

SACRED STORY

THE STORY OF ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH (REMEMBERED MAY 8, DIED ABOUT 1417)

LESSON NOTES

FOCUS: ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH WAS QUIET AND WISE FOR GOD.

THE MATERIAL

- **LOCATION: THE MYSTERY OF PENTECOST SHELF, SECOND SHELF, NEXT TO ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**
- **PIECES: ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH BOOKLET, A LITTLE STONE BUILDING WITH A WINDOW IN IT, A HAZELNUT, A PLAQUE WITH THE WORDS, "ALL SHALL BE WELL, AND ALL SHALL BE WELL, AND ALL MANNER OF THING SHALL BE WELL."**
- **UNDERLAY: WHITE**

BACKGROUND

Julian was born in 1342 and is associated with Norwich, England. On May 8, 1373 when she was thirty she received a series of revelations and then become an anchorite, living alone in a cell attached to St. Julian's Church in Norwich. She almost certainly took the name by which we know her from that church. Her book, *Showings*, was the first book to be written by a woman in English.

NOTES ON THE MATERIAL

St. Julian of Norwich's story sits on a small, shallow tray about 8" square, with sides about 2" deep. It has a groove in the front to slide the "saint booklet" in so the children can see it when they approach the Mystery of Pentecost shelf.

The booklet is 4.25" x 5.5". The cover has an image of St. Julian of Norwich on it that matches the saint figure used in the introductory lessons on the communion of saints. The second page has a map of the world on it, with England, Julian's home, highlighted and labeled. It also has an image of the flag of the United Kingdom since England is part of the United Kingdom. The third page has a time line beginning with

the year 1 AD and ending with the year 2000 AD. It has an arrow indicating when Julian lived. The rest of the booklet has the story of the life of Julian.

Behind the booklet in the tray are placed the objects used to help us remember Julian's life: A little stone building with a window in it, a hazelnut and a plaque with the words, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." The underlay is a 12" square piece of white cloth and is folded on top of the objects.



ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH TRAY

A NOTE ABOUT DATES FOR THE SAINTS

There is scholarly debate about the dates for the lives of many saints. We have had to make decisions about these dates for pedagogical reasons. We hope the children will continue to learn more about the saints all their life long, including their dates. The basis for the dates used in the saints lessons is how they are remembered liturgically. This has been established by custom in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and other traditions. We usually follow the dates that are found in the Episcopal publication called *Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2006*. This book is also a reference for remembering saints for most days in the year and for children (and adults) to continue to learn more about the saints, using this liturgical orientation.

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