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)
MASS of the weekday
RDGS Jer 15:10,16-21 Ps 58:2-5a,10-11,17-18
 Mt 13:44-46

or *White* St. Alphonsa Muttahupadathu, F.C.C or
Saint Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

Mt 13:47-53

Saint Alphonsa, was a Syro-Malabar Catholic Franciscan Religious Sister. She is the first person of Indian origin to be canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church and the first canonized saint of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, an Eastern Catholic Church of the Saint Thomas Christian community. For most of her years she endured serious illness. Many many miraculous cures are claimed for her intervention, many their clubbed feet being straightened, possibly because of her deformed feet herself.

29. White Friday, 17th Week Ordinary Time

St. Martha, disciple of the Lord *memorial.*

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS *From the Lectionary of Saints*

1 Jn 4:7-16

Ps 33:2-11

Jn 11:19-27

Lk 10:38-42

St. Martha, was the sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany who believed that Jesus was the Messiah and even after four days after her brother's death, if Jesus willed, he could raise him up to life.

30. Green Saturday, 17th Week Ordinary Time.

or **White St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor**

White Mass of Our Lady

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial
(Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Jer 26:11-16,24 Ps 68:15-16,30-31,33-34
Mt 14:1-12

First vespers of the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

St. Peter Chrysologus, died c. 450, bishop of Ravenna, famous for his preaching.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Savundranayagam (1981)

31. Green 18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS Qoh 1:2;2:21-23 Ps 89:3-6,12-14,17
 Col 3:1-5,9-11 Lk 12:13-21

Second Vespers of the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

INDIGENOUS CLERGY - RELIGIOUS SUNDAY

Indigenous Clergy - Religious Sunday Readings:

MASS : Proper, Gloria and Creed, Any Preface of the Ordinary Time

RDGS : Is 6:1-9 Ps 144(145):10,11,15-18
 Eph 1:3-14 Mt 9:35-38

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

TODAY IS INDIGENOUS CLERGY - RELIGIOUS SUNDAY - IN ALL DIOCESES

Let us pray and sacrifice for more priestly & religious vocations.
 The Holy Mass could be offered for priests and religious.

The Theme for Indigenous Clergy - Religious Sunday is.....

"Are you ready to be the compassionate shepherds of the Lord"

(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 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 TRINCOMALEE:

Solemnity of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Patron of the Diocese of Trincomalee.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Solemnity of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Patron of the Diocese of Batticaloa.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Feast of the Cathedral of St. Anne - Kurunegala.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Sports

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelization : Living the Gospel

That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

01. White Monday, 18th Week Ordinary Time

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor, memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Jer 28:1-17 Ps 118:29,43,79-80,95,102
Mt 14:13-21

St. Alphonsus Liguori, 1696-1787, Founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, taught much on moral theology and the spiritual life. He is remembered as a popular preacher and influential writer of theology.

02. Green Tuesday, 18th Week Ordinary Time

or **White St. Eusebius of Vercelli**, Bishop

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorial (Ps. Wk II)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22
Ps 101:16-21,29&22-23
Mt 14:22-36

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Patronal Feast of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Winston Fernando, SSS.

03. *Green* Wednesday, 18th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Jer 31:1-7 Ps Jer 31:10-12ab,13

Mt 15:21-28

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Main Feast of St. Anne's Shrine, Talawila

04. *White* Thursday, 18th Week Ordinary Time

St. John Mary Vianney, Priest, memorial.

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Jer 31:31-34 Ps 50:12-15,18-19

Mt 16:13-23

St. John Mary Vianney, 1786-1859, was sent to care for the people of a small, obscure French village called Ars. The marvellous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on, the cure spent averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Patronal Feast of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. Vianney Fernando, Bishop of Kandy. (Feast of St. John Mary Vianney)

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Cletus Perera OSB, the Bishop of Ratnapura (1973).

or White Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Nah 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7

Ps Dt 32:35cd-36ab,39abcd,41

Mt 16:24-28

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,
Sinnamadu.

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour proper antiphons and pss of Saturday, (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the feast, Gloria, with Preface of the feast

RDGS Dan 7:9-10,13,14 or 2 Pt 1:16-19

Ps 96:1-2,5-6,9 Lk 9:28b-36

09. Green Tuesday, 19th Week Ordinary Time

or *Red* **St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Ez 2:8-3:4 Ps 118:14,24,72,103,111,131
Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

10. Red **Wednesday, 19th Week Ordinary Time**

ST. LAWRENCE, Deacon, Martyr, *feast*

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss of Wednesday (Psal. Wk III)

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, with Preface of Martyrs.

