

GOD MATTERS: UNIT DATES 2019/2020

The dates given below are approximate and may need to be adapted to local circumstances.

UNIT	DATE	TEACHING TIME
AUTUMN TERM 2019		
Creation	Start of Term	4 weeks
Prayers Feasts and Saints	07.10.19	2 Weeks
Half term 21.10.19		
Islam	29.10.19	1 Week
Sacraments	04.11.19	4 Weeks
Advent	02.12.19	2 weeks
Christmas	16.12.19	1 week
SPRING TERM 2020		
Feasts of Christmas - Epiphany	Start of Term	2 weeks
Revelation	20.01.20	4 Weeks
Half Term 17.02.20		
Judaism	25.02.20	1 week
Lent	02.03.20	3 weeks
Holy Week	23.03.20	1 week
SUMMER TERM 2020		
Easter	14.04.20	4 weeks
Pentecost and Mission	11.05.20	2 weeks
Half Term 25.05.20		
Pentecost and Mission	02.06.20	2 weeks
Sikhism	15.06.20	1 week
Hinduism	22.06.20	1 week
Big Questions of Faith Project RE e.g. Going Back to Areas of Concern Retreat/Pilgrimage Experiences	29.06.20	Until End of Term

Please see below for specific dates for the Liturgical Year; Feasts and Saints' Days; Holy Days of Obligation; CAFOD dates; significant dates for other faiths.

SEPTEMBER	NEW BEGINNINGS
1 st September to 4 th October	Pope Francis' Season of Creation https://catholicclimatemovement.global/ and http://seasonofcreation.org/
Ordinary Time	
8 th September	Education Sunday https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/education-sunday
14 th September	Exaltation of the Cross – opportunity to explore why we make the sign of the cross
15 th September	Home Mission Sunday
21 st September	St. Matthew – Evangelist International Day of Peace
Late September	Harvest
27 th September	St. Vincent de Paul
OCTOBER	MONTH OF THE ROSARY
1 st October	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
2 nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels
4 th October	St. Francis of Assisi CAFOD Brighten Up for Harvest Day/CAFOD Harvest Fast Day https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Harvest-Fast-Day
7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
8 th October	Yom Kippur
15 th October	St. Teresa of Avila – Doctor of the Church
16 th October	World Food Day
17 th October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18 th October	St. Luke the Evangelist One Million Children Praying the Rosary http://millionkidspraying.org/
27 th October	Diwali
NOVEMBER	MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
1 st November	All Saints
2 nd November	All Souls
9 th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
17 th November	World Day of the Poor
19 th November	World Toilet Day
24 th November	Christ the King – Solemnity Universal Children's Day
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30 th November	St. Andrew – patron Saint of Scotland
DECEMBER	
Advent of Beginning of the new liturgical year: YEAR C	
1 st December	First Sunday of Advent
6 th December	St. Nicholas
9 th December	Immaculate Conception – Feast
18 th December	International Migrants Day
JANUARY	
Christmastide until Baptism of the Lord	
1 st January	Mary Mother of God World Day of Peace
5 th January	Epiphany – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

12 th January	Baptism of the Lord
Ordinary Time	
25 th January	Conversion of St. Paul
28 th January	St. Thomas Aquinas
FEBRUARY	
2 nd February	Presentation of the Lord – Feast of Candlemass
20 th February	World Day of Social Justice
24 th February	Fairtrade fortnight begins http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight
25 th February	Shrove Tuesday
Lent	
26 th February	Ash Wednesday
MARCH	
1 st March	St. David – patron Saint of Wales First Sunday of Lent
6 th March	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
17 th March	St. Patrick – patron Saint of Ireland
19 th March	St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
20 th March	International Day of Happiness
22 nd March	World Water Day Fourth Sunday of Lent
24 th March	St Oscar Romero https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/St-Romero
25 th March	Annunciation of the Lord
APRIL	EASTERTIDE
5 th April	Palm Sunday
8 th April	Passover begins
9 th April	Maundy Thursday
10 th April	Good Friday
11 th April	Holy Saturday
12 th April	Easter Sunday
Eastertide	
13 th April	Vaisakhi
19 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday
22 nd April	Earth Day
23 rd April	Ramadan begins
23 rd April	St. George – patron saint of England
25 th April	St. Mark – Evangelist
29 th May	St. Catherine of Siena
MAY	MONTH OF MARY
1 st May	St. Joseph the Worker
7 th May	Wesak
14 th May	St. Matthias, Apostle - Feast
21 st May	Ascension of the Lord - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
23 rd May	Ramadan ends
31 st May	Pentecost
JUNE	
Ordinary Time	
1 st June	Mary, Mother of the Church
5 th June	World Environment Day
7 th June	The Most Holy Trinity

14 th June	Corpus Christi
15 th June	World Refugee Week begins https://globaldimension.org.uk/event/refugee-week-2/2020-06-15/
22 nd June	St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More – Martyrs - Feast
23 rd June	Eid al Fitr
24 th June	Birth of St. John the Baptist
28 th June	Ss. Peter and Paul – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
JULY	THANKSGIVING AND MOVING ON
3 rd July	St. Thomas
11 th July	St. Benedict - Feast
18 th July	Nelson Mandela Day https://globaldimension.org.uk/event/nelson-mandela-international-day/2019-07-18/