



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



5th March 2025



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LET US BEGIN OUR
SERVICE

*I invite you all to
say and make
the Sign of the Cross*

*In the name of the
Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.*

Asha Mahantha - Head Girl



Ash Wednesday
is a Holy but sombre service



ALLELUIA

Alleluia is associated with
rejoicing and praising the Lord



WE GATHER



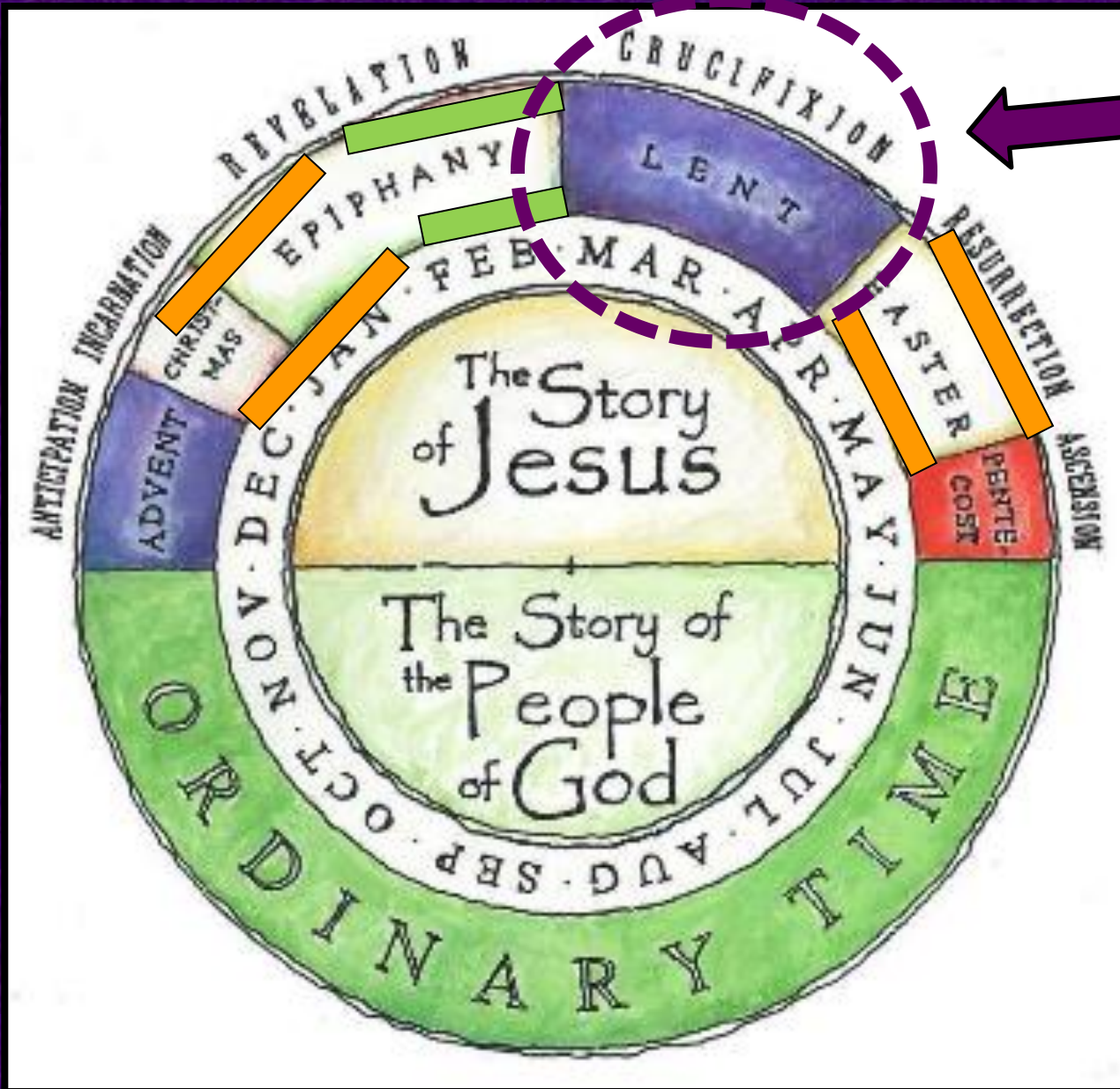
Welcome to our Ash Wednesday Service.

