

Primary School Worksheets - Teacher's Instructions

Worksheet One – Vestments for Celebrating Mass

Pupils will need crayons or other colouring materials and copy of Worksheet 1.

The aim of this exercise is for pupils to learn the names of the main vestments and when the different liturgical colours are used.

The worksheet is to be coloured in and the significance of the colours explained. Ask the pupils what the different colours mean to them before explaining the liturgical significance.

GREEN – Used in ordinary time. Green signifies new growth and life.

WHITE – Special occasions, weddings, Christmas, Easter and major feasts. White is a symbol of purity, light, rejoicing, and of the resurrection, and is used on all special feasts of Our Lord.

RED – Mass celebrating the Holy Spirit (fire) or martyrdom (blood)

PURPLE – Seasons of Lent and Advent and often at funerals. Purple is also associated with penance.

Blue is not a liturgical colour but white vestments may have special blue decorations for Marian feasts as blue is the colour of Our Lady.

Worksheet Two – Paper Priest

Pupils will need crayons or other colouring materials and scissors and a copy of Worksheet 2.

This exercise is also available online.

www.ukpriest.org/interact_fuzzy.htm

This worksheet is a refresher exercise from worksheet one. It can be completed some time after worksheet one. Alternatively, you can complete them, using the appropriate colours to coincide with major feasts,

Instructions:

Photocopy the sheets.

Before handing them out ask the students if they can remember the names of the Priest's vestments.

Ask them if they can remember which colours they may be and when the colours would be used. If it is a feast day, ask the children what colour the priest will be wearing today.

Ask the children to colour in the vestments and attach them to the priest by folding the tabs.

The priest can be given a face from any part of the world and you may like to display them in the classroom.

Worksheet Three – Parish Priest's Working Day

Instructions:

- Explain that a priest has many different jobs in his parish as well as celebrating Mass in church.
- Help children to cut out and match pictures and labels of the different tasks a priest may have to do in a day.
- Discuss the importance that each of these tasks in the life of the parish community. Ask the children what would be enjoyable or rewarding about each of the jobs.
- You may wish to invite your Parish Priest to visit and talk to the children about his work.