

FIXED AND MOVEABLE FEASTS, ANNIVERSARIES, &C.

Circumcision	Jan. 1	Whit Sunday—Pentecost	May 16
Epiphany	6	Trinity Sunday	23
Pr. Albert Victor of Wales, b. 1842	8	Q. Victoria, b. 1819	24
Septuagesima Sunday	14	Princess Helena, b. 1846	25
Princess Royal, m. '58	25	Corpus Christi	27
Sexagesima Sunday	31	Pr. Geo. of Wales, b. '65.	June 3
Quing. or Shrove Sun.	Feb. 7	Access. Q. Victoria, 1837	20
Queen Victoria, m. 1840	10	St. John Baptist	} 24
Ash Wednesday or first day of Lent	10	Midsummer Day	
First Sunday in Lent	14	Coronation Q. Victoria, '38	28
ST. DAVID	Mar. 1	St. Peter and St Paul	29
ST. PATRICK	17	Princess Alice m. 1862	July 1
Princess Louisa, b. 1848	18	Princess Helena m. 1866	5
Palm Sunday	21	Lammas Day	Aug. 1
Annunciation—Lady Day	25	Prince Alfred b. 1844	6
Good Friday	26	St. Michael	} Sept 29
EASTER SUNDAY	28	Michaelmas Day	
Low Sunday	April 4	All Saints	Nov. 1
Prince Leopold, b. 1853	7	Prince of Wales b. 1841	9
Princess Beatrice, b. 1857	14	Princess Royal b. 1840	21
Napoleon III. b. 1808	20	Advent Sunday	28
ST. GEORGE	23	St. Andrew	30
Princess Alice, b. 1843	25	Prs. Alexandra b. 1844	Dec. 1
Prince Arthur, b. 1850	} May 1	Pr. Consort died Æt. 42	14
St. Philip and St. James		St Thomas	21
Rogation Sunday	2	CHRISTMAS DAY	25
Ascension Day	} 6	St. Stephen	26
Holy-Thursday		St. John, Evangelist	27
		Innocents	28

THE SEASONS.—The annual revolution of the earth is accomplished in 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 51 seconds. In those countries which lie in the southern hemisphere November, December and January are the summer months, while in the northern hemisphere, where we reside, these are our months of winter, when the weather is coldest, and the days shortest. During six months, from March 21 to Sept. 23, the sun shines without intermission on the North Pole, so that there is no night there during all that interval, while the south pole is all this time enveloped in darkness. From Sept. to March the south pole enjoys the solar light, while the north, in its turn, is deprived of the sun and left in darkness. The sun is at different distances from the earth at different periods of the year, owing to the earth's moving in an elliptical orbit; but it is not upon this circumstance that the seasons depend. For on the 1st January we are more than three millions of miles nearer the sun than on the 1st July, when the heat of our summer is generally greatest.