

The Liturgical Year

2021-22

A document to support Diocesan schools in planning Collective Worship that has the Word of God at its heart, incorporates the Church's liturgical year, its seasons, and feasts, and provides opportunities for promoting Catholic Social Teaching.

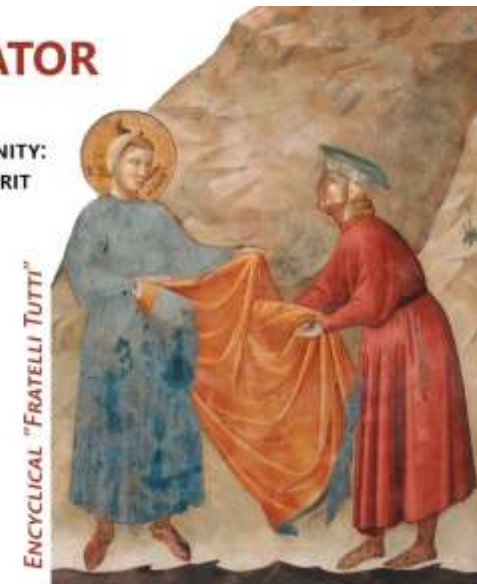
A PRAYER TO THE CREATOR

LORD, FATHER OF OUR HUMAN FAMILY,
YOU CREATED ALL HUMAN BEINGS EQUAL IN DIGNITY:
POUR FORTH INTO OUR HEARTS A FRATERNAL SPIRIT

AND INSPIRE IN US
A DREAM OF RENEWED ENCOUNTER,
DIALOGUE, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

MOVE US TO CREATE HEALTHIER SOCIETIES
AND A MORE DIGNIFIED WORLD,
A WORLD WITHOUT HUNGER, POVERTY,
VIOLENCE AND WAR.

Franciscus



WEEK BEGINNING	LITURGICAL THEME	FEAST DAYS/SPECIAL DAYS	THOUGHT FOR WEEK	OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROMOTING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
Pope Francis' prayer intention for September - An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this. Watch the 'Pope Videos' each month https://thepopevideo.org/				
30 August	"You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions." <i>Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23</i>	22nd Week of Ordinary Time Mon 30 th Sts Margaret Clitherow, Margaret Ward and Anne Line	"To have a heart for Jesus and his values: this will always be our real business as Christians." <i>Denis McBride C.Ss.R.</i>	Wednesday 1 st World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – the start of Creation Time which runs until 4 th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation https://catholicclimatemovement.global/
6 September	"He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak." <i>Mark 7:31-37</i>	23rd Week of Ordinary Time Weds 8 th – Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	"God is the friend of silence-we need to listen to God because it's not what we say but what He says to us and through us that matters." <i>Mother Teresa</i>	
13 September	"But you," he asked, "Who do you say I am?" <i>Mark 8:27-35</i>	24th Week of Ordinary Time Sun 12 th Education Sunday Tues 14 th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	'Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire!' <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Sunday 12 th Day of Special Prayer for Education https://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/234838/Home/Resources/Education_Sunday/Education_Sunday.aspx
20 September	"Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me". <i>Mark 9:30-37</i>	25th Week of Ordinary Time Sun 19 th Home Mission Sunday https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/home-mission/home-mission-sunday-national-day-of-prayer-and-celebration/ Tues 21 st St Matthew – apostle and evangelist	"In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds." <i>Henri Nouwen</i>	Tuesday 21 st UN International Day of Peace https://internationaldayofpeace.org/ https://paxchristi.net/2020/07/06/catholic-nonviolence-days-of-action/
27 September	Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name. <i>Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48</i>	26th Week of Ordinary Time 26 th Harvest Sunday – celebrating fruits of human work and praying for the reverent use of creation. Mon 27 th St. Vincent de Paul Fri 1 st CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	"Preach the Gospel every day; if necessary, use words." <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	27 th Feast of St. Vincent de Paul - Mini Vinnies/Youth SVP https://www.svp.org.uk/involve-young-people Friday 1 st CAFOD Harvest Fast Day https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Harvest-Fast-Day

