

COCU Indexing Scheme, Revised 2020-2021 (Year B)

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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 B, 2020-2021] *** Now with links to respective pages at <http://thebillabong.info>

01B	29-Nov-20	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1B]
02B	06-Dec-20	2nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2B]
03B	13-Dec-20	3rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3B]
04B	20-Dec-20	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4B]
05B	25-Dec-20	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity B]
06B	27-Dec-20	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1B]
07B	03-Jan-21	2nd Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 2B]
08B	06-Jan-21	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany Sunday B]
09B	10-Jan-21	The Baptism of the Lord	[Ordinary 1B] [Epiph.1B]
10B	17-Jan-21	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ordinary 2B] [Epiph. 2B]
11B	24-Jan-21	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ordinary 3B] [Epiph. 3B]
12B	31-Jan-21	4th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ordinary 4B] [Epiph. 4B]
13B	07-Feb-21	5th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ordinary 5B] [Epiph. 5B]
14B	* Not in 2021	6th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ordinary 6B] [Proper 1B]
15B	* Not in 2021	7th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ordinary 7B] [Proper 2B]
16B	* Not in 2021	8th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ordinary 8B] [Proper 3B]
17B	14-Feb-21	Transfiguration of the Lord	[Last Sunday before Lent]
18B	17-Feb-21	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
19B	21-Feb-21	1st Sunday in Lent	[Lent 1B]
20B	28-Feb-21	2nd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 2B]
21B	07-Mar-21	3rd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 3B]
22B	14-Mar-21	4th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 4B]
23B	21-Mar-21	5th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 5B]
24B	28-Mar-21	The Passion of Christ	[Lent 6B] [Palm Sunday B]
25B	29-Mar-21	Monday in Holy Week	[Holy Monday B]
26B	30-Mar-21	Tuesday in Holy Week	[Holy Tuesday B]
27B	31-Mar-21	Wednesday in Holy Week	[Holy Wednesday B]
28B	01-Apr-21	Maundy Thursday	[Maundy Thursday B]
29B	02-Apr-21	Good Friday	[Good Friday B]
30B	03-Apr-21	Holy Saturday	[Holy Saturday B]
31B	04-Apr-21	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday B]
32B	11-Apr-21	2nd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 2B]
33B	18-Apr-21	3rd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 3B]
34B	25-Apr-21	4th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4B]
35B	02-May-21	5th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5B]

36B	09-May-21	6th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6B]
37B	13-May-21	Ascension Day	[Ascension Day ABC]
38B	16-May-21	7th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7A] [Ascension Sunday B]
39B	23-May-21	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost B] [Whitsunday B]
40B	30-May-21	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday B] [Pent 1B]
41B	* Not in 2021		[Ordinary 9B] [Prop4B]
42B	06-Jun-21	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 10B] [Prop 5B]
43B	13-Jun-21	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 11B] [Prop 6B]
44B	20-Jun-21	4th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 12B] [Prop 7B]
45B	27-Jun-21	5th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 13B] [Prop 8B]
46B	04-Jul-21	6th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 14B] [Prop 9B]
47B	11-Jul-21	7th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary.15B] [Prop 10B]
48B	18-Jul-21	8th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 16B] [Prop 11B]
49B	25-Jul-21	9th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 17B] [Prop 12B]
50B	01-Aug-21	10th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 18B] [Prop 13B]
51B	08-Aug-21	11th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 19B] [Prop 14B]
52B	15-Aug-21	12th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 20B] [Prop 15B]
53B	22-Aug-21	13th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 21B] [Prop 16B]
54B	29-Aug-21	14th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 22B] [Prop 17B]
55B	05-Sep-21	15th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 23B] [Prop 18B]
56B	12-Sep-21	16th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 24B] [Prop 19B]
57B	19-Sep-21	17th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 25B] [Prop 20B]
58B	26-Sep-21	18th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 26B] [Prop 21B]
59B	03-Oct-21	19th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 27B] [Prop 22B] '
60B	10-Oct-21	20th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 28B] [Prop 23B]
61B	17-Oct-21	21st Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 29B] [Prop 24B]
62B	24-Oct-21	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 30B] [Prop 25B]
64B	31-Oct-21	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 31B] [Prop 26B]
63B	01-Nov-21	All Saints Day (or Sunday)	[All Saints ABC]
65B	07-Nov-21	25th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 32B] [Prop 27B]
66B	14-Nov-21	26th Sunday after Pentecost	[Ordinary 33B] [Prop 28B]
67B	21-Nov-21	Last Sunday of Pentecost	[Ordinary 34B] [Reign of Christ] [Prop 29B]

[Selected dates for Year C, 2021-2022]

01C	28-Nov-21	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1C]
02C	05-Dec-21	2nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2C]
03C	12-Dec-21	3rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3C]
04C	19-Dec-21	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4C]
05C	25-Dec-21	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity C]
06C	26-Dec-21	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1C]
07C	02-Jan-22	2nd Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 2C]
08C	06-Jan-22	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany,ABC]
18C	02-Mar-22	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
31C	17-Apr-22	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday C]
39C	05-Jun-22	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost B] [Whitsunday C]
40C	12-Jun-22	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday B] [Pent 1C]

[Selected dates for Year A, 2022-2023]

01A	27-Nov-22	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1A]
05A	25-Dec-22	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity A]
08A	06-Jan-23	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany ABA]
18A	22-Feb-23	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
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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 [Ordinary 18A]

s50a—14.doc = Sermon for Pentecost 7A [Ordinary 18A] '

b50a—14.doc = Church Bulletin for Pentecost 7A [Ordinary 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 "cO1a". 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.

Christ's Blessings & Shalom,

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