We gather today to mark the beginning
of the SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time when we Pray, Fast and Give.

We do this as part of our preparation to
celebrate the greatest of all feasts,
The Season of Easter.

LITURGICAL SEASONS



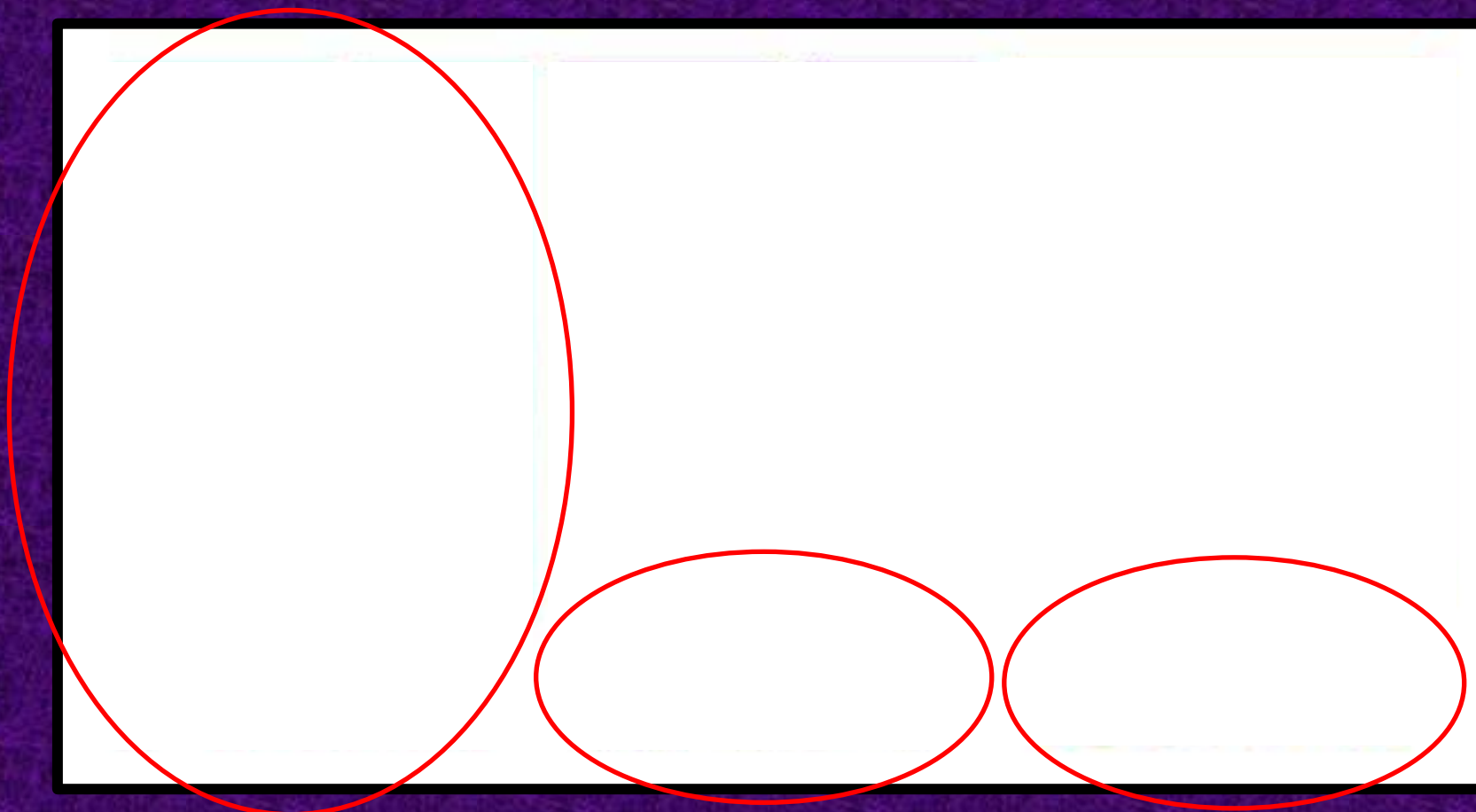
THE
SEASON
OF LENT
2025

THE LITURGICAL
COLOUR
FOR THE
SEASON OF LENT IS
PURPLE

Symbolising
Repentance and Royalty



LENT 2025



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INDULGENCES



Ways of receiving God's favour and Grace - making up for your sins



Examples of Modern Day Indulgences

PRAY

Make a brief prayer to God in the midst of your daily work

FAST

Voluntarily abstain from something that you enjoy

GIVE

of yourself or from your possessions for the good of others

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WE PRAY



Dear Lord Jesus,

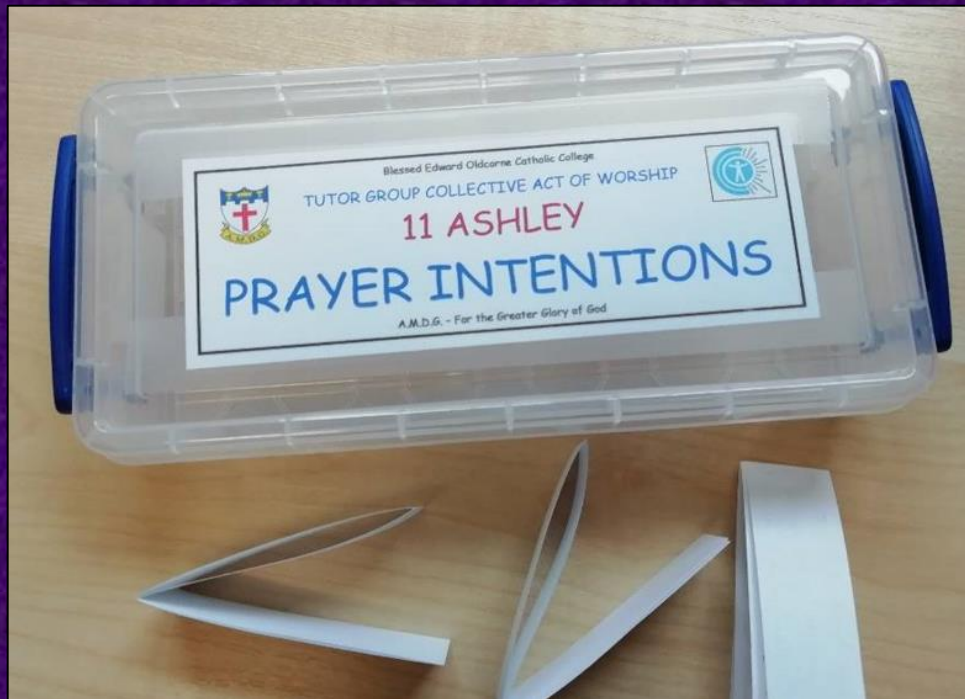
The Lenten season begins today!

*It is a time to be with you in a special way,
a time to pray, to fast and thus follow you
towards your final victory over death.*

*Please, Lord, be with me at every moment
and in every place.*

*Give me the strength and the courage to live this
season faithfully so that, when Easter comes,
I will be able to taste with joy the new life
which you have prepared for me.*

Amen.



Please pray for the following intentions:

*Candidates for the Sacraments, Women,
The Needy and Hungry of the World,
Penitents and Wanderers.*

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THE SEASON OF LENT 2025



RAMADAN 2025

During Ramadan, billions of people all over the world will fast from sunrise until sunset every day for a month.

Ramadan is the holiest month on the Islamic calendar and is a time for fasting, prayer, selflessness, giving to the needy and forgiveness.

THIS ROOM HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AT
LUNCH TIME
BETWEEN 1.35 & 1.55 FOR
RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE
DURING THE HOLY SEASON OF
RAMADAN.



