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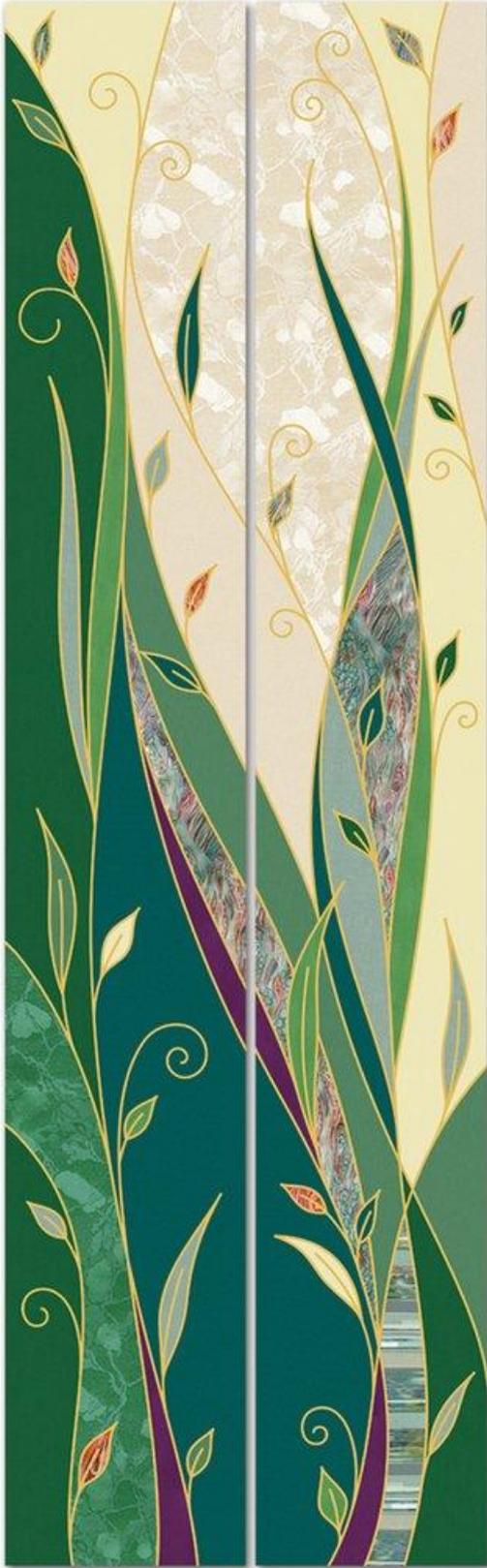
The Season after Pentecost 2018 *(First Half)*

27 May – 1 September

| WEEK BEGINNING | KEY EVENTS and HOLY DAYS |
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| Sunday 27 May | Week of Prayer for Reconciliation (Starts 27 th) Trinity Sunday 27 th , The Visitation 31 st , Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion 31 st , Justin 1 st |
| Sunday 3 June | Week of Prayer for Reconciliation (Ends 3 rd) Boniface of Mainz 3 rd , Columba of Iona 9 th |
| Sunday 10 June | Barnabas 11 th , Antony of Padua 13 th , Evelyn Underhill 15 th |
| Sunday 17 June | Alban 22 nd |
| Sunday 24 June | Birth of John the Baptist 24 th , Cyril of Alexandria 27 th , Irenaeus of Lyons 28 th , Peter & Paul 29 th |
| Sunday 1 July | Coming of the Light 1 st , Thomas 3 rd , John Fisher & Thomas More 6 th |
| Sunday 8 July | Sea Sunday 8 th , NAIDOC Week (Starts 8 th), Benedict 11 th , Sydney James Kirkby 13 th |
| Sunday 15 July | NAIDOC Week (Ends 15 th) |
| Sunday 22 July | Mary Magdalene 22 nd or 23 rd , James 25 th , Anne 26 th |
| Sunday 29 July | William Wilberforce 30 th , Joseph of Arimathea 31 st , Ignatius of Loyola 31 st , Holy men and women of the OT 1 st , Stephen 3 rd , John Baptist Vianney 4 th |
| Sunday 5 August | Transfiguration 6 th , Dominic 8 th , Mary Sumner 9 th , Lawrence 10 th , Clare of Assisi 11 th , John Henry Newman 11 th |
| Sunday 12 August | Jeremy Taylor 12 th , 20th Century Martyrs 14 th , Mary 15 th |
| Sunday 19 August | Bernard of Clairvaux 20 th , Bartholomew 24 th |
| Sunday 26 August | Day of Prayer for Refugees 26 th , Monica 27 th , Augustine of Hippo 28 th , Beheading of John the Baptist 29 th , John Bunyan 31 st , Aidan of Lindisfarne 31 st |

