

NATIONAL CALENDAR 2026
Readings | Sundays: Year A | Weekdays: Year II

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (S)	Thu, 1 Jan	World Day of Peace
	Sun, 11 Jan	<i>Mass celebrated at Totara Point to mark the anniversary of first Mass celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand by Bishop Pompallier on 13 January 1838</i>
3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sun, 25 Jan	Word of God Sunday
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (F)	Mon, 2 Feb	Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
Waitangi Day	Fri, 6 Feb	<i>Day of Prayer</i>
2 nd Sunday in February	Sun, 8 Feb	World Marriage Day (Marriage Encounter)
Our Lady of Lourdes	Wed, 11 Feb	World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Ash Wednesday	Wed, 18 Feb	Beginning of Lent
1 st Friday in Lent	Fri, 20 Feb	Day of Prayer & Penance for Victims of Abuse & Violence
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (S)	Wed, 25 Mar	Day of Prayer for Family Life
TRIDUUM: Holy Thursday	Thu, 2 Apr	
Good Friday	Fri, 3 Apr	Holy Places Collection
Holy Saturday	Sat, 4 Apr	
SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Sun, 5 Apr	EASTER SUNDAY
ANZAC Day	Sat, 25 Apr	<i>National Day of Remembrance</i>
4 th Sunday of Easter	Sun, 26 Apr	Day of Prayer for Vocations Seminary Collection
	Sun-Sat, 26 Apr-2 May	National Vocations Awareness Week
ST PETER CHANEL (F)	Tue, 28 Apr	Proto-Martyr of Oceania Patron Saint of Oceania
	Fri, 8 May	Anniversary of the Election of Pope Leo XIV
ASCENSION SUNDAY (S)	Sun, 17 May	World Communications Day
Week before Pentecost Sunday	Mon-Sun, 18-24 May	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
PENTECOST SUNDAY (S)	Sun, 24 May	
Last Saturday in May	Sat, 30 May	World Day of Prayer for Children
MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY (S)	Sun, 31 May	
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY (S)	Sun, 7 Jun	
	Sun, 28 Jun	Peter's Pence Collection
SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES (S)	Mon, 29 Jun	
	Sun, 12 Jul	World Day of Prayer for Seafarers Sea Sunday
4 th Sunday in July	Sun, 26 Jul	World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)	Sun, 16 Aug	Patronal Feast of Aotearoa New Zealand
	Tue, 1 Sep	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
	Sun-Sat, 6-12 Sep	Social Justice Week
Last Sunday in September	Sun, 27 Sep	Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants
1 st Sunday in October	Sun, 4 Oct	<i>Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert</i>
2 nd Sunday in October	Sun, 11 Oct	Day of Prayer to Support Life
Penultimate Sunday in October	Sun, 18 Oct	World Mission Sunday Collection
ALL SAINTS' DAY (S)	Sun, 1 Nov	
All Souls' Day	Mon, 2 Nov	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sun, 15 Nov	World Day of the Poor Caritas NZ Mass
CHRIST THE KING (S)	Sun, 22 Nov	World Youth Day
1 st Sunday of Advent	Sun, 29 Nov	Readings Sundays: Year B Weekdays: Year I
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (S)	Fri, 25 Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY
<i>NOTE: When a Day of Prayer (listed in the right-hand column) falls on a Sunday or coincides with a Feast Day, it may be sufficient to offer a simple remembrance in the introduction to the Mass or a brief mention in the homily or in the Prayer of the Faithful. 'Local' days are indicated in italics.</i>		
NZ Catholic Bishops Conference meetings	24-25 Feb	NZCBC (Auckland)
	27 Apr-May 1	NZCBC (Hamilton)
	18-19 Aug	NZCBC (Wellington)
	8-12 Nov	NZCBC (Wellington)