

The Liturgical Cycle

Catholics, like most other Christians, maintain a calendar of the Christian seasons which is structured around the life of Christ.

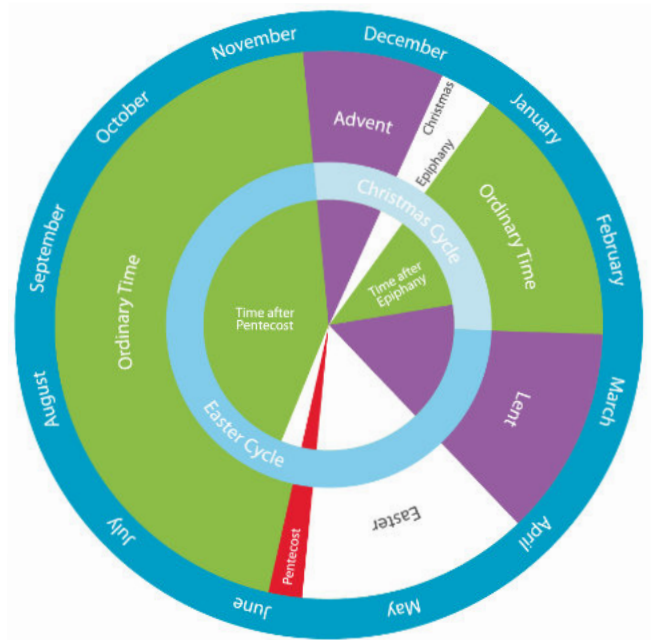
Solemnities and Feasts of the Lord – Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, Christ the Eternal High Priest et al.

We honour the life of the Virgin Mary and Joseph her husband on specific days and months, and we ask them to intercede for us regularly.

At the General Intercessions some parishes will additionally seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Hail Mary takes its central inspiration from Luke 1:28.

We also celebrate many other saints and feast days both publicly and privately.

The Catholic Church believes that the use of different colours in the liturgical and priestly vestments, church decorations and other symbols can help appreciate the mood and sense of a season or feast.



Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) introduced the colour sequence which is still used in all churches today and is inspired by those same colours recorded in the Bible.



| Common colours for the seasons and vestments. Gold, blue, rose and black are also used.