

COCU Indexing Scheme, Revised 2016-2017 (Year A)

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An Index for Sundays on the Christian Calendar for Years A, B and C.

A useful tool for indexing worship ideas, sermons, orders of services, church bulletins, etc. etc. whether for your filing cabinet or your computer files.

[Year A, 2016-2017]

01A	27-Nov-16	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1A]
02A	04-Dec-16	2nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2A]
03A	11-Dec-16	3rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3A]
04A	18-Dec-16	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4A]
05A	25-Dec-16	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity A]
06A	01-Jan-17	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1A]
07A	*** Not used in 2017 ***		[Christmas 2A]
08A	06-Jan-16	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany Sunday A]
09A	08-Jan-17	The Baptism of the Lord	[Ordinary 1A] [Epiph.1A]
10A	15-Jan-17	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 2A] [Epiph. 2A]
11A	22-Jan-17	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 3A] [Epiph. 3A]
12A	29-Jan-17	4th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 4A] [Epiph. 4A]
13A	05-Feb-17	5th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 5A] [Epiph. 5A]
14A	12-Feb-17	6th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 6A] [Proper 1A]
15A	19-Feb-17	7th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 7A] [Proper 2A]
16A	*** Not used in 2017 ***		[Ord 8A] [Proper 3A]
17A	26-Feb-17	Transfiguration of the Lord	[Last Sunday before Lent]
18A	01-Mar-17	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
19A	05-Mar-17	1st Sunday in Lent	[Lent 1A]
20A	12-Mar-17	2nd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 2A]
21A	19-Mar-17	3rd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 3A]
22A	26-Mar-17	4th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 4A]
23A	02-Apr-17	5th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 5A]
24A	09-Apr-17	The Passion of Christ	[Lent 6A] [Palm Sunday A]
25A	10-Apr-17	Monday in Holy Week	[Holy Monday A]
26A	11-Apr-17	Tuesday in Holy Week	[Holy Tuesday A]
27A	12-Apr-17	Wednesday in Holy Week	[Holy Wednesday A]
28A	13-Apr-17	Maundy Thursday	[Maundy Thursday A]
29A	14-Apr-17	Good Friday	[Good Friday A]
30A	15-Apr-17	Holy Saturday	[Holy Saturday A]
31A	16-Apr-17	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday A]
32A	23-Apr-17	2nd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 2A]
33A	30-Apr-17	3rd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 3A]

34A	07-May-17	4th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4A]
35A	14-May-17	5th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5A]
36A	21-May-17	6th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6A]
37A	25-May-17	Ascension Day	[Ascension Day ABC]
38A	28-May-17	7th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7A] [Ascension Sunday A]
39A	04-Jun-17	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost A] [Whitsunday A]
40A	11-Jun-17	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday A] [Pent 1A]
41A	*** Not used in 2017 ***		[Ord 9A] [Prop4A]
42A	*** Not used in 2017 ***		[Ord 10A] [Prop 5A]
43A	18-Jun-17	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 2A] [Ord 11A] [Prop 6A]
44A	25-Jun-17	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 3A] [Ord 12A] [Prop 78]
45A	02-Jul-17	4th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 4A] [Ord 13A] [Prop 8A]
46A	09-Jul-17	5th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 5A] [Ord 14A] [Prop 9A]
47A	16-Jul-17	6th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 6A] [Ord.15A] [Prop 10A]
48A	23-Jul-17	7th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 7A] [Ord 16A] [Prop 11A]
49A	30-Jul-17	8th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 8A] [Ord 17A] [Prop 12A]
50A	06-Aug-17	9th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 9A] [Ord 18A] [Prop 13A]
51A	13-Aug-17	10th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 10A] [Ord 19A] [Prop 14A]
52A	20-Aug-17	11th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 11A] [Ord 20A] [Prop 15A]
53A	27-Aug-17	12th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 12A] [Ord 21A] [Prop 16A]
54A	03-Sep-17	13th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 13A] [Ord 22A] [Prop 17A]
55A	10-Sep-17	14th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 14A] [Ord 23A] [Prop 18A]
56A	17-Sep-17	15th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 15A] [Ord 24A] [Prop 19A]
57A	24-Sep-17	16th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 16A] [Ord 25A] [Prop 20A]
58A	01-Oct-17	17th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 17A] [Ord 26A] [Prop 21A]
59A	08-Oct-17	18th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 18B] [Ord 27A] [Prop 22A]
60A	15-Oct-17	19th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 19A] [Ord 28A] [Prop 23A]
61A	22-Oct-17	20th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 20A] [Ord 29A] [Prop 24A]
63A	29-Oct-17	21st Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 21A] [Ord 30A] [Prop 25A]
62A	01-Nov-17	All Saints Day (or Sunday)	[All Saints ABC]
64A	05-Nov-17	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 22A] [Ord 31A] [Prop 26A]
65A	12-Nov-17	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 23A] [Ord 32A] [Prop 27A]
66A	19-Nov-17	24th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 24A] [Ord 33A] [Prop 28A]
67A	26-Nov-17	Last Sunday of Pentecost	[Reign of Christ] [Ord 34A] [Prop 29A]

