

Notes on the RCL

1. Epiphany 6 to 9. If Easter is very early, eg, 23 March, AD 2008, the lectionary will use fewer "After Epiphany". The 'Transfiguration of Jesus' will always be the last set of lessons in this period. As Easter moves to a later date, eg, 24 April, AD 2011, so the number of Sundays "after Epiphany" will increase to a maximum of nine weeks.
2. Epiphany is 6 January. It may be celebrated on the following Sunday unless that Sunday is the Baptism of Jesus, then used the Sunday before..
3. Ash Wednesday - Background notes and an outline for Ash Wednesday.
4. Palm / Passion Sunday: This Sunday you have a choice between celebrating either Palm or Passion Sunday. In the "Handbook of the Christian Year" by Hickman, Sailers, Stookey & White, Abingdon Press there is a service outline to show how to integrate these two themes together, commencing with the Procession of the Palms, proclaiming the Entrance to Jerusalem and then proclaiming the Passion Story. In this service the readings proclaim the message. If a homily/sermon is included, it should be brief.
5. Easter Vigil. Held on Easter Saturday after sundown. See Readings in the lectionary. For details on the Order of Worship for the Easter Vigil, see below or the 'Handbook of the Christian Year' (Abingdon Press) or Resources produced by the Commission called "The Great Ninety Days".
6. Ascension readings may replace the reading for Easter 7; and
7. All Saints' [Nov 1] readings may be used on the first Sunday in November replacing the reading for that day.