COCU Indexing Scheme, Revised 2015-2016 (Year C)

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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 C, 2015-2016]

01C	29-Nov-15	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1C]
02C	06-Dec-15	2nd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 2C]
03C	13-Dec-15	3rd Sunday of Advent	[Advent 3C]
04C	20-Dec-15	4th Sunday of Advent	[Advent 4C]
05C	25-Dec-15	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity C]
06C	27-Dec-15	1st Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 1C]
07C	03-Jan-16	2nd Sunday of Christmas	[Christmas 2C]
08C	06-Jan-16	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany Sunday C]
09C	10-Jan-16	The Baptism of the Lord	[Ordinary 1C] [Epiph.1C]
10C	17-Jan-16	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 2C] [Epiph. 2C]
11C	24-Jan-16	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 3C] [Epiph. 3C]
12C	31-Jan-16	4th Sunday after Epiphany	[Ord 4C] [Epiph. 4C]
13C	*** Not used in 2016 ***		[Ord 5C] [Epiph. 5C]
14C	*** Not used in 2016 ***		[Ord 6C] [Proper 1C]
15C	*** Not used in 2016 ***		[Ord 7C] [Proper 2C]
16C	*** Not used in 2016 ***		[Ord 8C] [Proper 3C]
17C	07-Feb-16	Transfiguration of the Lord	[Last Sunday before Lent]
18C	10-Feb-16	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
19C	14-Feb-16	1st Sunday in Lent	[Lent 1C]
20C	21-Feb-16	2nd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 2C]
21C	28-Feb-16	3rd Sunday in Lent	[Lent 3C]
22C	06-Mar-16	4th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 4C]
23C	13-Mar-16	5th Sunday in Lent	[Lent 5C]
24C	20-Mar-16	The Passion of Christ	[Lent 6C] [Palm Sunday C]
25C	21-Mar-16	Monday in Holy Week	[Holy Monday C]
26C	22-Mar-16	Tuesday in Holy Week	[Holy Tuesday C]
27C	23-Mar-16	Wednesday in Holy Week	[Holy Wednesday C]
28C	24-Mar-16	Maundy Thursday	[Maundy Thursday C]
29C	25-Mar-16	Good Friday	[Good Friday C]
30C	26-Mar-16	Holy Saturday	[Holy Saturday C]
31C	27-Mar-16	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday C]
32C	03-Apr-16	2nd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 2C]
33C	10-Apr-16	3rd Sunday of Easter	[Easter 3C]
34C	17-Apr-16	4th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 4C]

35C	24-Apr-16	5th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 5C]
36C	01-May-16	6th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 6C]
37C	05-May-16	Ascension Day	[Ascension Day ABC]
38C	08-May-16	7th Sunday of Easter	[Easter 7A] [Ascension Sunday C]
39C	15-May-16	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost C] [Whitsunday C]
40C	22-May-16	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday C] [Pent 1C]
41C	29-May-16	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 2C] [Ord 9C] [Prop4C]
42C	05-Jun-16	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 3C] [Ord 10C] [Prop 5C]
43C	12-Jun-16	4th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 4C] [Ord 11C] [Prop 6C]
44C	19-Jun-16	5th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 5C] [Ord 12C] [Prop 78]
45C	26-Jun-16	6th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 6C] [Ord 13C] [Prop 8C]
46C	03-Jul-16	7th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 7C] [Ord 14C] [Prop 9C]
47C	10-Jul-16	8th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 8C] [Ord.15C] [Prop 10C]
48C	17-Jul-16	9th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 9C] [Ord 16C] [Prop 11C]
49C	24-Jul-16	10th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 10C] [Ord 17C] [Prop 12C]
50C	31-Jul-16	11th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 11C] [Ord 18C] [Prop 13C]
51C	07-Aug-16	12th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 12C] [Ord 19C] [Prop 14C]
52C	14-Aug-16	13th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 13C] [Ord 20C] [Prop 15C]
53C	21-Aug-16	14th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 14C] [Ord 21C] [Prop 16C]
54C	28-Aug-16	15th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 15C] [Ord 22C] [Prop 17C]
55C	04-Sep-16	16th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 16C] [Ord 23C] [Prop 18C]
56C	11-Sep-16	17th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 17C] [Ord 24C] [Prop 19C]
57C	18-Sep-16	18th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 18C] [Ord 25C] [Prop 20C]
58C	25-Sep-16	19th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 19C] [Ord 26C] [Prop 21C]
59C	02-Oct-16	20th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 20B} [Ord 27C] [Prop 22C] '
60C	09-Oct-16	21st Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 21C] [Ord 28C] [Prop 23C]
61C	16-Oct-16	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 22C] [Ord 29C] [Prop 24C]
62C	23-Oct-16	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 23C] [Ord 30C] [Prop 25C]
64C	01-Nov-16	24th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 24C] [Ord 31C] [Prop 26C]
63C	30-Oct-16	All Saints Day (or Sunday)	[All Saints ABC]
65C	06-Nov-16	25th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 25C] [Ord 32C] [Prop 27C]
66C	13-Nov-16	26th Sunday after Pentecost	[Pent 26C] [Ord 33C] [Prop 28C]
67C	20-Nov-16	Last Sunday of Pentecost	[Reign of Christ] [Ord 33C] [Prop 29C]

[Selected dates for 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-17	The Epiphany of the Lord	[Epiphany,ABC]
18A	06-Feb-17	Ash Wednesday	[Ash Wednesday ABC]
31A	27-Mar-17	Easter Vigil / Dawn / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday A]
39A	15-May-17	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost C] [Whitsunday A]
40A	22-May-17	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday C] [Pent 1A]

[Selected dates for Year B, 2017-2018]

01B	03-Dec-17	1st Sunday of Advent	[Advent 1B]
05B	25-Dec-17	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day	[Holy Nativity B]
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 / Easter Day	[Easter Sunday B]
39B	20-May-18	The Day of Pentecost	[Pentecost B][Whitsunday B]
40B	27-May-18	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday B][Pent 1B]

[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 B][Whitsunday C]
40C	16-Jun-19	Trinity Sunday	[Trinity Sunday B][Pent 1C]

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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 sc_heme 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 ofthe 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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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
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