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Pope Francis' prayer intention for October - Missionary Disciples We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.				
4 October	"For it is to such as these (little children) that the Kingdom of God belongs." <i>Mark 10:2-16</i>	27th Week of Ordinary Time October is the month of the Rosary Mon 4 th St Francis of Assisi Tues 5 th St Maria Faustine Kowalska Thurs 7th Our Lady of the Rosary Sat 9 th St. John Henry Newman	"Childhood means simplicity. Look at the world with the child's eye - it is very beautiful." <i>Kailash Satyarthi</i>	Mon 4 th St Francis of Assisi https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/11733/91933/version/4/file/St_Francis_of_Assisi.pdf October is Black History Month
11 October	"Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor.... then come follow me." <i>Mark 10:17-30</i>	28th Week of Ordinary Time Sun 10 th Day of Special Prayer for Prisons and Their Dependents Fr 15 th St Teresa of Avila	"Always think of yourself as everyone's servant; look for Christ Our Lord in everyone and you will then have respect and reverence for them all." <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	Prisons Week 10 th -16 th Oct https://prisonweek.org/
18 October	"Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant." <i>Mark 10:35-45</i>	29th Week in Ordinary Time Fri 22 nd St John Paul II	"Wherever people are suffering, wherever they are humiliated by poverty or injustice, and wherever a mockery is made of their rights, make it your task to serve them." <i>St. John Paul II</i>	Sunday 24 th World Missions Sunday https://missio.org.uk/what-is-world-mission-sunday/
HALF TERM HOLIDAY				
Pope Francis' prayer intention for November - People Who Suffer From Depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.				
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1 November	"How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven."	31st Week of Ordinary Time Sunday 31 st All Saints Day Tues 2 nd All Souls Day	"Saints are not supermen who are born perfect but rather are ordinary folk who followed God with all their heart." <i>Pope Francis</i>	

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	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>			
8 November	"This poor widow has put in more than all." <i>Mark 12:41-44</i>	32nd Week of Ordinary Time Thurs 11 th St Martin of Tours	"No one has ever become poor by giving." <i>Anne Frank</i>	Sunday 14 th World Day of Prayer for the Poor – Pope Francis' Message: https://www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/
15 November	"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." <i>Mark 13:24-32</i>	33rd Week of Ordinary Time Sunday 14 th Day of Special Prayer for all Victims of War - Remembrance Day https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/remembrance-sunday	"The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them." <i>Czeslaw Milosz</i>	16 th – 20 th Anti-Bullying Week TBC https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/ Thursday 19 th World Toilet Day - https://www.worldtoiletday.info/ Or use CAFOD's World Toilet Day Assembly
22 November	Christ the King says, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world." <i>John 18:33-37</i>	Last Week of Ordinary Time - Christ the Universal King Day of Special Prayer for Young People – Also, World Youth Day http://www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk/ https://homemission.org.uk/home/youth/	"But I've learnt that no one is too small to make a difference." <i>Greta Thunberg</i>	Wednesday 24 th Red Wednesday – highlighting Christian Persecution and Suffering TBC https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday/
Pope Francis' prayer intention for December - Catechists				
Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.				
29 November	"Pray for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man." <i>Luke 21: 25-28,34-36</i>	1st Week of Advent: (<i>Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas – 28/11 this year- NOT 1st December</i>) Tues 30 th St Andrew https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/7519/61998/version/5/file/St_Andrew_V2.pdf Fri 3 rd December Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees	"Biblically, waiting is not just something we have to do until we get what we want. Waiting is part of the process of becoming what God wants us to be." <i>John Ortberg</i>	https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Refugee-resources
6 December	"A voice calls in the wilderness." <i>Luke 3:1-6</i>	2nd Week of Advent Sun 5 th Bible Sunday Weds 8 th Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	"Each one of you has to be God's microphone." <i>St Oscar Romero</i>	https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/
13 December	'What about us? What must we do?' <i>Luke 3:10-18</i>	3rd Week of Advent Gaudete Sunday https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rtu7deAflk		Wednesday 18 th International Migrants Day https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/services/refugee-project/ https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Refugee-resources

