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Preparation for the parish celebration of Lent, the Triduum and the Easter season needs to commence in January to allow plenty of time.

Consider preparing the Easter liturgies in two or three segments, one meeting in January or early February to prepare the liturgies of Ash Wednesday, Lenten season and Passion Sunday, another in early March after Lent has commenced and then another if needed just prior to Holy Week to affirm decisions.

To prepare for the season well and to assist ministers to gain a sense of the Season of Lent there are many resources to refer to and to read. i.e. there is a reflection on the prayers and scripture verses for Ash Wednesday and for each Sunday of Lent in 'Pastoral Liturgy' published by University of Notre Dame.

Lenten Resources available on the Centre for Liturgy website:

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Music Selections for Lent

Universal Prayers

Children's Activity Page

Mercy Stations of the Cross

TIP! Always acknowledge the source of your reference material correctly.

Resources for Liturgy Committees

To foster growth in the liturgical ministers, ensure there is a copy or multiple copies available of 'The General Instruction of the Roman Missal Final Text With Application for Australia.' published by St Pauls Publications 2012 so ministers can gain the correct directive.

There is a comprehensive list of resources compiled on CFL website.



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III. Lent

27. Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. For the Lenten liturgy disposes both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery: catechumens, through the several stages of Christian initiation; the faithful, through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices.

28. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. The Alleluia is not used from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil.

29. On Ash Wednesday, a universal day of fast, ashes are distributed.

30. The Sundays of this season are called the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The Sixth Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, is called Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday).

31. Holy Week has as its purpose the remembrance of Christ's passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

At the chrism Mass ... the bishop, concelebrating Mass with his body of priests, blesses the oils and consecrates the chrism.

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Liturgy Preparation

Some considerations for Lent and looking ahead to Passion Sunday

- ❖ Who will prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday?
- ❖ Reduce the clutter in the narthex
- ❖ Will there be a Project Compassion coordinator nominated?
- ❖ How could Project Compassion be promoted?
- ❖ What masses will the scrutinies be held? Check the Ordo for the dates for these.
- ❖ How will the parish be supplied with palms for Passion Sunday?
- ❖ Will the children join in the main Palm Sunday procession? How will this happen?
- ❖ Be familiar with the three different forms of the Entrance Procession for Passion Sunday in the Missal.
- ❖ Does the congregation need some education via bulletin on processing on Palm Sunday?
- ❖ The times of Holy Week celebrations will need to be advertised clearly.



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