



THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Year 'B' REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY 2014 – 2015

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ADVENT

A season of preparation, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, in which the Church recalls its hope and expectation in the coming of Christ, past, present and future.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Nov 30 2014	Advent 1	Is 64:1-9	Ps 80:1-7,17-19	1 Cor 1:3-9	Mk 13:24-37	P
Dec 7 2014	Advent 2	Is 40:1-11	Ps 85:1-2,8-13	2 Pt 3:8-15a	Mk 1:1-8	P
Dec 14 2014	Advent 3	Is 61:1-4, 8-11	Ps 126 or Luke 1:46a-55	1 Thes 5:16-24	Jn 1:6-8,19-28	P
Dec 21 2014	Advent 4	2 Sm 7:1-11,16	Lk 1:47-55 or Ps 89:1-4,19-26	Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1:26-38	P

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas-Epiphany season includes Christmas Eve/Day and the twelve days of Christmas. It recalls the stories of the birth and infancy of Christ. The Church in this time celebrates the wonder of the incarnation; the season concludes with Epiphany.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Dec 25 2014	Christmas Day 1	Is 9:2-7	Ps 96	Ti 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)	W
	Christmas Day 2	Is 62:6-12	Ps 97	Ti 3:4-7	Lk 2:(1-7), 8-20	W
	Christmas Day 3	Is 52:7-10	Ps 98	Heb 1:1-4,(5-12)	Jn 1:1-14	W
Dec 28 2014	Christmas 1	Is 61:10–62:3	Ps 148	Gal 4:4-7	Lk 2:22-40	W
Jan 1 2015	Naming of Jesus	Num 6:22-27	Ps 8	Gal 4:4-7 or Phil 2:5-11	Lk 2:15-21	W
Jan 1 2015	New Year's Day	Ecc 3:1-13	Ps 8	Rev 21:1-6a	Mt 25:31-46	W
Jan 4 2015	Christmas 2	Jer 31:7-14	Ps 147:12-20	Eph 3:1-14	Jn 1: (1-9),10-18	W
Jan 6 2015	Epiphany	Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-7,10-14	Eph 3:1-12	Mt 2:1-12	W

AFTER EPIPHANY

A period in which the Church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all people. The Baptism of the Lord is the first Sunday of this period. On the last Sunday, we hear the readings for the Transfiguration of the Lord. The length of this period varies depending on the date of Easter.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Jan 11 2015	Baptism of Jesus [1]	Gn 1:1-5	Ps 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mk 1:4-11	W
Jan 18 2015	Epiphany 2 [2]	1 Sm 3:1-10, (11-20)	Ps 139:1-6,13-18	1 Cor 6:12-20	Jn 1:43-51	G
Jan 25 2015	Epiphany 3 [3]	Jon 3:1-5,10	Ps 62:5-12	1 Cor 7:29-31	Mk 1:14-20	G
Feb 1 2015	Epiphany 4 [4]	Dt 18:15-20	Ps 111	1 Cor 8:1-13	Mk 1:21-28	G
Feb 2 2015	Presentation of our Lord	Mal 3:1-4	Ps 84 or Ps24:7-10	Heb 2:14-18	Lk 2:22-40	G
Feb 8 2015	Epiphany 5 [5]	Is 40:21-31	Ps 147:1-11,20c	1 Cor 9:16-23	Mk 1:29-39	G
Feb 15 2015	Epiphany 6 [6]	2 Kgs 5:1-14	Ps 30	1 Cor 9:24-27	Mk 1:40-45	G
Feb 15 2015	Transfiguration	2 Kgs 2:1-12	Ps 50:1-6	2 Cor 4:3-6	Mk 9:2-9	W

