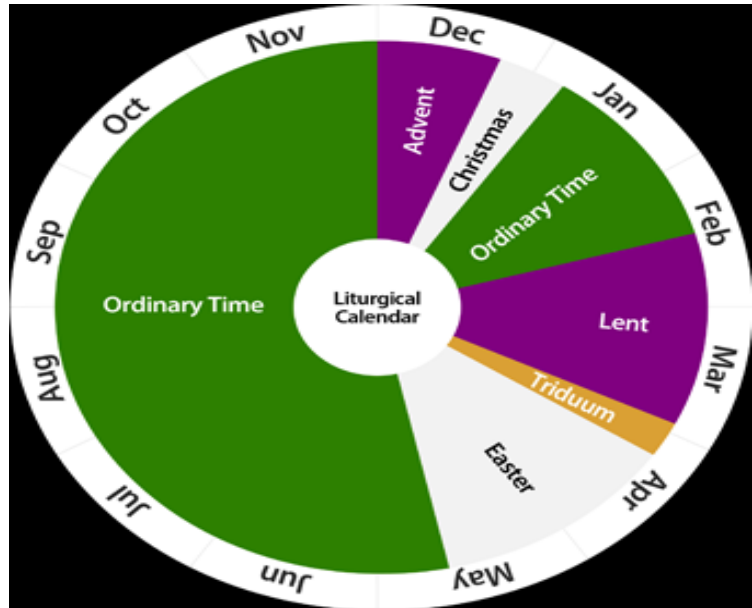


Lent

We are now in the **Season of Lent** when we get ready to enter the great mystery of **Easter**. This is the time of the colour **purple** so we have put away the **green** of 'Ordinary Time'. **Purple** is the colour of Kings and Queens. It is the colour of getting ready. We used it in **Advent** and now here we are using it again in **Lent**. We are getting ready for the coming of a king and then for his going away, and for his coming back again. We are getting ready for **Easter**.

It takes many weeks to get ready for Easter. If you look at our Church Wheel (Liturgical Calendar) you will see that it takes more time to get ready for Easter than it does to get ready for Christmas. Perhaps the mystery of Easter is an even greater mystery than the mystery of Christmas?



Purple can feel like a sad kind of colour too. What is going to happen is sad. Jesus grew up to be a man and died on the cross for us. But we know that his death on the cross was followed by his rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.

During Lent, because it is a kind of sad and serious time, we do not pray the happy joyful prayers of Alleluia and Gloria. We pack those prayers away and unpack them on Easter Sunday along with our Easter eggs! We will pray them then with great joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

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The following website has lots of resources to help you during the Seasons of Lent and Easter
<https://missio.ie/schools/>