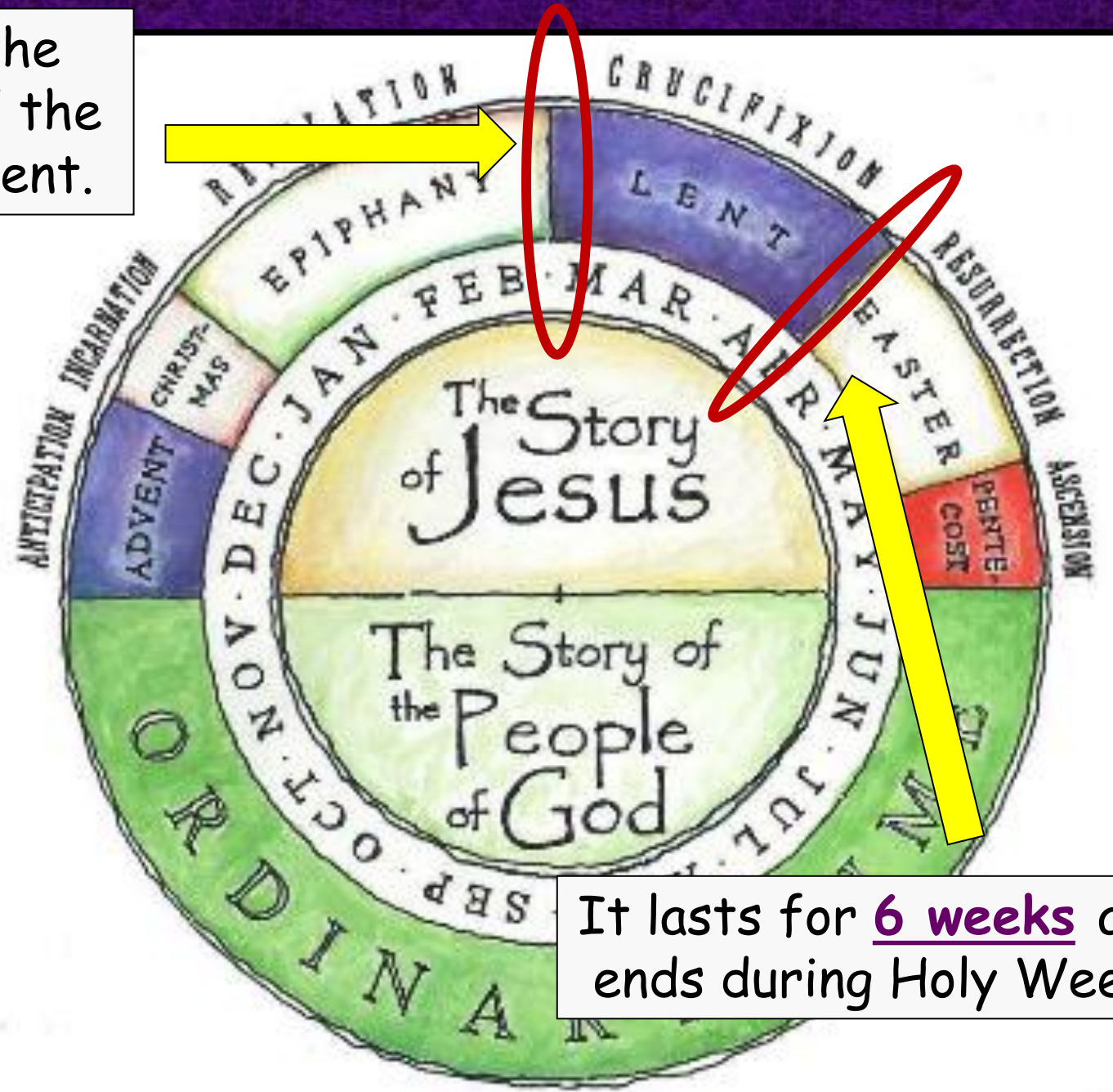
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SO, WHAT DO
WE KNOW ABOUT
ASH WEDNESDAY?



It marks the beginning of the Season of Lent.