LENT

A season of preparation and discipline that begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the Church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship. The season is the traditional time to prepare for baptisms and confirmations to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday, or during the season of Easter.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Feb 18 2015	Ash Wednesday	Jl 2:1-2,12-17 or Is 58:1-12	Ps 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20b–6:10	Mt 6:1-6,16-21	P
Feb 22 2015	Lent 1	Gn 9:8-17	Ps 25:1-10	1 Pt 3:18-22	Mk 1:9-15	P
Mar 1 2015	Lent 2	Gn 17:1-7, 15-16	Ps 22:23-31	Rom 4:13-25	Mk 8:31-38	P
Mar 8 2015	Lent 3	Ex 20:1-17	Ps 19	1 Cor 1:18-25	Jn 2:13-22	P
Mar 15 2015	Lent 4	Nm 21:4-9	Ps 107:1-3,17-22	Eph 2:1-10	Jn 3:14-21	P
Mar 22 2015	Lent 5	Jer 31:31-34	Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16	Heb 5:5-10	Jn 12:20-33	P
Mar 25 2015	Annunciation of the Lord	Is 7:10-14	Ps 45 or 40:5-10	Heb 10:4-10	Lk 1:26-38	W
Mar 29 2015	Passion Sunday	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Mk 14:1–15:47 or Mk 15:1–39,(40-47)P	P
Mar 29 2015	Palm Sunday	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 118:1-2, 19-29	Phil 2:5-11	Mk 11:1-11 or - Jn 12:12-16	P
Mar 30 2015	Monday in Holy Week	Is 42:1-9	Ps 36:5-11	Heb 9:11-15	Jn 12:1-11	P
Mar 31 2015	Tuesday in Holy Week	Is 49:1-7	Ps 71:1-14	1 Cor 1:18-31	Jn 12:20-36	P
Apr 1 2015	Wednesday in Holy Week	Is 50:4-9a	Ps 70	Heb 12:1-3	Jn 13:21-32	P
Apr 2 2015	Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-4, (5-10)11-14	Ps 116:1-2,12-19	1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-17,31b-35	P
Apr 3 2015	Good Friday	Is 52:13–53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9	Jn 18:1–19:42	B or R
Apr 4 2015	Holy Saturday (during the day)	Job 14:1-4 or Lam 3:1-9,19-24	Ps 31:1-4,15-16	1 Pet 4:1-8	Mt 27:57-66 or Jn 19:38-42	B

Epiphany readings may be substituted for Jan 1
UCA Anniversary readings may be substituted for Jun 21

EASTER

The great fifty days of Easter includes eight Sundays beginning with the Easter Vigil and concluding on the Day of Pentecost. The season celebrates the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
Apr 5 2015	Easter Vigil	Gn 1:1–2:4a Gn 7:1-5,11-18; 8:6-18;9:8-13 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:10-31; 15:20-21 Is 55:1-11 Pv 8:1-8,19-21; 9:4b-6 Ez 36:24-28 Ez 37:1-14 Zep 3:14-20	Ps 136:1-9,23-26 Ps 46 Ps 16 Ex 15:1b-13,17-18 (resp) Is 12:2-6 (resp) Ps 19 Pss 42 and 43 Ps 143 Ps 98 Ps 114	Rom 6:3-11	Mk 16:1-8	W
Apr 5 2015	Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43 or Is 25:6-9	Ps 118:1-2,14-24 or Is 25:6-9	1 Cor 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43	Jn 20:1-18 or Mk 16:1-8	W
Apr 5 2015	Easter Evening	Is 25:6-9	Ps 114	1 Cor 5:6b-8	Lk 24:13-49	W
Apr 12 2015	Easter 2	Acts 4:32-35	Ps 133	1 Jn 1:1-2:2	Jn 20:19-31	W
Apr 19 2015	Easter 3	Acts 3:12-19	Ps 4	1 Jn 3:1-7	Lk 24:36b-48	W
Apr 26 2015	Easter 4	Acts 4:5-12	Ps 23	1 Jn 3:16-24	Jn 10:11-18	W
May 3 2015	Easter 5	Acts 8:26-40	Ps 22:25-31	1 Jn 4:7-21	Jn 15:1-8	W
May 10 2015	Easter 6	Acts 10:44-48	Ps 98	1 Jn 5:1-6	Jn 15:9-17	W
May 14 2015	Ascension Day	Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47 or Ps 93	Eph 1:15-23	Lk 24:44-53	W
May 17 2015	Easter 7	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Ps 1	1 Jn 5:9-13	Jn 17:6-19	W
May 24 2015	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek 37:1-14	Ps 104:24-34, 35b	Rom 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21	Jn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	R