[Selected dates for Year B, 2017-2018]

01B	03-Dec-17	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1A]
02B	10-Dec-17	2nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2A]
03B	17-Dec-17	3rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3A]
04B	24-Dec-17	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4A]
05B	25-Dec-17	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity A]
06B	31-Jan-17	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1A]
07B	*** Not used in 2018 ***		[Christmas 2A]
08B	06-Jan-18	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany,ABC]
18B	14-Feb-18	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
31B	01-Apr-18	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday A]
39B	20-May-18	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost C] [Whitsunday A]
40B	27-May-18	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday C] [Pent 1A]

[Selected dates for Year C, 2018-2019]

01C	02-Dec-18	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1C]
05C	25-Dec-18	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity C]
08C	06-Jan-19	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany ABC]
18C	06-Mar-19	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
31C	21-Apr-19	Easter Vigil / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday C]
39C	09-Jun-19	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost A][Whitsunday C]
40C	16-Jun-19	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday A][Pent 1C]

[Selected dates for Year A, 2019--2020]

01A	01-Dec-19	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1A]
05A	25-Dec-19	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity A]
08A	06-Jan-20	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany ABC]
18A	26-Feb-20	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
31A	12-Apr-20	Easter Vigil / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday A]
39A	31-May-20	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost A][Whitsunday A]
40A	07-Jun-20	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday A][Pent 1A]

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About the COCU Indexing Scheme

The original COCU index was created by the 'Consultation on Church Union' (USA) as a convenient way to sort out different Sundays on the Lectionary, given the various titles churches give to particular Sundays (e.g. Sundays after Pentecost, Sundays after Trinity, Propers, Ordinary Time, etc.) Some churches still refer to "Sundays before Lent" and "Sundays before Advent", which can also add to the mix of confusion when talking across denominations.

The COCU scheme cuts across the jargon so we can know which Sunday we are talking about when we are talking to each other!

But also I've found this numbering scheme helpful for a different reason:

Since 1975, I've used the COCU indexing scheme as a convenient way to organise my worship folders and finding material in my various worship, preaching and liturgy books.

Since the computer age, the COCU scheme has been a "God-send" in keeping track of material on my hard-drive. Those of you who remember the 8—character limitation of DOS will appreciate how at first, I managed to name my files:

- w50a—14.doc = Order of Worship for Pentecost 7A [Ord 18A]
- s50a—14.doc = Sermon for Pentecost 7A [Ord 18A] '
- b50a—14.doc = Church Bulletin for Pentecost 7A [Ord 18A]

Since the advent of Windows95/XP, I've been able to expand the titles for my files a bit further:

w50a—2014 (Pent 7A).doc
s50a—2014 (Fools We Are).doc
b50a-2011(31-Jul-14).doc

This numbering system can also be adapted for Apple OS and Linux files.

The beauty of the COCU scheme is that files (and associated materials) can be quickly located, whether on the hard—drive, in a worship folder, or in a book. The numbers are in sequence from the beginning of Advent to the end of the Church Year. You can also create files for a variety of purposes, with a prefaced letter to keep track of things:

w24a—2014 (Palm Sunday A).doc = Worship Service
w24a—2014 (Palm Sunday Resources).txt = Resources

s24a-2014 (A New Hope—The Hero's Quest).doc = Sermon ,
s24a-2014 (Palm Sunday Notes).txt = Notes and illustrations

b24a—2014 (17—Apr—11).doc = Church Bulletin
h24a—2014 (17—Apr—11).doc = Possible Hymns and Songs

c24a-2014_Palmsunday.jpg = a clipart item for this Sunday.
a24a-2014_Matthew21v01to11_2011.jpg = Agnus Day Cartoon for this Sunday

[Please Note: with the wealth of clipart, I keep the name of the file and simply preface the item with "c01a". I also do the same with Agnus Day cartoons.]

I offer the COCU indexing scheme as a useful tool for finding and filing the materials and resources you use for Sunday worship.

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NEW! A PDF download and explanation of the COCU Indexing Scheme is now available at 'The Billabong' <http://thebillabong.info/>

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INTERFAITH CALENDAR: Primary Sacred Times for World Religions
<http://www.interfaithCalendar.org/index.htm>

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