RDGS 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 111:1-2,5-9

In 12:24-26

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

St. Lawrence died in 258, is seen as the cheerful giver since he was one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church in charge of the material needs of the faithful. Gifted with a sense of humour, he met his death cheerfully on a gridiron. From earliest times he was seen not only as a patron saint of the poor, but also of cooks.

First vespers of the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

07. *Green* 19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. III)

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

RDGS Wis 18:6-9 Ps 32:1,12,18-22
Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Lk 12:32-48 (or 35-40)

Second vespers of the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine Ulhitiya, Mahiyangana.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Collection for the Home for the Elders.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine at Periyakattu.

08. *White* Monday, 19th Week Ordinary Time

St. Dominic, Priest, memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Ezk 1:2-5,24-28c Ps 148:1-2,11-14
Mt 17:22-27

11. *White* Thursday, 19th Week Ordinary Time

St. Clare, Virgin, Religious, memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Ezk 12:1-12 Ps 77:56-59,61-62
Mt 18:21-19:1

12.Green Friday, 19th Week Ordinary Time

or *White* St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Ez 16:1-15, 60,63 or Ez 16:59-63
Ps Is 12:2-3-4bcd,5-6
Mt 19:3-12

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

Feast of the Pilgrims at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Kala-oya.

13. *Green* Saturday, 19th Week Ordinary Time

or *Red* Ss. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest,
Martyrs

or White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

L.H. of the weekday or the memorial. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday or the memorial.

RDGS Ez 18:1-10,13b,30-32 Ps 50:12-15,18-19
Mt 19:13-15

First Vespers of the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

St. Pontian became Bishop of Rome in 230 but was exiled in Sardinia where he abdicated during persecution in 235.

St Hippolytus, was a Roman priest. Both died from ill treatment and are honoured as martyrs.

14. Green 20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

RDGS Jer 38:4-6,8-10 Ps 39:2-4,18
 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53

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

14. White Sunday evening VIGIL MASS
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, solemnity

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

First Vespers of the Assumption.

Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.

15. White Monday, 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 11:19,12:1-6a,10ab Ps 44:10bc-12,16
1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Second Vespers of the Assumption.

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other Celebrations are not permitted not even funeral Masses.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady

Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Patronal Feast of the Cathedral, Jaffna. Collection for
the common needs of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Principal Feast of Our Lady of Madhu.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Feast of St. Mary's Cathedral Trincomale.

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Feast of Our Lady of Assumption Shrine, Thanjanthenna.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Feast of St. Mary's Cathedral Batticaloa.

16. Green Tuesday, 20th Week Ordinary Time
or White St. Stephen of Hungary

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Ez 28:1-10

Ps Dt 32:26-27abcd-28,30,35cd-36ab

Mt 19:23-30

17. Green Wednesday, 20th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Ez 34:1-11 Ps 22:1-3ab,4-6

Mt 20:1-16

18. Green Thursday, 20th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Ez 36:23-28 Ps 50:12-15,18-19

Mt 22:1-14

19. Green Friday 20th Week Ordinary time

or White St. John Eudes, Priest

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Ez 37:1-14 Ps 106:2-9

Mt 22:34-40

20. White Saturday 20th Week Ordinary time

St. Bernard, Abbot Doctor, memorial

White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Ez 43:1-7a Ps 84:9ab&10-14

Mt 23:1-12

St. Bernard became a Cistercian monk of Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology, and philosophy. Patron of Gibraltar and bee-keepers.

First vespers of the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

21. Green 21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS Is 66:18-21 Ps 116:1-2

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

Second vespers of the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Announce - Next Sunday

Blessing of the Sick at Tewatta Basilica.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Second Feast of St. Anthony, National Shrine,
Wahacotte.

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Patronal Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady, Lathpandura
Dehiattakandiya.

22. White Monday, 21st Ordinary Time

The Queenship of the B.V. Mary, memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial, proper reading with Preface of
the B.V.M

RDGS *from the lectionary of Saints:*

Is 9:1-6

Ps 112:1-8

Lk 1:26-28

The Queenship of Mary During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as the queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed it for the universal Church at the close of Marian Year of 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of queenship and the Assumption.

DIOCESE OF KANDY:

Death Anniversary of of late Bishop Bernard Regno OSB
(1982)

23. Green Tuesday 21st Week Ordinary time

or White St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS 2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17 Ps 95:10-13

Mt 23:23-26

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Our Lady of Good Health Shrine, Thilladi.

