

THE GREAT MARINO HOLY WEEK CHALLENGE

Welcome back to the Holy Week Challenge, a challenge for the **greatest** week in the church year when we remember Jesus' last days, death & resurrection. When you have completed today's challenge, don't forget to mark it off on your Challenge Card!

DAY 3 – TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Jesus curses a fig tree because it has no fruit & explains the importance of faith to his followers



Challenge 3 - complete steps 1-4

1. Read the story of what Jesus did on Holy Tuesday (on the next page).
2. Watch this 'Godly Play' video on the Easter story made by my friend Aideen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NmVBZvoWWo&feature=youtu.be>

3. Today's Gospel story tells us that if we really are followers of Jesus we need to show it in our actions unlike the fig tree which looked great with all its leaves but had no fruit! See if you can do a 'secret' (or not so secret) kind deed for someone in your house today.

4. Set up a prayer/sacred space at home to show that this is a very special week. You could use a small table or a window sill & place some holy objects in it e.g a candle, a bible, a little piece of greenery from the garden to represent Palm Sunday or one of the 'palm' crosses available at the back of the church. See if you can think of other things to put in it. There are some examples of what a sacred space might look like on the next page!



Holy Tuesday Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had cleansed the Temple he went back to stay with his friends Mary, Martha & Lazarus in Bethany, near Jerusalem (Lazarus was the man he had raised from the dead). Early the next morning, Jesus and his disciples went back in to the city.



Jesus was very hungry and seeing a fig tree growing by the side of the road he stopped to pick some figs. However while the tree should have had figs it had only leaves. Jesus said to the tree, 'You will never again have fruit' and immediately the tree dried up.



The disciples saw this and were amazed. 'How did the fig tree wither away so quickly?' they asked. Jesus answered, 'If you have faith and do not doubt, you will be able to do what I did to this tree.

And you will be able to do more. You will be able to say to this mountain 'fall into the sea'. And if you have faith, it will happen. If you believe, you will get anything you ask for in prayer.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST