



NATIONAL CALENDAR 2023

Readings: Sundays Year A

Weekdays Year I

Mary, Holy Mother of God	1 Jan	World Day of Peace
	8 Jan	<i>Mass celebrated at Totara Point to mark anniversary of first Mass in New Zealand by Bishop Pompallier on Jan 13 1838</i>
3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	22 Jan	Word of God Sunday
Presentation	2 Feb	Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
Waitangi Day	6 Feb	
Our Lady of Lourdes	11 Feb	World Day of Prayer for the Sick
	12 Feb	<i>World Marriage Day (Marriage Encounter)</i>
Ash Wednesday	22 Feb	
1 st Friday of Lent	24 Feb	Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims of Abuse and Violence
	5 Mar	<i>Day of Prayer for all Children - Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki / Children's Day (NZ)</i>
	13 Mar	Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis
Annunciation	25 Mar	Day of Prayer for Family Life
Good Friday	7 Apr	Collection for the Holy Places
Easter Sunday	9 Apr	Sunday of the Resurrection
ANZAC Day	25 Apr	National Day of Remembrance
St Peter Chanel	28 Apr	Proto-martyr of Oceania - Patron Saint of Oceania
4 th Sunday in Easter Time	30 Apr	Day of Prayer for Vocations - Seminary Collection
	30 Apr-6 May	National Vocations Awareness Week
Ascension Sunday	21 May	World Communications Day
	21-28 May	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Pentecost Sunday	28 May	
Trinity Sunday	4 Jun	
Corpus Christi	8 Jun	The Holy Body and Blood of Christ
	18 Jun	Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants
	2 Jul	Peter's Pence Collection
	9 Jul	Day of Prayer for Seafarers
4 th Sunday in July	23 Jul	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	15 Aug	Patronal Feast for New Zealand
	1 Sep	Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
	3-9 Sep	Social Justice Week
	1 Oct	Day of Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert
	8 Oct	Support Life Sunday
	29 Oct	World Mission Sunday (22 Oct) - Collection (29 Oct)
All Saints Day	1 Nov	
All Souls' Day	2 Nov	Commemoration of all the Faithful departed
	19 Nov	World Day of the Poor - Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Mass
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	26 Nov	World Youth Day
1 st Sunday of Advent	3 Dec	Sundays Year B Weekdays Year II
Christmas Day	25 Dec	

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.

NZ Catholic Bishops Conference Meeting Dates	22-23 Feb	NZCBC (TBD)
	7-11 May	NZCBC (Auckland)
	31 Aug-1 Sep	NZCBC (Wellington)
	5-9 Nov	NZCBC (Wellington)