24. Red Wednesday 21st Week, Ordinary Time

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle, feast

L.H. of the feast - At the Middle Hour, antiphons and pss of Wednesday (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS Rev 21:9b-14 Ps 144:10-13,17-18

Jn 1:45-51

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

St. Bartholomew's name appears in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of apostles. He is probably to be identified with the Nathanael of Cana, whom Philip brings to our Lord. Preached the Gospel in India. Patron saint of plasterers, tanners and leather workers.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

123rd Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Trincomalee (1893)

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Death Anniversary of late Bishop
Rt. Rev. Dr. Frank Marcus Fernando (2009)

25. Green Thursday 21st Week Ordinary time

or *White* **St. Louis of France, memorial &**

or *White* **St. Joseph Calasanx, Priest**

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorial
(Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 144:2-7

Mt 24:42-51

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

123rd Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese of
Galle (1893)

26. Green Friday, 21st Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday.

RDGS 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 32:1-2,4-5,10-11

Mt 25:1-13

27. White Saturday, 21st Week, Ordinary Time

St. Monica, memorial

White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 32:12-13,18-21

Mt 25:14-30

First vespers of the 22th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

St. Monica 332-387, converted the pagan husband, Patricius to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son, St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

28. Green 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, *Credo*, Preface of Sunday in Ordinary Time

RDGS Sir 3:19-21,30-31 Ps 67:4-7,10-11
 Heb 12:18-19,22-24a Lk 14:1,7-14

Compline after 2nd vespers of Sunday.

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 KURUNEGALA:

Feast of the Shrine of St. Anne - Kattimahana

29. Red Monday, 22nd Week, Ordinary Time

The Passion of St. John the Baptist, memorial

L.H. of the memorial - At Lauds, proper antiphons with pss of Sunday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial, proper readings with Preface of St. John the Baptist.

RDGS *From the lectionary of Saints*

Jer 1:17-19 Ps 70:1-6,15&17

Mk 6:17-29

At Vespers proper antiphons with pss of Common of Martyrs.

30. Green Tuesday, 22nd Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 144:8-13abcd-14

Lk 4:31-37

31. Green Wednesday, 22nd Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 32:12-15,20-21

Lk 4:38-44

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

25th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Eminence

Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Malcolm Ranjith (1991)

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Raymond Kingsley Wickremasinghe (2011) and the Patronal Feast of His Lordship (St. Raymond of Nonnatus)

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Centrality of the Human Person

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Evangelization : Mission to Evangelize

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

01. Green Thursday, 22nd Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 23:1-4ab,5-6

Lk 5:1-11

02. Green Friday, 22nd Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 36:3-6,27-28,39-40

Lk 5:33-39

03. White Saturday, 22nd Week Ordinary Time

St. Gregory the Great Pope & Doctor, memorial

or White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 144:17-21

Lk 6:1-5

First vespers of the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Gregory the Great, 540-604. A Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As Pope he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come. He helped the poor, spreading and strengthening the faith. He sent missionaries to Lombardy, Sardinia and England. Patron of Musicians.

04. Green 23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. III)

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

RDGS Wis 9:13-18b

Ps 89:3-6,12-17

Phlm 9b-10,12-17

Lk 14:25-33

Second vespers of the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Death Anniversary of Late Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Peiris, O.M.I. (1989)

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

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

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Maduruoya, Polonnaruwa.

05. Green Monday, 23rd Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday.

RDGS 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6-7,12

Lk 6:6-11

06. Green Tuesday, 23rd Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6a&9b

Lk 6:12-19

07. Green Wednesday, 23rd Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday.

RDGS 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 44:11-12,14-17

Lk 6:20-26

08. White Thursday, THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Feast.

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss of Thursday. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, with Preface of the B.V.M

RDGS Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 12:6abc
Mt 1:1-16,18-23 (or 18-23)

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

09. Green Friday, 23rd Week Ordinary Time

or **White St Peter Claver**, Priest, memorial

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 83:3-6, 12

Lk 6:39-42

Each year about 10.000 slaves passed through cartagewa (Colombia) after a dangerous and inhuman voyage from West Africa. As the slaves were being sold at public auction in the port, Peter a spanish Jesuit gave them food, medicine and other neccesities. Peter who called himself the slave of slaves said: we must speak to them with our hands, before we try to speak to them with our lips." His presence was not always welcomed.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

National Shrine of Our Lady of Matara : Annual Feast, Holy Hour, Eucharistic procession and Benediction. 4.00 p.m.

10. Green Saturday, 23rd Week Ordinary Time

or **White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS Choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 115:12-13, 17-18

Lk 6:43-49

First Vespers of the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Or (At the Mass of the Most Holy Name of Mary)

RDGS *From the lectionary of Saints*

Gal 4:4-7 or Eph 1:3-6 Ps Lk 1:46-55

Lk 1:39-47

13. White Tuesday, 24th Week Ordinary Time

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor, memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Ps 99:2-5

Lk 7:11-17

St. John Chrysostom, 347-407, one of the four great Greek Doctors, the 'Golden-mouthed' preacher, was Archbishop of Constantinople. He incurred much opposition and died in exile. Patron saint of preachers.