AFTER PENTECOST

A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period, the Church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
May 31 2015	Trinity Sunday	Is 6:1-8	Ps 29	Rom 8:12-17	Jn 3:1-17	W
Jun 7 2015	Pent 2 [10]	1 Sm 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15)	Ps 138	2 Cor 4:13-5:1	Mk 3:20-35	G
Jun 14 2015	Pent 3 [11]	1 Sm 15:34–16:13	Ps 20	2 Cor 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17	Mk 4:26-34	G
Jun 21 2015	Pent 4 [12]	1 Sm 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23),32-49 or 1 Sm 17:57 - 18:5,10-16	Ps 9:9-20 or Ps 133	2 Cor 6:1-13	Mk 4:35-41	G
Jun 22 2015	UCA Anniversary	2 Chr 30:1-9	Ps 127	Eph 2:19-22	Jn 17:1-11	R
Jun 28 2015	Pent 5 [13]	2 Sm 1:1,17-27	Ps 130	2 Cor 8:7-15	Mk 5:21-43	G
Jul 5 2015	Pent 6 [14]	2 Sm 5:1-5, 9-10	Ps 48	2 Cor 12:2-10	Mk 6:1-13	G
Jul 12 2015	Pent 7 [15]	2 Sm 6:1-5, 12b-19	Ps 24	Eph 1:3-14	Mk 6:14-29	G
Jul 19 2015	Pent 8 [16]	2 Sm 7:1-14a	Ps 89:20-37	Eph 2:11-22	Mk 6:30,34,53-56	G
Jul 26 2015	Pent 9 [17]	2 Sm 11:1-15	Ps 14	Eph 3:14-21	Jn 6:1-21	G
Aug 2 2015	Pent 10 [18]	2 Sm 11:26–12:13a	Ps 51:1-12	Eph 4:1-16	Jn 6:24-35	G
Aug 6 2015	Feast of the Transfiguration	2 Kgs 2:1-12	Ps 50:1-6	2 Cor 4:3-6	Mk 9:2-9	W
Aug 9 2015	Pent 11 [19]	2 Sm 18:5-9, 15,31-33	Ps 130	Eph 4:25–5:2	Jn 6:35,41-51	G
Aug 16 2015	Pent 12 [20]	1 Kgs 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Ps 111	Eph 5:15-20	Jn 6:51-58	G
Aug 23 2015	Pent 13 [21]	1 Kgs 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-45	Ps 84	Eph 6:10-20	Jn 6:56-69	G
Aug 30 2015	Pent 14 [22]	Song 2:8-13	Ps 45:1-2,6-9	Jas 1:17-27	Mk 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23	G
Sept 6 2015	Pent 15 [23]	Pv 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23	Ps 125	Jas 2:1-10, (11-13),14-17	Mk 7:24-37	G
Sept 13 2015	Pent 16 [24]	Pv 1:20-33	Ps 19	Jas 3:1-12	Mk 8:27-38	G
Sept 20 2015	Pent 17 [25]	Pv 31:10-31	Ps 1	Jas 3:13–4:3,7-8a	Mk 9:30-37	G
Sept 27 2015	Pent 18 [26]	Est 7:1-6, 9-10;9:20-22	Ps 124	Jas 5:13-20	Mk 9:38-50	G
Oct 4 2015	Pent 19 [27]	Jb 1:1;2:1-10	Ps 26	Heb 1:1-4;2:5-12	Mk 10:2-16	G
Oct 11 2015	Pent 20 [28]	Jb 23:1-9,16-17	Ps 22:1-15	Heb 4:12-16	Mk 10:17-31	G
Oct 18 2015	Pent 21 [29]	Jb 38:1-7,(34-41)	Ps 104:1-9,24,35c	Heb 5:1-10	Mk 10:35-45	G
Oct 25 2015	Pent 22 [30]	Jb 42:1-6,10-17	Ps 34:1-8,(19-22)	Heb 7:23-28	Mk 10:46-52	G
Nov 1 2015	All Saints Day	Is 25:6-9	Ps 24	Rev 21:1-6a	Jn 11:32-44	W
Nov 1 2015	Pent 23 [31]	Ru 1:1-18	Ps 146	Heb 9:11-14	Mk 12:28-34	G
Nov 8 2015	Pent 24 [32]	Ru 3:1-5,4:13-17	Ps 127	Heb 9:24-28	Mk 12:38-44	G
Nov 15 2015	Pent 25 [33]	1 Sm 1:4-20 1 Sm 2:1-10	Ps 16	Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mk 13:1-8	G
Nov 22 2015	Christ the King/ Reign of Christ	2 Sm 23:1-7	Ps 132:1-12, (13-18)	Rv 1:4b-8	Jn 18:33-37	W

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ORTHODOX DATES

GREAT FRIDAY	10 April 2015
EASTER	12 April 2015
PENTECOST	31 May 2015

Seasons/USION - see www.seasonsonline.org.au
Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary - Year B - 4 Volumes. Abingdon Press.
Brown Taylor, 4 Volumes. Westminster John Knox Press.
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The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2015 edited by David N. Mosser, plus interactive CD-Rom. Sermon helps include
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Seoho, Seoul, South Korea, 1999)
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Williams, Lamar Jr. 2001. Mark. Translated by Ki Cheon So. Seoul: PCK Publishing House.
Glinka, Vadim. 2006. Mark 2 Volumes. Translated by Yong Ok Kim et al. Seoul: Korea Theological Study Institute.
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- Not technical, focus on use for preaching and teaching
Hare, D.A. Mark. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1996.
- Quite technical but thorough. More expensive
Gundry, R.H. Mark: A Commentary on his Apology for the Cross. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.
Boring, M.E. Mark: A Commentary. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.
Pfeiderer, W.C. Mark. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2010.
Williams, D.O. Preaching the Gospel of Mark. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008.
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Commentaries and Resources for the Gospel of Mark

