

## **FAMILY RESOURCES**

### **GARDENING**

**THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS: The fig tree is given a new chance (Luke 13: 1-9)**

*Core extract from the Gospel (Luke 13: 6-9; for reflection throughout the week)*

Then Jesus told this parable:  
'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard;  
and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.  
So he said to the gardener, "See here!  
For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree,  
and still I find none. Cut it down!  
Why should it be wasting the soil?"'  
The gardener replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year,  
until I dig around it and put manure on it.  
If it bears fruit next year, well and good;  
but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you look for fruit from your people.  
shape our lives with your care and love,  
that we may bear good fruit,  
to your praise and glory;  
for you are our God,  
today and always.  
Amen.

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***Things to think about***

- Which kind of plants, flowers and trees do you like to see in gardens or parks?
- Do you have a favourite plant or tree?
- What would the world be like without any flowers or plants?

***Things to do***

- Help with some gardening jobs in your garden. Perhaps a relative or friend or even the school garden, needs some weeding and tidying up after Winter,
- Plant some seeds or bulbs that will grow next Summer or Spring.
- Grow vegetables from scraps.

You will need: potatoes, carrots, garlic, spring onions,( or any vegetables!) containers, water.



This activity works especially well with vegetables that have already started to sprout!

Chop the ends of the vegetables so just the top is left.

Place in a small shallow container filled with water.

Keep the water topped up and when the vegetables are starting to grow some more shoots and roots, plant them in a pot with soil or compost.

Why not share your creations with us? We would love to see what you have been up to! Please email any photos to [education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk) or tag @LivCathedral on social media.

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