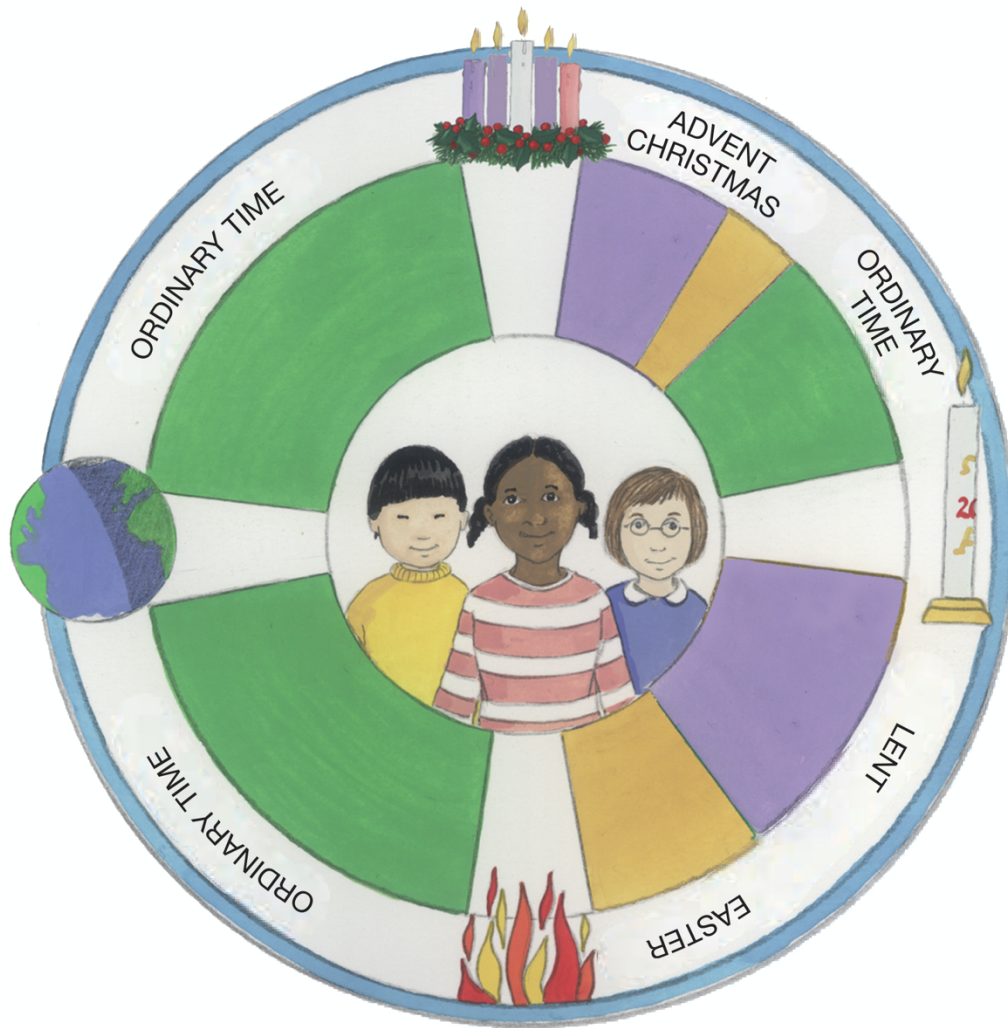


Thursday 21st January 2021
OLI: To learn about Ordinary Time

Look at the Liturgical Year Calendar. When is Ordinary Time? What colour is used for this?



In Ordinary Time we are reminded that God is always there to help us live as Christians. During this time, through the Gospels, we are journeying with Jesus on his mission. After the Baptism of Jesus until Lent and then after Pentecost until Advent is called Ordinary Time in the Church's year. The colour for Ordinary Time is green. The Sundays are given numbers Second, Tenth, Twenty-Second and so on. The last Sunday of the year is celebrated as the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. (Read Church's Story below)

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In many cultures, the heart is a symbol of love. This feast is celebrated on the Friday after the Second Sunday of Pentecost. The feast celebrates the faithful and everlasting love of Jesus for every person. The Church remembers Jesus' words to his disciples, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

(John 13:34)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

This feast is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before the first Sunday of Advent. It is a celebration of the power of Jesus to set all people free from sin and death, free to live for ever. He did this by his life, his death on the cross and his resurrection. This reminds Christians that Jesus said his kingship was about service. At the last supper he washed the feet of his disciples and said, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's' feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

(John 13:14-15)



Names

A number of churches and schools in England and Wales take their name from these feasts. Jesus is their example. Many churches and schools are named after a saint.

When does your church or school celebrate its special feast day?



During this time, there are three cycles of readings for the Sundays of the Church's year, so we hear the journey of Jesus through three different Gospels.

- In Year A the Gospel readings come from Matthew.
- In Year B they come from Mark.
- In Year C they come from Luke.

Some Key Questions:

- Q How does the Church family journey with Jesus in Ordinary Time?
- Q Why do you think the Church has a cycle of readings for three years?
- Q What do you think about the use of the colour green for Ordinary Time? (green symbolises hope and growth of the Christian life.)
- Q Which Gospel writer is missing from the list?

Today's Activities:

Our school/Church is called Our Lady & St Joseph. Our patron saints are Our Lady (Mary) and St Joseph.

I would like you to choose either one and research them.

- Who are they?
- Why are they special?
- What are they known for?
- When is their feast day?
- How is it celebrated?
- What facts have you found out about them?

You can write out the facts you have learned or you can create a poster/pic collage.