14. Red Wednesday, EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, feast

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss of Wednesday. (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

RDGS Num 21:4b-9 or Phil 2:6-11

Ps 77:1-2,34-38

Jn 3:13-17

Vespers of the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Mass of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of funeral Mass.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Feast of the Shrine of Holy Cross, Sorikalmunai,
Sammanthurai.

15. White Thursday, 24th Week Ordinary Time.

Our Lady of Sorrows, memorial

L.H of the memorial - At Lauds proper antiphons
with pss of Sunday, week I (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial, proper readings, optional
proper sequence, with preface of the B.V.M

RDGS *From the lectionary of Saints*

Heb 5:7-9

Ps 30:2-6,15-16,20

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

At Vespers proper antiphons with pss of Common of B.V.M

16. Red Friday, 24th Week Ordinary Time.

SS. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs, *memorial*.

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS 1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 16:1, 6-8b&15

Lk 8:1-3

St. Cornelius became Pope in 251 and died in exile at
Civitavecchia in 253. Patron of cattle and domestic
animals.

St. Cyprian 210-258, bishop of Carthage, teacher and
preacher, martyred.

17. Green Saturday, 24th Week Ordinary Time.

or White St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor.

White Mass of Our Lady B.V.M

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Ps 55:10-14

Lk 8:4-15

First vespers of the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

St. Robert Bellarmine, 1542-1621, Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Our Lady of Good Voyage - Chaddy (it is a Diocesan Shrine)

18. Green 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS Am 8:4-7 Ps 112:1-2,4-8

1 Tim 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 (or 10-13)

Second vespers of the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Feast of the Holy Cross Shrine, Marawila.

19. Green Monday, 25th Week Ordinary Time.

or Red St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorial
(Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday or one of the memorial

RDGS Pro 3:27-35 Ps 14:2-3abcd-4ab-5
Lk 8:16-18

St. Januarius bishop of Benevento, was martyred at Naples in 305, with six companions.

20. Red Tuesday, 25th Week Ordinary Time

SS. Andrew Kim Taegon, St. Paul Chong Hasang and companions, Martyrs

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial

RDG Pro 21:1-6,10-13 Ps 118:1,27,30,34-35,44
Lk 8:19-21

SS. Andrew Kim Taegon, the first Korean Priest, **St. Paul Chong Hasanga** catechist, and one hundred and one Church in Korea, 1839-1867

21. Red Wednesday, 25th week, Ordinary Time

ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST, feast

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour antiphons and pss of Wednesday, (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 18:2-5
Mt 9:9-13

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

22. Green Thursday, 25th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Qoh 1:2-11 Ps 89:3-6,12-14&17

Lk 9:7-9

23. *White* Friday, 25th Week Ordinary Time

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest, memorial

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Qoh 3:1-11 Ps 143:1a&2abc,3-4

Lk 9:18-22

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, a humble capuchin of the Franciscan community who was a living legend during the 20th century. A stigmatist, spent many hours at the confessional.

24. Green Saturday, 25th Week Ordinary Time.

or White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Qoh 11:9-12:8 Ps 89:3-6, 12-14&17

Lk 9:43b-45

First vespers of the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

25. Green 26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

NATIONAL CATECHETICAL DAY

L.H. of the Sunday. (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 145:7, 8-10

1 Tim 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

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.

Kandy Diocesan Catechetical Fund Collection

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Every priest in the Diocese, together with the Religious and Lay faithful will celebrate Holy Mass for the benefactors of the Diocese.

26. Green Monday, 26th Week Ordinary Time

or Red SS Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Job 1:6-22 Ps 16:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7

Lk 9:46-50

Ss Cosmas and Damian, early martyrs in Syria, patrons of physicians. They are known as the Anargyri (the holy moneyless ones) in the East, since they never took money for their medical services.

27. White Tuesday, 26th Week Ordinary Time

Vincent de Paul, memorial

WORLD TOURISM DAY

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Ps 87:2-8

Lk 9:51-56

28. Green Wednesday, 26th Week, Ordinary Time

or Red St. Wenceslaus, Martyr & St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs.

L.H. of the weekday or one of the memorials Pl. W II

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 87:10bc-15

Lk 9:57-62

29. White Thursday, 26th Week, Ordinary Time
THE HOLY ARCHANGELS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, feast.

L.H. of the feast. - At the Middle Hour proper antiphons and pss of Thursday. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the feast. *Gloria*, with Preface of the Angels.

RDGS Dn 7:9-10,13-14 (or Rev 12:7-12a)
 Ps 137:1-2abcde-5:4-5
 Jn 1:47-51

Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation. **Raphael**, guide to Tobias. **Michael** has been venerated as protector of Christians in general.