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS				
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Pope Francis' prayer intention for January – TBC see http://popesprayerusa.net/pop-es-intentions/				
3 January	“Then opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	2nd Week of Christmas Thurs 6th The Epiphany	“Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.” <i>Christina Rosetti</i>	Sat 1 st January World Day of Peace – see Pope Francis' new year message of peace. http://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/themes/peace/
10 January	And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you”. <i>Luke 3:15-16,21-22</i>	The Baptism of the Lord	“I knew that if God loved me, then I could do wonderful things, I could try great things, learn anything, achieve anything”. <i>Maya Angelou</i>	
17 January	“Do whatever he tells you.” <i>John 2:1-11</i>	2nd Week in Ordinary Time	“Peace is not a dream or something utopian; it is possible.... each person and every community is called to work for peace.” <i>Pope Benedict XVI</i>	18 th – 25 th Christian Unity Week https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/ Sunday 16 th Day of Special Prayer for World Peace https://www.paxchristi.net/
24 January	“This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.” <i>Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21</i>	3rd Week in Ordinary Time 23 rd Sunday of the Word of God https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/sunday-of-the-word-of-god-a-day-of-awakening.html	“I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides.” <i>Elie Wiesel</i>	Thurs 27 th Holocaust Memorial Day 2022 Theme – TBC https://www.hmd.org.uk/
Pope Francis' prayer intention for February – TBC see http://popesprayerusa.net/pop-es-intentions/				
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31 January	“Jesus slipped through the crowds and walked away.” <i>Luke 4:21-30</i>	4th Week in Ordinary Time Mon 31 st St John Bosco Weds 2 nd The Presentation of the Lord	“Opportunities to find deeper powers within ourselves come when life seems most challenging.” <i>Joseph Campbell</i>	https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/7833/64267/version/4/file/St_John_Bosco.pdf

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7 February	"They left everything and followed him." <i>Luke 5:1-11</i>	5th Week in Ordinary Time Tues 8 th St Josephine Bakita; also, Day of Prayer for Trafficked People Fri 11 th Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of Prayer for the Sick	"There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." <i>Edith Wharton</i>	https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/8555/70037/version/4/file/St_Josephine.pdf https://www.caritas.org/2016/02/international-day-prayer-awareness-human-trafficking/
14 February	Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep... <i>Luke 6:17,20-26</i>	6th Week in Ordinary Time Sunday 13th Feb Racial Justice Sunday	"We need courage to swim against the tide. Jesus gives us this courage! ... With him we can do great things." <i>Pope Francis</i>	https://ctbi.org.uk/category/witnessing-together/racial-justice/racial-justice-sunday/
HALF TERM HOLIDAY TBC				
21 February	"Love your enemies." <i>Luke 6:27-38</i>	7th Week in Ordinary Time	"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Martin Luther King Jnr.	Fairtrade fortnight begins 20th Feb – 6th March TBC https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get%20involved/Current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight
Pope Francis' prayer intention for March – TBC http://popesprayerusa.net/pop-es-intentions/				
28 th February	Ash Wednesday "Your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you." <i>Matthew 6:1-6,16-18</i>	8 th Week in Ordinary Time Tuesday 1 st St David Weds 2 nd Ash Wednesday – Lents begins Fri 4 th Women's World Day of Prayer	"Character is doing the right thing when nobody is looking." <i>J.C. Watts</i>	Check out CAFOD's & Missio Ash Wednesday and Lent resources Support Caritas Shrewsbury https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/get-involved/good-shepherd-collection/
7 March	<i>The Temptation of Jesus in the Desert</i> <i>Luke 4:1-13</i>	1st Week of Lent Monday 1 st St David https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/8846/72202/version/6/file/St_David.pdf	"You have to decide what your highest priorities are and have the courage - pleasantly, smilingly, non-apologetically - to say 'no' to other things." <i>Stephen Covey</i>	Monday 8 th International Women's Day https://www.internationalwomensday.com/ Friday 11 th CAFOD Lent Fast Day
14 March	"While Jesus was praying, His face changed its appearance, and His clothes became dazzling white."	2nd Week of Lent Thurs 17 th St Patrick https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/13711/105751/version/2/file/St_Patrick.pdf Sat 19 th St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within." <i>Maya Angelou</i>	AMORIS LAETITIA – Special Anniversary Year begins on 19th March 2021 https://virtualplater.org.uk/module-a-a-unit-6-contents/6-3-cst-on-family-life-in-society/

