

2021 Liturgical Calendar of *The Bishop of Ebbsfleet*



praying community alongside my prayer for you as bishop.

Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, in early December Pope Francis proclaimed a year-long celebration (from 8 Dec 2020 to 8 Dec 2021) dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. As a foundation, I invite you to use this prayer which Pope Francis has written, either daily, or at least each Wednesday, a traditional day of prayer with St Joseph.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary: to you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; and with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

For the priests and people of the See of Ebbsfleet

Dear Friends

This Calendar sets out how I shall be celebrating the coming liturgical year, day by day. I have been prompted to compile it because many of you have said during the pandemic that you valued the addition of a monthly calendar and daily Gospel references to the Pastoral Letters, and the sense it gives of being a daily praying community. This document (which when printed double-sided makes a small booklet to be kept with your Bible or Breviary) is intended, then, as a tool – first to help support your daily prayers, and hopefully to create a

Christmas 2020

1	Fri	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Luke 2.16–21	solemnity
2	Sat	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	Matthew 23.8–12	memorial
3	Sun	2nd Sunday after Christmas	John 1.1–18	
4	Mon	Weekday of Christmas	John 1.35–42	
5	Tues	Weekday of Christmas	John 1.43–51	
6	Wed	The Epiphany of the Lord	Matthew 2.1–12	solemnity
7	Thu	Weekday after Epiphany	Matt 4.12–17, 23–25	
8	Fri	Weekday after Epiphany	Mark 6.34–44	
9	Sat	Weekday after Epiphany	Mark 6.45–52	
10	Sun	Baptism of Christ (Epiph 1)	Mark 1.7–11	
11	Mon	Weekday in Ordinary Time (OrdT 1)	Mark 1.14–20	Week I
12	Tues	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 1.21–28	
13	Wed	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 1.29–39	
14	Thu	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 1.40–45	
15	Fri	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 2.1–12	
16	Sat	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 2.13–17	
17	Sun	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Epiph 2)	John 1.35–42	Week II
18	Mon	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 2.18–22	
19	Tues	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 2.23–28	
20	Wed	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 3.1–6	
21	Thu	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	Matthew 13.44–46	memorial
22	Fri	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 3.13–19	
23	Sat	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 3.20–21	
24	Sun	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Epiph 3)	Mark 1.14–20	Week III
25	Mon	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	Mark 16.15–18	feast
26	Tues	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Luke 10.1–9	memorial
27	Wed	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 4.1–20	
28	Thu	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	Matthew 23.8–12	memorial
29	Fri	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 4.26–34	
30	Sat	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Mark 4.35–41	