WHITE (or GOLD) is used during Easter & Christmas time; also on celebrations of the Lord, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of the Holy Angels, and saints who were not martyrs; for the Most Holy Trinity, All Saints (1st November), the Nativity of St John the Baptist (24th June) and the Conversion of St Paul (25th January).

RED is for the Passion of the LORD (Palm Sunday and Good Friday), the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) and the celebration of the martyrs.

PURPLE or VIOLET is worn during Advent and Lent and for funerals. Often PURPLE is seen as symbolic of hope and joy and is worn in Advent and for funerals, whereas VIOLET is kept for the penitential time of Lent.

BLACK may be worn on All Souls and for the celebration of funerals.

ROSE may be used on Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent) and on Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent).

GREEN is used for all other days and seasons of the year, for what is known as 'Ordinary Time.

