

## **FAMILY RESOURCES**

### **CEMETERY**

**THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS: Anointing Jesus' feet (John 12: 1-8)**

*Core extract from the Gospel (John 12:2-3, 7; for reflection throughout the week)*

There they gave a dinner for Jesus.  
Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.  
Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard,  
anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.  
The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.  
Jesus said, 'Leave her alone.  
She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.'

*Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
by your cross you teach us  
that death is the gateway to life.  
Bless and comfort all those who mourn,  
that they may hold fast to your promise  
of life eternal;  
now and always.  
Amen.

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***Things to think about***

- Have you ever visited a cemetery? Perhaps you have put flowers on a family member's grave.
- How did it make you feel when you were there?

***Things to do***

- Visit a cemetery and as you walk around look at the names of the people buried there. Can you find the earliest burial, the oldest person? How many different styles of monuments or headstones can you spot?
- Visit a place that was special to a family member or friend you have lost and place some flowers there.
- Make a memorial heart to leave with or instead of the flowers.

You will need: air drying clay, cookie cutter, paints, wooden skewer. You could use coloured polymer clay, follow the manufacturer's instructions when baking this.



Roll the clay out and then using the cutter, cut out the shape you have chosen. You may want to make more than one. Make sure that the clay is thicker than the diameter of your skewer.



Push the skewer into the base of the cut-out shape.

When the clay has dried, decorate with bright colours and perhaps the name of the person you are remembering, varnish with diluted PVA glue to protect your design.



The finished memorial could be placed in a planter in your garden or at the grave of the person you are remembering.

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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