	Luke 9:28-36			
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21 March	“Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again.” <i>John 4:5-42</i>	3rd Week of Lent Thurs 24 th St Oscar Romero (See resources from CAFOD and Missio) https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/24491/175828/version/4/file/St%20Oscar%20Romero%20Saint%20Card.pdf Fri 25 th The Annunciation of the Lord	“Whoever out of love for God gives oneself to the service of others will live, like the grain of wheat that dies, but only apparently... Only in undoing itself does it produce the harvest.” <i>St Oscar Romero</i>	Tues 22 nd World Water Day - https://www.unwater.org/what-we-do/inspireaction/ https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Water-resources
29 March	“He was still a long way from home when his father saw him....” <i>The Lost Son</i> <i>Luke 15:1-3,11-32</i>	4th Week of Lent Laetare Sunday https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4f2OcZld6Go	“Let’s not forget that God never gets tired of forgiving so let’s never get tired of asking for forgiveness.” <i>Pope Francis</i>	https://www.theforgivenessproject.com/
4 April	“Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone.” <i>John 8:1-11</i>	5th Week of Lent	“Any fool can criticise, condemn and complain but it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving.” <i>Dale Carnegie</i>	
11 April	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ <i>Luke 22:14 – 23:56</i>	6th Week of Lent Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins	During Holy Week it would be good to ask ourselves this question; “Where is my heart? Which of these people do I resemble most?” <i>Pope Francis</i>	
EASTER HOLIDAY TBC				
10th April - Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday – 14th; Good Friday – 15th; Easter Sunday – 17th; Divine Mercy Sunday – 24th				
Pope Francis’ prayer intention for April - TBC http://popesprayerusa.net/pop-es-intentions/				
25 April	“You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” <i>John 20:19-31</i>	Divine Mercy Sunday - 2nd Week of Easter Tues 26 th St George https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/9674/77748/version/3/file/Secondary_prayer%20card_St%20George.pdf 29 th St Catherine of Siena https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/9573/77082/version/3/file/St_Catherine.pdf	“Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt.” <i>William Shakespeare</i>	

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Pope Francis' prayer intention for May – TBC http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/ .				
2 May	"Do you love me?" <i>John 21:1-19</i>	3rd week of Easter Weds 4 th The English Martyrs	"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends." <i>JK Rowling</i>	1 st May St Joseph the Worker – Day of Prayer for Human Work https://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/themes/dignity-in-work/
9 May	Jesus, the shepherd of the flock; "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice." <i>John 10:27-30</i>	4th Week of Easter	What to change your life? Begin by saying, "The Lord is my shepherd." <i>Max Lucado</i>	
16 May	"By this love you have for one another, everyone will know you are my disciples." <i>John 13:31-33,34-35</i>	5th Week of Easter	"Authenticity means erasing the gap between what you firmly believe inside and what you reveal to the outside world." <i>Adam Grant</i>	http://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/themes/solidarity/
23 May	"A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you." <i>John 14:23-29</i>	6th Week of Easter Thurs 26 th The Ascension of the Lord	"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset." <i>Saint Francis de Sales</i>	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY TBC				
30 May	"Father, may they be completely one." <i>John 17:20-26</i>	7th Week of Easter Sun 29 th – World Communications Day	"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." <i>Helen Keller</i>	https://www.catholicireland.net/what-is-world-communications-day/
6 June	"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak." Acts 2:1-11	Pentecost Sunday Also: "The Holy Spirit will teach you everything." <i>John 14:15-16,23-26</i>	"The words you speak are the house you build." <i>Hafiz</i>	Weds 8 th World Oceans Day https://www.worldoceansday.org/ http://www.webofcreation.org/SeasonofCreation/ocean.html https://www.rocna.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Prayer-for-the-Oceans.pdf