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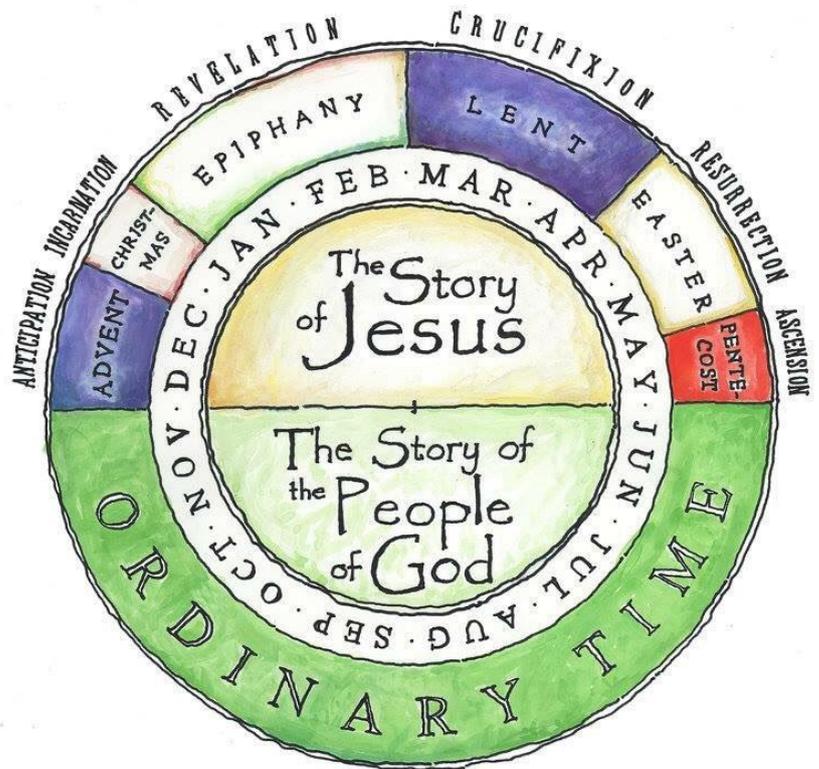
Background Information



This Season spans the best part of six months, and so for this reason we are providing resources in two parts this time. This first Pack will cover late May through to September.

The Day of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. Now we move into the *Season after Pentecost*, which is sometimes known as *Ordinary Time*. It is anything but ordinary – in fact, it is a time for growth and renewal. For this reason, the liturgical colour changes to green with the occasional splash of red and white.

This Ministry Resource Pack takes a slightly different approach to previous ones, in that it does not focus on the Sunday readings but instead aims to highlight the key festivals and feast days that occur over the coming months. Often it is these stories of fascinating people and events that resonate most significantly with children and adolescents. As we reflect on the lives of saints and martyrs, we are invited to reflect on our own life in the faith community. Trinity Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration also provide us with opportunities for growth in our theological knowledge as we grapple with the mysteries of our faith.



Ordinary Time – Extraordinary People

With your children and adolescents, use this time to learn about some of the characters that appear in our lectionary cycle over the coming months. Should one of the people listed be the patron saint of your parish church, make sure to give a particular focus to them.

Some ideas to consider:

- **Create a 'Hall of Fame' in the church or parish centre.** After learning about each individual, create artworks to display and accompany these with key information. Invite the children to share what they have learnt with the congregation. Over time, watch this 'Hall of Fame' grow. Periodically revisit some of the characters to see what the group can recall about them. Once a reasonable number of characters have been added to the 'Hall of Fame' ask the group to reorganise them in different ways: lectionary order, chronological order, alphabetical order, men and women, identity (ie, monastic, apostle, martyr, saint...)
- **Create a worldwide saints map.** Discover where these individuals lived and worked, and plot them on a world map. Learn about the different places, and find out if the names of the towns and countries have changed over time.
- **Create social profiles.** Similar to the 'Hall of Fame' outlined above, but rather than creating simple posters invite teens who are familiar with social media to create posters that look like online profiles (ie Facebook or Instagram pages). Templates are readily available to print from many teaching resource websites (such as <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/best-blank-facebook-template-6137426>) but teens may be able to draw their own quite well. After researching the different individuals, create the profiles adding details such as full name, picture, family members, hometown, birthdate, friends, interests, event invitations etc... Imagine what they might have posted online, perhaps including famous quotes.