Lectionary Related Websites (Free Resources)—Australian

- Anna Grant-Henderson's Home Page http://www.oldtestamentlectionary.unitingchurch.org.au
Bill Loader's Home Page http://www.staff.murdoch.edu.au/~loader
Bruce Prewer's Home Page http://www.bruceprewer.com/
Howard Wallace's Home Page http://hwallace.unitingchurch.org.au
Laughing Bird Liturgical Resources (Nathan Nettleton) http://www.laughingbird.net
Liturgies Online (Moiira Laidlaw) http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au
Mustard Seeds (Ann Scull) http://www.seedstuff.blogspot.com/
The Billabong, http://thebillabong.info (Rev Jeff Shrowder)
Together to Celebrate: Contemporary Christian Music Resources for Worship (Rev David MacGregor)
http://www.togethertocelbrate.com.au

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- The Revised Common Lectionary: A Vanderbilt Divinity Library Online Resource http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/
lectionary/ (includes links to relevant Christian art)
The Text This Week: Lectionary, Scripture Study and Worship Links and Resources http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/
lectionary/ (extensive links to a range of resources)

Lectionary Related Websites (Subscription Based)

- Midnight Oil Productions http://www.midnightoilproductions.com
Roots on the Web (Churches Together in Britain & Ireland) http://www.rootsontheweb.com
The Work of the People: Visual Media for Ministry http://www.theworkofthepeople.com
With Love to the World http://www.wlw.uca.org.au

Additional notes regarding the way in which Sundays are identified and numbered in the Lectionary

Firstly, the Lectionary numbers the Sundays after Pentecost. The Sunday after Trinity will always be Pentecost 2.
The numbers in brackets for the Sundays after Epiphany and after Pentecost refer to what is known as "Ordinary
Time". This is not because these Sundays are "ordinary" in the way we usually understand the term. In the
Lectionary, "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal" and refers to the order in which the numbers come...first,
second, third etc. The Sundays in "Ordinary Time" include all the Sundays outside of Advent/Christmas and
Lent/Easter.
It is important to understand that during Epiphany these numbers count forward from the Sunday marking the
baptism of Jesus. However, after Pentecost they are counted backwards from the last Sunday of the Church Year
(Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday). The actual numbering will vary from year to year depending on how
early or late Easter falls.



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service. God's Word, God's Word,
with God, God's gift of wholeness, fullness of sight and understanding, living the way of self-giving
encapsulated in one Markan story - God's love waiting for us, truly seeing Jesus, personal relationship
speaks with him, heals him, and Barthemaes then "allows him on the way". The gospel is all there,
Barthemaes has seen who Jesus is, and persists in calling to him "son of David", Jesus stops, calls him,
One of the signature stories of Mark is the healing of blind Barthemaes (10:46-52; Pentecost 22).

through feeding the 5000 and the 4000, through stilling the storm and walking on water.
of references to God exercising power in God's word through the actions of Jesus - through healings,
Incarnation, and he associates the Incarnation with words spoken by God and God's prophets (1:
3, 11; 9:7). He refers to the good news brought by Jesus as "the word" (1:45; 2:2). And there's plenty
Although Mark does not specifically refer to Jesus as the Word of God, he is very clear about the

God (1:1; 15:39) and that Jesus is calling us to faith and to a discipleship of service.
both believing and misunderstanding. Through it all is Mark's firm conviction that Jesus is the Son of
on the way to Jerusalem, with Jesus knowing he will face death and resurrection, and the disciples
demonstrating his divine authority, till finally Peter comes out and confesses his faith. After that we re
disciple declared that Jesus is indeed the Messiah. Up to that point we've had story after story of Jesus
fulcrum of his gospel (8:29). It's the northernmost part of Jesus' journeying, and it's the first time a
available to him. He was truly inspired. It appears that he took the Caesarea Philippi confession as the
The genius of Mark is that he created a consistent narrative of Jesus' ministry from the material

but the rest was all oral tradition, passed on over some 40 years before Mark put pen to papyrus.
Jesus, but they lacked context and continuity. There may have been a written account of the passion,
It was quite a task that faced Mark. Within his Christian community there were a lot of stories about

follow the example of Mark in recording what they knew about Jesus' life and ministry.
about Jesus apart from his death and resurrection. Matthew and Luke, and to a lesser extent, John,
and passed on the stories of Jesus' ministry. Paul wrote earlier, but he gives us virtually no information
The Christian Church owes a huge debt to Mark. As our first gospel writer it is Mark who has preserved

The Genius of Mark

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The Uniting Church lays upon its members the serious duty of reading the
Scriptures, and commits its ministers to preach from these...'
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