

Holy Days of Obligation England and Wales

1. Epiphany
2. Ascension
3. Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
4. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5. All Saints' Day
6. Christmas (aka Nativity of the Lord)

According to a 1984 decision of the [Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales](#), Holydays which fall on a Saturday or a Monday (with the exception of Christmas) are transferred to the adjacent Sunday. In 2006, the Epiphany, Ascension and Corpus Christi were transferred to the nearest Sunday. On 17 November 2016 meeting in Leeds, the Bishops' Conference determined that the Epiphany and the Ascension should be celebrated on their official days, or on the adjacent Sunday when 6 January is a Saturday or a Monday. This decision was approved by the [Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments](#) and became effective from 3 December 2017

Summary Information

From the 1st Sunday of Advent 2017 the Holydays of Obligations for England and Wales became:

- Every Sunday
- **Epiphany of the Lord** (6 January*)
- **Ascension of the Lord** (Thursday after 6th Sunday of Easter)
- **St Peter & St Paul** (29 June*)
- **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (15 August*)
- **All Saints** (1 November*)
- **Nativity of the Lord** (25 December)

* According to a decision of the Bishops' Conference (1984) Holydays which fall on Saturday or Monday are transferred to the Sunday.

Since 2006 the following celebration is transferred to Sunday: **Body and Blood of the Lord**

Summary Table of Liturgical Dates HIGHLIGHTING NON-SUNDAY HDOS

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lectionary (Sunday/Weekday)	B/II	C/I	A/II	B/I	C/II
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	3 Dec 2017	2 Dec 2018	1 Dec 2019	29 Nov 2020	28 Nov 2021
Epiphany	SUN 7 Jan	SUN 6 Jan	SUN 5 Jan	WED 6 Jan	THURS 6 Jan
Ash Wednesday	14 Feb	6 March	26 Feb	17 Feb	2 Mar
Easter Sunday	1 April	21 April	12 April	4 April	17 April
Ascension	THURS 10 May	THURS 30 May	THURS 21 May	THURS 13 May	THURS 26 May
Pentecost (Sundays)	20 May	9 June	31 May	23 May	5 June
Body & Blood of the Lord (Sundays) aka Corpus Christi	3 June	23 June	14 June	6 June	19 May
St Peter & St Paul	FRI 29 Jun	SUN 30 Jun	SUN 28 Jun	TUES 29 Jun	WED 29 Jun
Assumption	WED 15 Aug	THURS 15 Aug	SUN 16 Aug	SUN 15 Aug	SUN 14 Aug
All Saints	THURS 1 Nov	FRI 1 Nov	SUN 1 Nov	SUN 31 Oct	TUES 1 Nov
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	TUES 25 Dec	WED 25 Dec	FRI 25 Dec	SAT 25 Dec	SUN 25 Dec