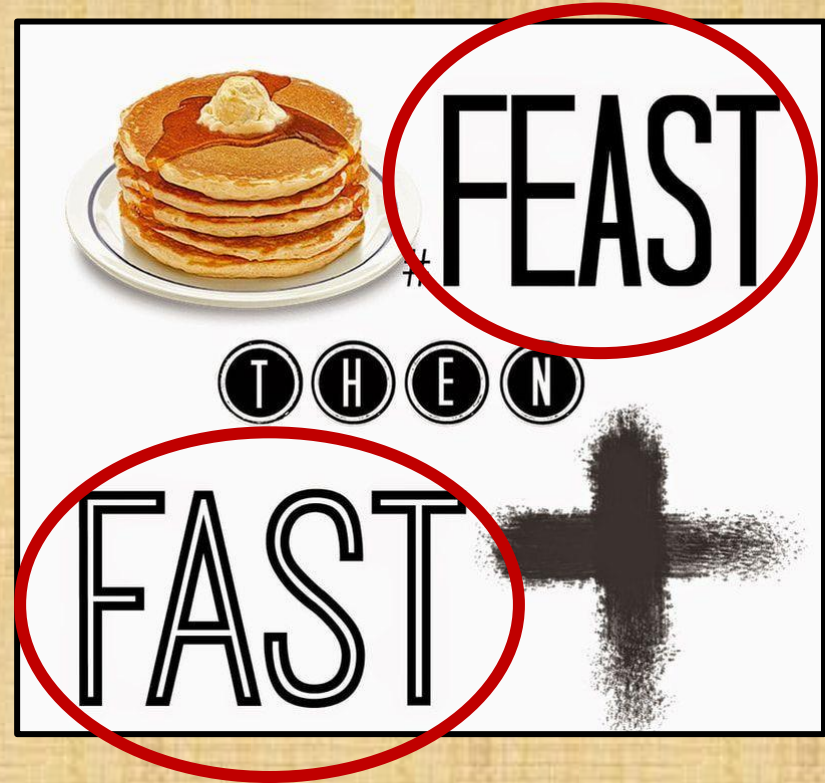


It lasts for 6 weeks and ends during Holy Week.

PANCAKE DAY!



THE DAY BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY IS CALLED 'SHROVE TUESDAY'



Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), is the feast before the start of Lent.

All the 'fattening' ingredients in the home were used up
and pancakes were made.

The word 'Shrove' comes from the word 'Shriven' meaning absolution of sins.

In preparation for Lent, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession on Shrove Tuesday and were 'shriven' (*absolved from their sins*).



Once Lent has begun there is a tradition of fasting for 40 days up until the joyous events of Easter.

One BILLION people around the world will receive ashes today.



This
POWERFUL SIGN
has been used by
God's people for
hundreds of years.

Ash Wednesday is a
holy but SOMBRE day.

Unlike the sacraments, the Catholic Church does not exclude anyone from receiving the placing of ashes on the head.

The CROSS OF ASHES tells our friends and neighbours that we know we are NOT PERFECT.



- ✓ We sometimes break the law of God
- ✓ We hurt other people
- ✓ We act selfishly



L Turn away
E
N
T from sin



Quire simply,
during the
Season of Lent,
we are asked to
turn away from sin,
and try to become
a better person...

That is what the
ashes symbolise...





WE LISTEN



For forty days, we accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary and see the mercy that he shows towards others despite his suffering.

This Lent we are also making our journey alongside families around the world living in poverty, especially those who do not have the basic needs of water, clothing or shelter.

That is why we commit ourselves to some outreach and charity work at this time.

By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus' sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. He fasted and prayed before beginning his work for God.



It is a time of
REFLECTION,
RENEWAL and
PREPARATION
for Easter.

However,
Lent is not
just about
giving things up...

It is also about
taking something up...
that will help another human being.

LEN +
fast • pray • give

So Lent is a time of
SELF-SACRIFICE



Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College



THE SEASON OF LENT 2025



ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday 5th March



FAST/GIVE/PRAY
Our Lenten Promises

OUTREACH
Fr. Hudson's Caritas
and CAFOD



SOUP LUNCH
OPTION
Every Friday
during Lent



FRIDAY MASS
Every Friday - 1.35

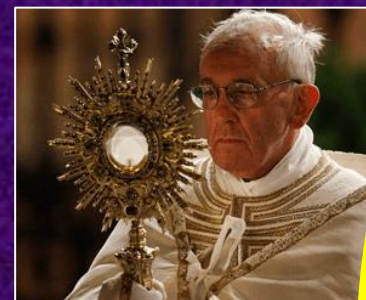
CHAPEL LITURGIES
Every Monday - 8.35



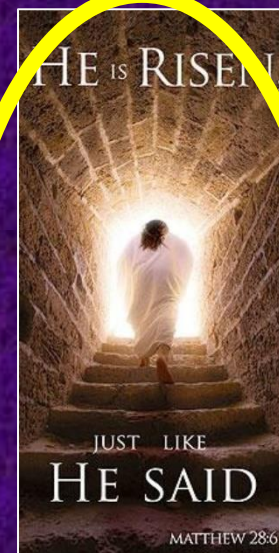
STATIONS OF THE
CROSS
Every RE class will visit
and pray at our Stations
of the Cross during Lent



RECONCILIATION
SERVICES
Friday 4th April



DAY OF ADORATION
BEFORE THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Friday 21st March



EASTER SERVICES
Friday 11th April



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SCRIPTURE FOCUS

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Be careful not to parade your good deeds before men to attract their notice; by doing this you will lose all rewards from your Father in heaven.