30. White Friday, 26th Week, Ordinary Time
St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor, memorial

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5
 Ps 138:1-3,7-10,13-14ab
 Lk 10:13-16

St. Jerome, 340-420, translated the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate, and wrote commentaries on scripture. Patron of librarians.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Journalists

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Evangelization : World Mission Day

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

01. White Saturday, 26th Week, Ordinary Time

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

Patroness of Mission Lands. solemnity for Sri Lanka

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the feast from the Lectionary of Saint

RDGS Is 66:10-14

Ps 131:1-3

Mt 18:1-5, 10

First vespers of the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

St. Therese of Lisieux. Marie Francois Therese Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30 September 1897. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by St John Paul II Pope in 1997. Patron of missions, florists, aviators and France.

02. Green 27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday. (Psal. Wk. III)

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

RDGS Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4 Ps 94:1-2,6-9
2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14 Lk 17:5-10

(Mass 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

03. Green Monday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Gal 1:6-12 Ps 110:1-2-10c
Lk 10:25-37

04. White Tuesday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi, memorial

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Gal 1:13-24 Ps 138:1-3,13-15
Lk 10:38-42

05. Green Wednesday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday.

RDGS Gal 2:1-2,7-14 Ps 116:1-2
Lk 11:1-4

06.Green Thursday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time

or *White* St. Bruno, Priest, & Bl Marie- Rose Durocher

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial.

RDGS Gal 3:1-5 Ps Lk 1:69-75

Lk 11:5-13

07. *White* Friday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time

Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial

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

MASS of the memorial, Proper reading with Preface of the B.V.M.

RDGS *From the lectionary Saints*

Ac 1:12-14

Ps Lk 1:46-55

Lk 1:26-38

At Vespers proper antiphons with pss of common of B.V.M.

08.Green Saturday, 27th Week, Ordinary Time

or White **Mass of Our Lady, B.V.M**

L.H of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Gal 3:22-29 Ps 104:2-7

Lk 11:27-28

First vespers of the 28th Sunday ordinary time.

09. Green 28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday. (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

RDGS 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 97:1-4
2 Tim 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

Second vespers of the 28th Sunday ordinary time.

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

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

The Queen of the Holy Rosary Cathedral Galle: Annual Feast

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, St. Mary's Cathedral- Patroness of the Diocese.

10. Green Monday, 28th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday.

RDGS Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1 Ps 112:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

11. White Tuesday, 28th Week Ordinary Time
St. John XXIII, Pope

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Gal 5:1-6 Ps 118:41,43-45,47-48
Lk 11:37-41

12. Green Wednesday, 28th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-6

Lk 11:42-46

13. Green Thursday, 28th Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Eph 1:1-10 Ps 97:1-3abcd,4-6

Lk 11:47-54

14. Green Friday, 28th Week, Ordinary Time

or **Red** **St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr,**

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Eph 1:11-14 Ps 32:1-2,4-5,12-13

Lk 12:1-7

15. White Saturday, 28th Week, Ordinary Time

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor, *memorial*

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3a,4-7

Lk 12:8-12

First vespers of the 29th Sunday ordinary time.

16. *Green* 29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday. (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS Ex 17:8-13 Ps 120:1-8

2 Tim 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8

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

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE
PROPAGATION OF FAITH

Announce

That, next Sunday is **World Mission Sunday** in all Dioceses
23rd October 2016.

The Theme for World Mission Sunday is...

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mk 16:15)

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.

17. Red Monday, 29th Week, Ordinary Time

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr, memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Eph 2:1-10

Ps 99:2-5

Lk 12:13-21

St. Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, died a martyr at Rome.c. 107. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.

18. Red Tuesday, 29th Week, Ordinary Time

ST. LUKE, THE EVANGELIST, feast

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour antiphons and pss of Tuesday, (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the Feast - *Gloria*, Preface of the Apostles II

RDGS 2 Tim 4: 10:17b

Ps 144:10-13,17-18

Lk 10:1-9

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

St. Luke, the evangelist wrote the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, was "the beloved physician" as St. Paul describes. He was born a Greek in Antioch. He had a special connection with the women in Jesus' life, especially Mary and we have to thank him for the Scriptural parts of the Hail Mary: "Hail Mary full of grace" and "Blessed are you and blessed it is the fruit of your womb Jesus."

19.Green Wednesday, 29th Week, Ordinary Time
 or **Red** SS. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests,
 & Companions, Martyrs.

White St. Paul of the Cross, priest.

LH of the weekday or one of the memorial
 (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Eph 3:2-12 Ps Is 12:2-4bcd, 5-6
 Lk 12:39-48

St. Paul of the Cross, 1694-1776, founded the Passionists
 in Rome, preaching on the Passion of Christ and tend-
 ing the sick, the dying and the lapsed.