Justin (Friday 1st June)

Boniface of Mainz (Tuesday 3rd June)

Columba of Iona (Saturday 9th June)

Barnabas (Monday 11th June)

Antony of Padua (Wednesday 13th June)

Evelyn Underhill (Friday 15th June)

Alban (Friday 22nd June)

John the Baptist:

Birth of John the Baptist (Sunday 24th June)

Beheading of John the Baptist (Wednesday 29th August)

Cyril of Alexandria (Wednesday 27th June)

Irenaeus of Lyons (Thursday 28th June)

Peter & Paul (Friday 29th June)

Thomas (Tuesday 3rd July)

John Fisher & Thomas More (Friday 6th July)

Benedict of Nursia (Wednesday 11th July)

Sydney James Kirkby (Friday 13th July)

Mary Magdalene (Sunday 22nd or Monday 23rd July)

James (Wednesday 25th July)

Anne (Thursday 26th July)

William Wilberforce (Monday 30th July)

Joseph of Arimathea (Tuesday 31st July)

Ignatius of Loyola (Tuesday 31st July)

Holy men and women of the OT (Wed. 1st August)

Stephen (Friday 3rd August)

John Baptist Vianney (Saturday 4th August)

Dominic (Wednesday 8th August)

Mary Sumner (Thursday 9th August)

Lawrence (Friday 10th August)

Clare of Assisi (Saturday 11th August)

John Henry Newman (Saturday 11th August)

Jeremy Taylor (Monday 12th August)

Twentieth Century Martyrs (Tuesday 14th August)

Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia, Maximilien Kolbe,

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Maria Skobtsova,

Martin Luther King Jr. Janani Luwum, Oscar Romero

Mary (Wednesday 15th August)

Bernard of Clairvaux (Monday 20th August)

Bartholomew (Friday 24th August)

Monica (Monday 27th August)

Augustine of Hippo (Tuesday 28th August)

John Bunyan (Friday 31st August)

Aidan of Lindisfarne (Friday 31st August)

Ordinary Time – Extraordinary Events

Where possible, actively engage children and adolescent in the big events and celebrations that occur over the coming months. These are opportunities to grow in understanding about key theological concepts in the Christian faith, and about how faith is put into action through prayer, service and justice. The following gives some information about each of these events in the liturgical calendar, and also some links to further information and resources that are available online.

Key Christian Celebrations

Trinity Sunday (Sunday 27th May)

The ‘concept’ of the Trinity can be difficult for children and adolescents (and quite a few adults!) to grasp. But if we recall that what we remember on this day and worship as Christians is a God who exists as a relationship, then we can start to get rid of the whole ‘concept’ idea. Children and adolescents can cope remarkably well with people who love, care and support them. Perhaps start from the idea that God is and does this eternally. It is important to emphasise that this is an example of something that is a mystery – something which we believe to be true, even though it is difficult to understand or to prove. Look around your church building and identify symbols that represent the Trinity (triangles, trefoils). Have the group identify some other things they are familiar with that also have three parts, and which need all three parts to be whole. Emphasise that all symbols have limitations when helping us to understand the Trinity.

<http://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com.au/2015/04/year-b-trinity-sunday-may-31-2015.html>

<http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/trinity-sunday-activities/>

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/trinity-sunday-with-children-and-families>

<http://storypath.upsem.edu/?s=trinity>

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (Thursday 31st May)

Most children and teens love visiting others, and having visitors to their home. Help them to reflect on the excitement they feel when visiting someone or welcoming a visitor. From *The Children’s Society*:

Mary’s Magnificat is a song of joy and thanksgiving, and her response to God’s call. Think about your own life and the things that you are grateful for, and what you hope to achieve with God’s help. Write your own Magnificat, starting with ‘My soul gives thanks to the Lord for...’

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/tcs/Christingle/Youth%20Discussion.pdf>

Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion (Thursday 31st May)

Though not falling on a Sunday, don’t overlook this key day in the calendar. This is a great opportunity to teach about the meaning of the Eucharist, especially with children preparing for First Communion or adolescents preparing for Confirmation. If you have access to Godly Play books, you may like to use the Communion story they provide, and which works well across many ages. An abundance of other resources are also widely available online and in print.

