**Collective Worship Calendar – Autumn Term 2023**

**2024 Sundays: Year B — Gospel of St Mark & chapter 6 St John Weekdays: Year II**

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| Date | Theme | Scripture Reference | Liturgical Colour | Resources | Other significant events |
| 4th September | New Beginnings | **Mark 4: 26-29** – God looks after the seed, just as he looks after us. | Green | Bible, candle, seeds or plant to symbolise new life. | 8th International Literacy Day  **8th**[Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Feast](https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-8the-nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin)  10th Education Sunday |
| 1t1h September | Rules | **John 13:34,35** Jesus’ new rule | Green | School rules  Commandments | 15th Rosh Hashanah begins  17th Rosh Hashanah ends |
| 18th September | Peace | **John 20: 19 – 23** –  Peace be with you | Green | Making the sign of peace  Symbol of peace - dove | 21st International Day of Peace  24th Yom Kippur begins |
| 25th September | Harvest | **Leviticus 26: 4-5** “I will send you the rain” | Green | Food provisions |  |
| 2nd October | Come and See ‘Rejoice’ week |  |  |  | 4th St Francis of Assisi  5th World Teachers’ Day  **6th CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day** |
| 9th October | Our Lady |  | Green | A picture/ statue of Mary Mother of Jesus, rosary, flowers, candles, bible | 9th St John Henry Newman (EW)  10th World Mental Health Day |
| 16th October | Sharing | **John 14:1-7 GNBUK** “Do not be worried and upset,” Jesus told them. “Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you.... | Green | 16th World Food Day  17th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty  18th St Luke, Evangelist |
| Half term  23rd October |  |  |  |  | 27th Wednesday St Vincent de Paul, Priest  28th Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles |
| 30st October | Beauty | **Matthew 26:10 GNB**  Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? It is a fine and beautiful thing that she has done for me. | Green | Green cloth, images of beauty on the earth, beauty in every face | All Saints (1st Nov)  All Souls (2nd Nov) |
| 6th November | Remembrance | **Activities from the Royal legion in acts of remembrance** | Green | Royal British Legion pack | 12th Remembrance Sunday  12th Diwali |
| 13th November | We are God’s children | **Matthew 18:2-4 GNBUK** So Jesus called a child, made him stand in front of them, and said, “I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child | Green | 19th World Day of the Poor; World Toilet Day  **16th Saint Edmund of Abingdon Feast Day – School Celebration** |
| 20th November | Come and See ‘Rejoice’ week  Faith Week - Judaism |  | Green | Universal Children’s Day (20th)  26th Christ the King |
| 27th November | God’s Kingdom | Mark 4 The Parable of the Sower | Green | Green cloth, seeds, images of fields being sown | 30th UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) begins  3rd Dec Beginning of Advent |
| 4th December | Preparing | **John 14: 1- 3**  “Believe in God and believe also in me. [2](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/read/eng/GNB/John/14/#JHN.14.2!f.1)There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. 3And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. | Purple | Bible, Advent wreath, Jesse Tree, an empty crib, a small plant or flower in bud to represent ‘waiting’ for the birth of Christ. | December 2023  7th Hanukkah begins  8th The Immaculate Conception  10th Second Sunday of Advent; Human Rights Day |
| 11th December | The Christmas Story | **Luke 2: 4-22 The birth of Jesus** | Purple | 15th Hanukkah ends  17th Third Sunday of Advent  18th International Migrants Day |
| 18th December | Come and See ‘Rejoice’ week |  | Purple |  | 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent  Christmas Monday 25 December 2023 |
| 25th December | Christmas holidays |  |  |  |  |
| Upcoming:  Epiphany of the Lord Sunday 7 January 2024  Ash Wednesday Wednesday 14 February  Easter Sunday Sunday 31 March  Ascension of the Lord Thursday 9 May  Pentecost Sunday 19 May  Body and Blood of the Lord Sunday 2 June  St Peter & St Paul Sunday 30 June | | | | | |