20.Green Thursday, 29th Week, Ordinary Time

LH of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Eph 3:14-21 Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
 Lk 12:49-53

DIOCESE OF MANNAR:

Anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of His Lordship
 Rt. Rev. Dr. Rayappu Joseph (1992)

21.Green Friday, 29th Week, Ordinary Time

LH of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday.

RDGS Eph 4:1-6 Ps 23:1-4ab, 5-6
 Lk 12:54-59

- 22. White** Saturday, 29th Week, Ordinary Time
St. John Paul II, Pope
 or **White** Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M
LH of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)
MASS of the choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)
RDGS Eph 4:7-16 Ps 121:1-4ab-5
 Lk 13:1-9

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Pigrims Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine , Kudagama.

First Vespers of the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

23. Green 30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

- LH** of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. II)
MASS of the Sunday, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of
 Sunday in Ordinary Time.
RDGS Sir 35:15b-17,20-22a (Greek 12-14.16-18)
 Ps 33:2-3,17-19,23 2 Tim 4:6-9,16-18
 Lk 18:9-14

World Mission Sunday Readings :

Is 2:1-5 Ps 19:1-4

Eph 3:2-12 Mk 16:15-20

On the occasion of the celebration today [WORLD MISSION SUNDAY] Mass for the Evangelisation of the People on the spread of the Gospel could be said as indicated in the Roman Missal, using the reading found in the Lectionary for World mission Sunday.

Second Vespers of the 30th Sunday Ordinary Time.

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 ...

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mk 16:15)

(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 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.

24.Green Monday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time

or White St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

LH of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or one of the memorial

RDGS Eph 4:32-5:8 Ps 1:1-4&6

Lk 13:10-17

St. Anthony Mary Claret, 1807-70, founded the Claretians, in Spain for missionary work. Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba, then returned as chaplain to the Queen of Spain, and built monarchy schools and museums, before being exiled with the monarchy.

25.Green Tuesday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time

LH of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Eph 5:21-33 Ps 127:1-5

Lk 13:18-21

26. Green Wednesday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time

LH of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Eph 6:1-9 Ps 144:10-13abcd-14

Lk 13:22-30

27. Green Thursday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time

LH of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Eph 6:10-20 Ps 143:1-2,9-10

Lk 13:31-35

28. Red Friday, 30th Week, Ordinary Time

SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES, *feast*

L.H. of the feast- At Middle Hour, antiphons and pss of Friday. (Psal. Wk. II)

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

RDGS Eph 2:19-22 Ps 18:2-5

Lk 6:12-19

Mass of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of the funeral Mass.

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Anniversary of the Canonical Installation of his Lordship
Rt. Rev. Dr. Valence Mendis (2006)

29. Green Saturday, 30th Week Ordinary Time

or White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

LH of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 41:2-3,5cde

Lk 14:1,7-11

First Vespers of the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Death Anniversary of Servant of God, Thomas Cardinal
Cooray OMI (1988)

30. Green 31st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday (Psal. Wk. III)

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

RDGS Wis 11:22-12:2 Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13cd-14
2 Thes 1:11-2:2 Lk 19:1-10

Mass of the Dead are not permitted, with the exception of the funeral Mass.

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Feast of St. Jude's Shrine, Indigolla

DIOCESE OF BADULLA:

Feast of St. Jude's Shrine- Passara.

DIOCESE OF BATTICALOA:

Feast of the Shrine of St. Jude, Thethathievu, Batticaloa.

31. Green Monday, 31st Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Phil 2:1-4 Ps 130:1-3

Lk 14:12-14

First Vespers of All Saints- Sunday Compline

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal : Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization : Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

01. White Tuesday, ALL SAINTS, solemnity

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

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

RDGS Rev 7:2-4,9-14

Ps 23:1-6

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

Second vespers of All Saints

Compline as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other celebrations are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

All Saints. The ultimate object of veneration of the Saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of man by conferring one's life fully to the divine will and in imitating the virtue of those who were pre-eminent disciples of the Lord. Catechesis and other forms of doctrinal instruction should therefore make known to

the faithful that our relationship with the Saints must be seen in the light of the faith and should not obscure the *cultus latrae* due to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit, but intensify it' (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, 212)

02. Purple Wednesday, 31st Week, Ordinary Time
ALL SOULS, THE COMMEMORATION OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED)

L.H proper of this day.

MASS of the Commemoration of all the Faithful departed,
 Preface of the Dead.

RDGS See Lectionary.

Readings are to be selected from those set forth in the
lectionary for the Masses for the Dead

Indeed the Church is a pilgrim member from the very early days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead and 'because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins' (2 Mac 12, 46) she offers her suffrages for them. These consist, primarily, in the celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist and in other pious exercises, such as prayers for the dead, almsdeeds, works of mercy, and the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed' (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, 251).