So, when you give alms, do not have it trumpeted before you; this is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win men's admiration.

I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward.

But when you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing; your almsgiving must be secret, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

'And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at the street corners for people to see them.

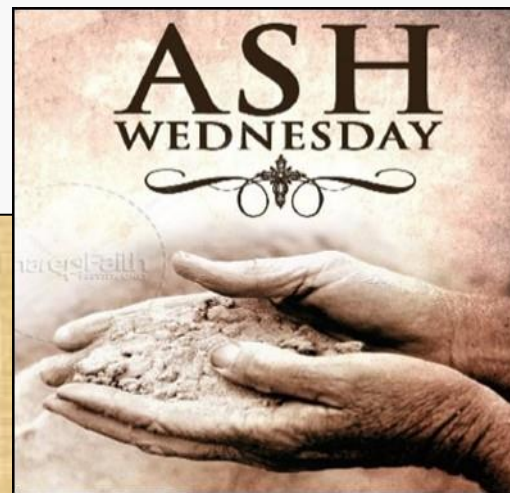
I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you pray go to your private room and, when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

'When you fast do not put on a gloomy look as the hypocrites do: they pull long faces to let men know they are fasting.

*I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward.
But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face,
so that no one will know you are fasting except your Father
who sees all that is done in secret;
and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will
reward you.'*

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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WHY DO WE
RECEIVE THE
ASHES?

The wearing of ashes is an ancient ceremony.

The ashes symbolise Penance and Contrition.



They remind us that God is Merciful to those who call on him with Repentant hearts.

They are made from the burnt and blessed palms
used in the [Palm Sunday](#) celebration of the [previous year](#).





The ashes are Christened with Holy Oil and are scented by exposure to incense.



REMEMBER

Unlike its discipline regarding sacraments, the Catholic Church does not exclude anyone from receiving the Ashes.

Ashes are not a sacrament and do not signify communion of faith beyond a need for repentance and a remembrance of mortality.



While only a priest or deacon may bless the ashes, laypeople may do the placing of the ashes on a person's head.

Let us all SAY TOGETHER
a special PRAYER over the ashes.

*Lord, may these ashes be a sign to us that our
Lent has begun.*

Bless us during this time of Lenten preparation.

*Help us to keep our promises to fast,
motivate us to use our talents wisely
and guide us to pray and become closer to you.*

*Strengthen us so that we may be transformed,
body, soul and mind, ready to celebrate the great
feast of Easter.*

Amen.





ASHES DISTRIBUTION

The ashes will now be distributed.

The Cross of Ashes tells our friends and neighbours that we know we are NOT PERFECT.

However, they are also a powerful sign that we will try to become better people during the Season of Lent.

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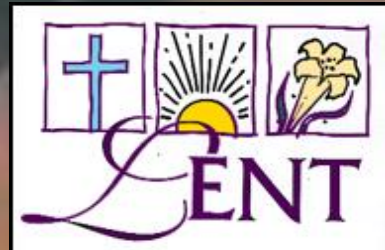
The person distributing the ashes
will say the words -

REPENT,
TURN AWAY
FROM SIN,
AND KNOW
THAT YOU
ARE LOVED.

When you return to your seat,
sit quietly and reflect on your personal Lenten promises.



Let us sit quietly for a few moments,
just like Jesus did in the desert.



College Prayer

God our Father

**You filled Blessed Edward Oldcorne
with the strength and courage to be a
witness to Christ**

**and in doing so he became a martyr.
Grant us a share in that same strength
that we may daily take up our cross
and follow you.**

Amen

**Everything we do
is for the Greater Glory of God**

**Blessed Edward Oldcorne
Pray for us**



CHARITY/OUTREACH



CHARITY/OUTREACH





SOUP 93p - ROLL 40p

TODAY
ASH WEDNESDAY



AND

EVERY FRIDAY

DURING LENT





WE GO FORTH



We pray that we may find the courage and determination to keep our Lenten promises, to Pray, to Fast and to Give.

During this Holy Season of Lent we especially remember those less fortunate than ourselves and resolve to do our best to help them through our Outreach work.



LET US END OUR
SERVICE

I invite you all to say and make
the Sign of the Cross

*In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.*





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