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13 June	"The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth." <i>John 16:12-15</i>	Trinity Sunday	"People hate the truth for the sake of whatever it is that they love more than the truth. They love truth when it shines warmly on them and hate it when it rebukes them." <i>Saint Augustine of Hippo</i>	
20 June	"Give them something to eat yourselves." <i>Luke 9:11-17</i>	Corpus Christi – the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sun 21 st Day of Special Prayer for life Tuesday 22 nd Sts Thomas More and John Fisher – Day of prayer for those who suffer persecution, oppression, and denial of human rights.	"When the good of others is at stake, good intentions are not enough. Concrete efforts must be made....." Pope Francis	http://www.dayforlife.org/home/about/ http://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/themes/human-dignity/
27 June	"Your duty is to go and spread the news of the Kingdom of God." <i>Luke 9:51-62</i>	13th Week in Ordinary Time Weds 29 th Feast of St Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)	"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." <i>Robert Louis Stevenson</i>	
Pope Francis' prayer intention for July – TBC http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/				
4 July	Travelling light - "Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals." <i>Luke 10:1-9</i>	14th Week in Ordinary Time	"Whatever is at the centre of our life will be the source of our security, guidance, wisdom, and power." <i>Stephen R. Covey</i>	https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/29754/339060/version/1/file/100_ideas_for_livesimply_award.pdf
11 July	The Good Samaritan - "Who is my neighbour?" <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	15th Week of Ordinary Time	"Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders." Pope Francis	https://catholicclimatemovement.global/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Prayer_climate_postcard-reflections.pdf
17 July	Martha works; Mary listens. <i>Luke 10:38-42</i>	16th Week of Ordinary Time	"Be quiet, be still and then you will begin to see with the eyes of the heart." <i>Desmond Tutu</i>	

The colour of the shading is indicative of the Liturgical colours used by the Church at different times or seasons of the year.

Green: 'Ordinary Time' refers to the part of the year outside the seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter. There are 33/34 weeks of Ordinary Time. During this time, the Church helps us to reflect on the life and work of Jesus. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green, a colour seen everywhere in trees and plants and a symbol of life and hope.

Purple is used during Advent and Lent as a sign of penance, sacrifice and preparation. At the midpoint of both of these seasons—Gaudete Sunday (the third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (the fourth Sunday of Lent—rose (pink) vestments are traditionally worn as a sign of joy: we rejoice at the midpoint because we are half-way through the preparation and anticipate the coming joy of Christmas or Easter.

Rose is a lighter version of purple because it signifies the penitential purple is mixed with the white of the approaching festival. In both Advent and Lent there is a moment when the atmosphere of penance is brightened by a glimpse of light from the glorious season for which we are preparing ourselves. The third Sunday of Advent tells us 'Gaudete, rejoice!' because the Lord is near and the fourth Sunday of Lent says 'Laetare, Jerusalem, be joyful, Jerusalem, and all who love her!' because she herself is loved by the Lord.

Red symbolizes the shedding of blood and is therefore used on Palm Sunday (when Christ entered Jerusalem to prepare for His death), Good Friday, any other commemoration of the Lord's passion, the votive Mass of the Precious Blood, the days marking the martyrdom of the apostles (except St. John), and the feasts of other martyrs who offered their lives for the faith. However, red also signifies the burning fire of God's love. For this reason, red vestments are worn on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and tongues of fire rested on their heads and for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

White or gold, a colour symbolizing rejoicing and purity of soul, is worn during the liturgical seasons of Christmas and Easter. White vestments are also used for feasts of our Lord (except those pertaining to His passion), the Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels, and the saints who were not martyrs.