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA:

Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese of Ratnapura (1995)

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 benefactors of the Diocese.

03. *Green* Thursday, 31st Week, Ordinary Time
or *White* St. Martin de Porres, Religious

L.H of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Phil 3:3-8a Ps 104:2-7

Lk 15:1-10

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 RATNAPURA:

Mass to be offered for the Deceased Bishops, Priests, Men & Women Religious, Benefactors and the Lay Faithful of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF GALLE:

Holy Mass be offered for the deceased Bishops, Priests, Men & Women Religious, Lay Faithful and Benefactors of the Diocese.

04. White Friday, 31st Week, Ordinary Time

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop *memorial*.

L.H of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Phil 3:17-4:1 Ps 121:1-4ab-5

Lk 16:1-8

St. Charles Borromeo, 1538-1584, Cardinal Archbishop of Milan at the age of Twenty-one, worked for reform in his diocese, drafting the Catechism of the Council of Trent. Patron saint of catechists and seminarians.

DIOCESE OF ANURADHAPURA:

Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Anuradhapura.

05. Green Saturday, 31st Week, Ordinary Time

or White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

LH of the weekday (Psal. Wk. III)

MASS of the choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Phil 4:10-19 Ps 111:1-2,5-6,8a-9

Lk 16:9-15

First Vespers of the 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time.

06.Green 32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H of the Sunday. (Psal. Wk. IV)

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

RDGS 2 Mac 7:1-2,9-14 Ps 16:1,5-6,8b,15
2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38 (or 27.34-38)

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

07.Green Monday, 32nd Week Ordinary Time

L.H of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Tit 1:1-9 Ps 23:1b-4ab,5-6

Lk 17:1-6

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Presbyteral Concelebrated Mass for the deceased Bishops, Priests & Brothers of the Archdiocese, at Sacred Heart Chapel, Archbishop's House, at 11.30 a.m.

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Requiem Mass for the deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious in the cathedral at 5.00 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 5.00pm.

DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE:

Concelebrated Mass for deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious at 5.00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trincomalee.

08. Green Tuesday, 32nd Week, Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Tit 2:1-8,11-14 Ps 36:2,18&23,27&29

Lk Lk 17:7-10

09. White Wednesday, 32nd Week, Ordinary Time
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast.

L.H. of the feast - At Middle Hour proper antiphons and pss of Wednesday (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the feast, *Gloria*, Creed, Preface of Dedication

RDGS Ex 47:1-2,8-9,12 or 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17

Ps 45:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 2:13-22

Vespers of the feast.

~~Masses~~ of the Dead are not permitted with the exception of funeral Masses.

The Church of St. John of the Lateran. in Rome is 'Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and the World'. It is the Cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, and was called 'St. John' after the two monasteries once attached dedicated to St. John the Divine and St. John the Baptist. It is however, dedicated to the Most Holy Redeemer.

DIOCESE OF GALLE

Death Anniversary of His Lordship, the late Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. W. Don Sylvester (1995)

10. *White* Thursday, 32nd Week, Ordinary Time

St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor, memorial

L.H. of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the memorial

RDGS Phm 7-20 Ps 145:6c-10

Lk 17:20-25

11. *White* Friday, 32nd Week, Ordinary Time

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 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 118:1-2,10-11,17-18

Lk 17:26-37

St Martin of Tours, 535-597, Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul, founder of monasteries. Patron of France, soldiers, beggars and inn-keepers.

12. Red **Saturday, 32nd Week Ordinary Time**

St. Josephat, Bishop & Martyr, memorial

or White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

L.H of the memorial (Psal. Wk. IV)

MASS of the choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 111:1-6

Lk 18:1-8

First vespers of the 33rd Sunday ordinary time.

St. Josephat, 1580-1623, Bishop of Polotz, worked for the reunion of Ukraine Catholics, his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions.

13. Green 33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

L.H. of the Sunday. (Psal. Wk. I)

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

RDGS Mal 3:19-20a Ps 97:5-9
2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

Second vespers of the 33th Sunday ordinary time.

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

DIOCESE OF JAFFNA:

Collection for the Apostolate of the Laity in the Diocese.

14. Green Monday, 33rd Week Ordinary Time

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5a Ps 1:1-4&6
Lk 18:35-43

15. Green Tuesday, 33rd Week Ordinary Time

or **White St. Albert the Great**, Bishop & Doctor

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday

RDGS Rev 3:1-6,14-22

Ps 14:2-3abcd-4ab,5

Lk 19:1-10

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Patronal Feast of His Eminence Most Rev. Dr. Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith.

16. *Green* Wednesday, 33rd Week Ordinary Time

or *White* St. Margaret of Scotland

***White* St. Gertrude, Virgin**

L.H of the weekday or one of the memorials.
(Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial.

