

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

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| 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) |