

SOLEMN ANNOUNCING OF THE MOVEABLE FEAST DAYS 2021

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on 25th December, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the “Paschal Full Moon”, and can fall between 22nd March and 25th April.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. At Epiphany, the upcoming dates were “proclaimed” after the gospel, and this, traditionally, we still do at the feast of the Epiphany:

KNOW ye, beloved brethren, that as by God’s favour we rejoiced in the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so, too, we announce to you the glad tidings of the Resurrection of Our Saviour.

The Sunday of Septuagesima will fall on the Thirty-first Day of January.

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the most holy Lenten fast will occur on the Seventeenth Day of February.

The Triduum of the Lord: His Last Supper, His Crucifixion and His Burial, will be commemorated between the First Day of April and the Third Day of April, and on the Fourth Day of April we shall celebrate with greatest joy the holy Pasch of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ will occur on the Thirteenth Day of May.

The Feast of Pentecost on the Twenty-third Day of May.

The Feast of Corpus Christi on the Third Day of June.

The Twenty-eighth Day of November will usher in the Advent of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, and to whom be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.