RDGS Rev 4:1-11

Ps 150:1-6

Lk 19:11-28

DIOCESE OF CHILAW:

Anniversary of the Consecration of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Chilaw. (1860)

17. *White* Thursday, 33rd Week, Ordinary Time

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious, memorial

L.H of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Rev 5:1-10

Ps 149:1-6a&9b

Lk 19:41-44

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 1207-1231, queen at fourteen, widowed and exiled at twenty, Franciscan tertiary until her death at twenty-four . A woman of prayer and service of the poor.

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Presbyteral concelebrated Holy Mass for the Benefactors.

18. *Green* Friday, 33rd Week, Ordinary Time
or *White* Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter and
St. Paul.

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the weekday of the memorial

RDGS Rev 10:8-11 Ps 118:14,24,72,103,111,131
Lk 19:45-48

OR

(in Mass for Dedication of the Basilicas)

From the lectionary of Saints:

RDGS Ac 28:11-16,30-31 Ps 97:1-6
Mt 14:22-33

DIOCESE OF KURUNEGALA:

Presbyteral Concelebrated Holy Eucharist for the deceased Bishops, Priests, Women & Men Religious, Lay Faithful of the Diocese.

19. Green Saturday, 33rd Week, Ordinary Time

or **White** Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

L.H. of the weekday. (Psal. Wk. I)

MASS of the choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Rev 11:4-12 Ps 143:1-2,9-10

Lk 20:27-40

First vespers of Christ the King.

Compline as after First Vespers of Sunday.

20. 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 2 Sam 5:1-3 Ps 121:1-2,4-5

Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

Second vespers of Christ the King.

COMPLINE as after Second Vespers of Sunday.

Other celebration are not permitted, not even funeral Masses.

Christ the King. Christ did not seek earthly domination
in his kingship, but rather the liberation of the weak and
oppressed

ARCHDIOCESE OF COLOMBO:

Anniversary of His Eminence, Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith
elevation to the Cardinalate.

- 21. White Monday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time**
Presentation of the B.V. Mary, memorial
L.H of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. I)
MASS of the memorial, Proper readings, with preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
RDGS *From the Lectionary of Sents :*
 Zec 2:14-17 Ps Lk 1:46-55
 Mt 12:46-50

The feast of the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** originated in the East and was included on the General Calendar in the 16th Century.

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- 22. Red Tuesday 34th Week, Ordinary Time**
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, memorial
L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. II)
MASS of the memorial.
RDGS Rev 14:14-19 Ps 95:10-13
 Lk 21:5-11
- 23. Green Wednesday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time**
or Red St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr.
or White St. Columbanus, Abbot.
L.H of the weekday or one of the memorials.(Pl.Wk.II)
MASS of the weekday or of the memorial
RDGS Rev 15:1-4 Ps 97:1-3ab,7-9
 Lk 21:12-19

24. Red Thursday 34th Week, Ordinary Time

SS Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and Companions,
Martyrs, *memorial*

L.H. of the memorial. (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the memorial.

RDGS Rev 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9a Ps 99:2-5

Lk 21:20-28

SS Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions. In the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Vietnam, many Christians suffered martyrdom. On 19 June 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these, ninety-six native Vietnamese men and women, eleven Dominican missionaries from Spain, and ten French missionaries.

25. Green Friday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time

or **Red St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr,**
memorial

L.H. of the weekday or of the memorial (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the weekday or of the memorial

RDGS Rev 20:1-4,11-21:2 Ps 83:3-6a&8a

Lk 21:29-33

St. Catherine was martyred in 310 at Alexandria. Her body is venerated at the monastery on Mt Sinai.

26. Green Saturday, 34th Week, Ordinary Time

or White St. Silvester Abbot

or White Mass of Our Lady. B.V.M

L.H. of the weekday (Psal. Wk. II)

MASS of the choice (Pg xxvi, No 10)

RDGS Rev 22:1-7 Ps 94:1-7

Lk 21:34-36

St. Silvester was born at Osimo, near Ancona. He became a canon of the cathedral. When present one day at a funeral, he exclaimed: "I am today what this man was, and one day I shall be what he is." This is referred to in the Collect. He immediately gave up everything, and retired into a desert where he devoted himself to penance and meditation. Later he built at Monte Fano a church in honour of St. Benedict who advised him in a vision to found the Order of Sylvestrines, whose rule and habit he described to him. This branch of the Benedictine Order spread in a short time and already numbered twenty-five houses in Italy when its founder died in 1267, at the age of ninety.

End of Ordinary Time.

First vespers of the First Sunday of Advent.

From the First Sunday of Advent following, the Sunday

Lectionary Year A.

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

Week	Year I	Year II
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 John
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	B-C	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

Date

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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