

Making Crosses at home

You can make a beautiful individual cross at home from items you have available in your home and garden. What you need should come from items that you may think you want to throw out but see if you can find a way to repurpose all or part of those items.

You may have cardboard, plastic packaging, buttons, twigs, shells, seeds, leaves, flowers, wood, tissue paper, cellophane paper, string, ribbon. Take a second look at these and see if you can cut and tie or glue them to form a cross.

Jesus told his disciples; “take nothing for the journey”. (Luke 9:3).

If we think about taking nothing but instead finding what we need we are listening to Jesus’ message.

- *Year 3 and 4 students need to create a prayer space to use when they work through their Confirmation and First Communion books with their parents. If you don’t have a cross here is a chance to make one.
- Collect items and talk about the shape of a cross and what it represents.
- Where have you seen crosses?
- What is the difference between a cross and a crucifix?
- Practice making the sign of the cross.
- Visit your local church and have a look at the different crosses in there.
- Have a look on the internet to find different styles of crosses.
- You could make crosses to give to family and friends this Easter.

When you make yours, there is no right or wrong style, it is your creation make it as different as you like. They do not need to look perfect, or like a shop bought one. Perhaps your cross has parts that move in the wind.

If you want to show your cross to your friends bring it in to school when we resume, and we can put all of them on display under the sails!

Pope Francis has asked that we care for the environment by limiting waste; “There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions” (Laudato Si pg. 211) By using recycled items to make a cross you can show Pope Francis that you are caring for our world a little bit at a time.

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