

Easter Gardens

Easter gardens are a special way to celebrate Easter. Tradition is that an Easter garden is built to remind us of the garden where Jesus rose from the dead. The Easter garden should be colourful and full of joy to reflect the Easter story of joy in the Resurrection. It remains in place for 50 days of Easter up until Pentecost.



In parish..... ask for volunteers to build a garden in the church or outside in the church grounds. It can be made simply and will engage all parishioners in coming to visit it and keeping the Easter joy alive right through the season.



At home..... Encourage families to make Easter gardens at home. Children can get involved and enjoy designing the garden. The Easter story can be taught to children while explaining the reason for each element. Encourage imagination... there is no right or wrong design!

Key elements of an Easter Garden

- The empty cross, can be made simply from two sticks. (Two smaller crosses for the thieves who were crucified with Jesus can be added)
- The empty tomb, can be made with stones, or overturned empty flowerpot or container.
- Water, a sign of our new life in baptism, can be as simple as a dish of water in the centre of the garden.
- Flowers and greenery: as much as you like.
- Optional: a piece of white cloth to hang on the cross representing the linen cloths which were found in the empty tomb.



Why not..... Bless all Easter gardens after Mass on Easter morning.

Invite parishioners to send in photos of their Easter gardens.