

The Church's Feasts and Seasons 2017

Year A is the Year of Matthew's Gospel

We follow a calendar based on a cycle of liturgical seasons including feasts and saints' days. We are constantly nourished by the story of Jesus and guided by our ancestors in the faith, living witnesses of God's unchanging love.

<p style="text-align: center;">ADVENT</p> <p>The 'Church year' begins on November 27th 2016, The First Sunday of ADVENT</p> <p>It is a period covering the Four Sundays before Christmas during which we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, His coming into human history, & His ever constant coming into our lives and world, until finally there is a <i>new heaven and a New earth</i>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE CHRISTMAS SEASON</p> <p>begins Christmas Day Sunday December 25th and concludes on January 9th 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday January 1 New Year's Day is the Solemnity of <i>Mary, Mother of God</i> The Epiphany is celebrated on Sunday January 8th. January 9th is the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord. On Tuesday January 10th we begin Ordinary Time which ends on Shrove Tuesday 28th February 2017</p>																														
<p style="text-align: center;">LENT</p> <p>Begins on Ash Wednesday 1 March 2017 The 40 days of Lent are a time of spiritual renewal and preparation for the celebration of Easter.</p> <p>Over this time of penance we strive to give more depth to our prayer, and grow in compassion through fasting, self-denial and acts of generosity and kindness.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 9th Palm or Passion Sunday This marks the beginning of <i>Holy Week</i> The <i>Easter Triduum</i> (3 days) is the heart of our Liturgical Year, from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, until Easter Sunday morning.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>April 13th</td> <td>HOLY THURSDAY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 14th</td> <td>GOOD FRIDAY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 15th</td> <td>EASTER VIGIL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 16th</td> <td>EASTER SUNDAY</td> </tr> </table>	April 13 th	HOLY THURSDAY	April 14 th	GOOD FRIDAY	April 15 th	EASTER VIGIL	April 16th	EASTER SUNDAY	<p style="text-align: center;">THE EASTER SEASON</p> <p>During the six weeks of the Easter Season (50 days) we celebrate many significant Church feasts:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>May 28th</td> <td>The Ascension</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 4th</td> <td>PENTECOST</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 11th</td> <td>Trinity Sunday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 18th</td> <td>Holy Body and Blood of Christ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 23rd</td> <td>The Most Sacred Heart</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Ordinary Time begins on Week 9 - Year A, resumes on Tuesday June 6th and continues until Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the Year A. Feast days of significance during this time are...</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Aug 8th</td> <td>Saint Mary of the Cross</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aug 15th</td> <td>The Feast of the Assumption</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct 1st</td> <td>St Therese of Lisieux</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 1st</td> <td>All Saints Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 2nd</td> <td>All Souls Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 26th</td> <td>Christ the King of the Universe</td> </tr> </table> <p>The cycle begins again in Advent 2017, December 3rd When we begin Year B – The Year of Mark's Gospel</p>	May 28 th	The Ascension	June 4 th	PENTECOST	June 11 th	Trinity Sunday	June 18 th	Holy Body and Blood of Christ	June 23 rd	The Most Sacred Heart	Aug 8 th	Saint Mary of the Cross	Aug 15 th	The Feast of the Assumption	Oct 1 st	St Therese of Lisieux	Nov 1 st	All Saints Day	Nov 2 nd	All Souls Day	Nov 26th	Christ the King of the Universe
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St Therese's Parish School Sacrament Dates for 2017

The Sacrament of Confirmation	School RE Program	Saturday 27 May at 4.00pm and 6.00pm Saturday 9 September at 6.00pm
The Sacrament of Penance	School RE Program	Friday 2 June at 11.30am and 3.00pm Tuesday 25 July at 7.30pm
The Sacrament of First Eucharist	School RE Program	Saturday 26 August at 6.00pm and Sunday 27 August at 9.00am and 10.00am