<http://storypath.upsem.edu/?s=communion>

<http://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com.au/2012/10/communion-is-more-than-eating-and.html>

The Transfiguration of our Lord (Monday 6th August)

Invite the group to share stories of things they have seen or experienced which are hard to believe, or things that they are so amazing they are hard to describe. Examples may include magic tricks, surprise parties, winning a prize that wasn’t expected, and similar. Then, imagine what the events of the Transfiguration would have been like for the disciples who were there:

How would you feel? How would you react? How would you explain it?

<http://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com.au/2015/01/year-b-transfiguration-of-lord-february.html>

<https://www.thereligionteacher.com/transfiguration-activities/>

Reconciliation Events

Week of Prayer for Reconciliation (Sunday 27th May – Sunday 3rd June)

From 'Reconciliation Australia': National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous People) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. It is held annually from May 27-June 3. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme for NRW 2018 is Don't Keep History a Mystery. This year, we invite Australians to Learn, Share, and Grow – by exploring our past, learning more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, and developing a deeper understanding of our national story.

https://www.reconciliation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/church-guide_2.pdf

[https://www.anglican.org.au/data/Collect - Week of prayer for reconciliation.pdf](https://www.anglican.org.au/data/Collect_-_Week_of_prayer_for_reconciliation.pdf)

<https://www.abmission.org/resources.php/79/intercessory-prayers-for-national-reconciliation-week>

<http://www.natsicc.org.au/reconciliation-week-prayers.html>

Coming of the Light (Sunday 1st July)

The Coming of the Light is a festival celebrated by Torres Strait Islanders on 1 July each year, marking the arrival of Christian missionaries from the London Missionary Society. It recognises the adoption of Christianity during the late nineteenth century, and the how the missionaries fostered peace and unity between rival groups across the Torres Strait.

<http://www.qm.qld.gov.au/Find+out+about/Aboriginal+and+Torres+Strait+Islander+Cultures/Gatherings/Coming+of+the+Light+Torres+Strait+Islands#.WuflYiFOUk>

<https://www.adcq.qld.gov.au/resources/a-and-tsi/torres-strait-islander-people-in-qld/coming-of-the-light>

<http://www.abc.net.au/compass/s1672085.htm>

http://www.visualarts.qld.gov.au/content/thaiday_standard.asp?name=Thaiday_TheComingOfTheLight

NAIDOC Week (Sunday 8th - Sunday 15th July)

Though not highlighted in the lectionary, you may wish to consider marking this time in some way. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and society. In 2018 the National NAIDOC Theme will be 'Because of her, we can!' NAIDOC Week 2018 will celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation.

<http://www.naidoc.org.au/>

<https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/article/2017/11/08/because-her-we-can-2018-set-celebrate-indigenous-women>

Some ideas to consider:

- Teach children and adolescents what the word '*reconciliation*' means. Also explain that reconciliation is a key aspect of the Gospel: God reconciles all things to God in and through Jesus
- Help the group to prepare intercessions for use during the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation.
- Learn about indigenous culture: Display the National NAIDOC Poster or other Indigenous posters around your Church; create Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander style artworks; listen to Indigenous musicians or watch a movie about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history; learn about the traditional Indigenous owners of your area; learn the meanings of local or national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander place names and words; invite local Indigenous Elders to speak, give a Welcome to Country, or host a smoking ceremony; visit local Indigenous sites of significance.
- Given that the theme this year focusses on the contributions made by indigenous women to our community, you may like to consider using the thanksgiving prayer '*God of Holy Dreaming*' within services during NAIDOC Week. This prayer is found in ABPA on pp.218-9 It is written by The Revd Lenore Parker, an Anglican priest and Yaegel woman from the Diocese of Grafton.

God of Holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,
from the dawn of creation you have given your children
the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and the dense forest,
and in the cities and at the water's edge,
creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures at the rock at the heart of our Land.
When Jesus hung on the tree
you heard the cries of all your people
and became one with your wounded ones:
the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
and bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,
to each other and to your whole creation.
Lead us on, Great Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;
enable us to walk together in trust
from the hurt and shame of the past
into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Other Events

Sea Sunday (Sunday 8th July)

Sea Sunday is an opportunity to learn about the work of Mission to Seafarers, to pray for seafarers and their families, and to host fundraising events for the organisation. You may also consider inviting a local chaplain or representative to visit your parish and speak about the work of Mission to Seafarers.

<http://www.mts.org.au/>

<https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/Pages/Category/sea-sunday>

Day of Prayer for Refugees (Sunday 26th August)

This is an opportunity not only to pray for refugees, but also to learn about poverty and other hardships that many people experience around the world. ABM has lots of helpful information and resources.

<https://www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=15>