

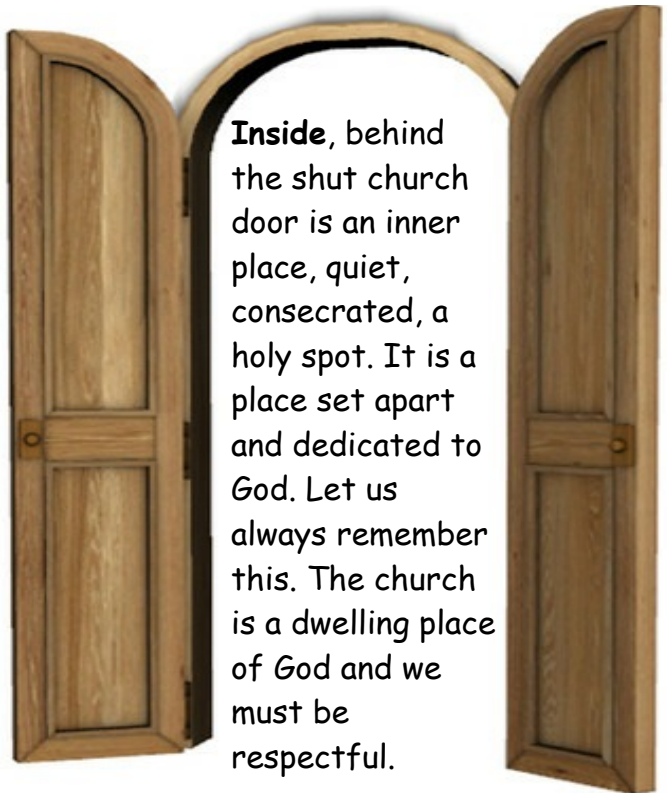
St. Mun's Monthly

For our young parishioners

Welcome to our Church

We come into the church each Sunday through the door, of course. We have to go through a door to go in. BUT, the door is a reminder. When we step through the doorway of a church we are leaving the outside world behind and coming into an inner world.

Outside is busy, full of life and activity. We play games, shout and laugh with our friends. Sometimes it is an unkind place where people are hurt and upset.



Inside, behind the shut church door is an inner place, quiet, consecrated, a holy spot. It is a place set apart and dedicated to God. Let us always remember this. The church is a dwelling place of God and we must be respectful.

Next time you come to church you will be sure to remember the difference between 'inside' and 'outside'.

Saints

What is a Saint?

A Saint is an ordinary person from an ordinary family who loved God more than anything and who is now in Heaven. Saints are heroes of the Church. There are many saints and sometimes we pray to them for help.

During the year most saints have a Feast Day - rather like a birthday, except a Feast Day is usually the day they died, so it's the saint's heavenly birthday. Many of us share our name with a special saint.

This month we particularly remember St Therese of Lisieux. Her Feast day is October 1st.

St Therese of Lisieux

St Therese was born in France nearly 150 years ago, the youngest of five sisters and she became the special pet of the family. All the girls were taught by their mother to love God so well that Therese from 3 years old wanted to live in a convent and pray all day! As a child she delighted in her home, loved her toys and games but above all she loved collecting flowers and making bouquets to adorn the statue of Our Lady the family had in their home. Roses were her favourite flower.



St Therese aged eight

She was never a very healthy child, suffering from many illnesses but she was always very brave and strong in heart.

Even though she was so young she had a childlike (not childish which is different) friendship with Jesus and wanted to offer up to Him all her little jobs - tidying, washing up, sweeping. It was her littleness that made her special. She never complained that she had too much to do. Her 'Little Way' to holiness was, "doing little things often, doing them well and doing them with love".

Therese had her wish and at only fifteen she became a nun; two of her sisters were already in the convent. While she was there Therese did nothing great. She continued to offer up her little jobs to Jesus. When she was very cold from washing clothes in icy water she offered up her red hands and would not try to warm them. When she was very tired she offered up her sore feet and would not let them drag behind her.

Therese died when she was only twenty four, but she knew she would go to Heaven and was happy. She told her sister Pauline that the only thing necessary on earth is to offer Jesus your little acts. Therese has shown us the way, - her own Little Way- just a simple offering of our daily lives and the reward can be Heaven! Today Therese is loved by people all over the world.

St Therese - Pray For Us.

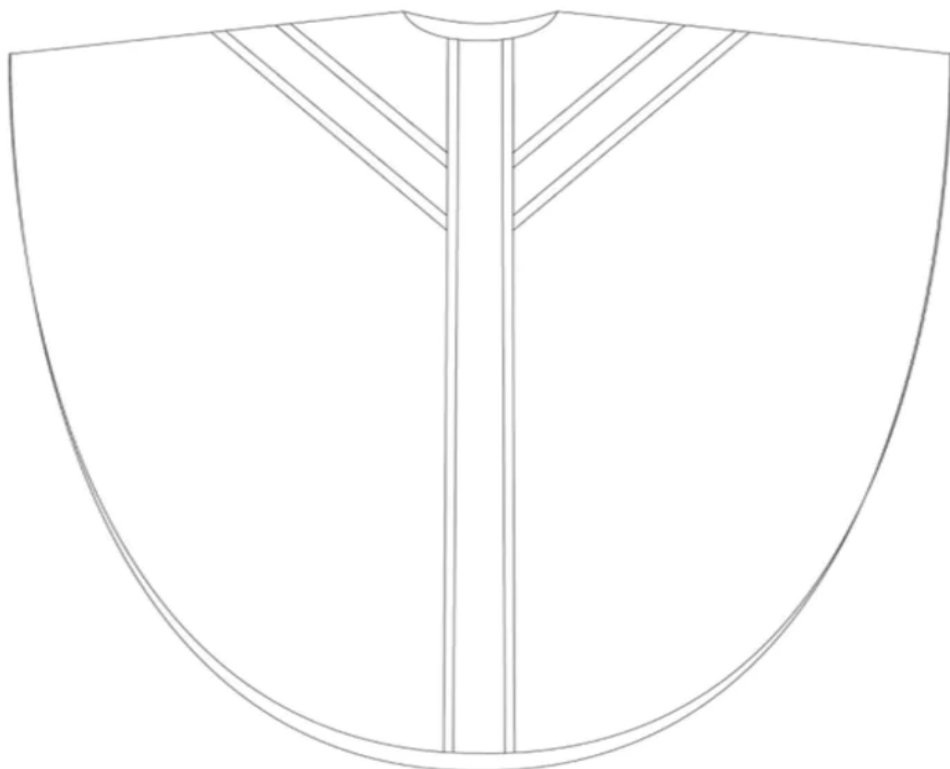
Can you colour this rose for St Therese?



The Priest's Vestments 1

A priest's vestments (the colourful clothing for worship) help us to know what celebration is happening. A **green chasuble** is worn during ordinary time. That is, when there is no particular feast.

Using the small green shapes complete this chasuble. (You will need a glue stick here.) Perhaps colour the cross with felt tips or crayons. Make it as beautiful as you can.



Do share your 'St Mun's Monthly' with all your family, especially if you need help reading! Then keep it safe in your special envelope to be able to look at it again.