

A SEASON FOR PLANTING

Remembering those who have given their lives in Covid time

This is a family friendly way to remember those who have died and connect to the new life that we find in creation.



1. *Get some spring bulbs to plant – purple or violet anemone for those who have died in this year, white crocus for those in our frontline who have worked for the welfare of us all.*



2. *As a family, if you have a garden, take time together to plant these. If you do not have a garden you can do this in a pot. You could also plant this in the parish garden and do this with other families.*
3. *You will need a dibber so that you can make the right depth of hole for the bulb to flourish.*



A SHORT PRAYER EXPERIENCE

Once you have planted your bulbs you are ready to pray!

- *We have planted these bulbs, Lord, because we want to remember those who have died*
- *Anemones are also called windflowers. In psalm 103 we recall that human beings are like the grass, we flourish like the flowers in the field, the wind blows and we are gone but God's love is everlasting.*
- *In the spring when these windflowers blossom we will remember that God's love for us lasts for more than our lifetime.*
- *As we plant these windflowers we can say:
 'As we remember all those who have died we remember,
 Lord, that your love lasts forever.'*
- *Crocus is a spring flower with a shining white radiance. In planting these we are remembering all our frontline workers who gave their lives so that others might live.*
- *The saints are often described as shining like the stars*
- *As we plant our crocuses we can say:
 'Lord thank you for those who were like shining lights,
 who put others before themselves,
 help us to follow their example.'*

**WHEN SPRING ARRIVES ENJOY
THE WINDFLOWERS AND THE CROCUS.
KEEPING IN MIND
THAT THOSE WHO HAVE DIED LIVE FOREVER IN A NEW WAY.**