

The
Season
of
Lent

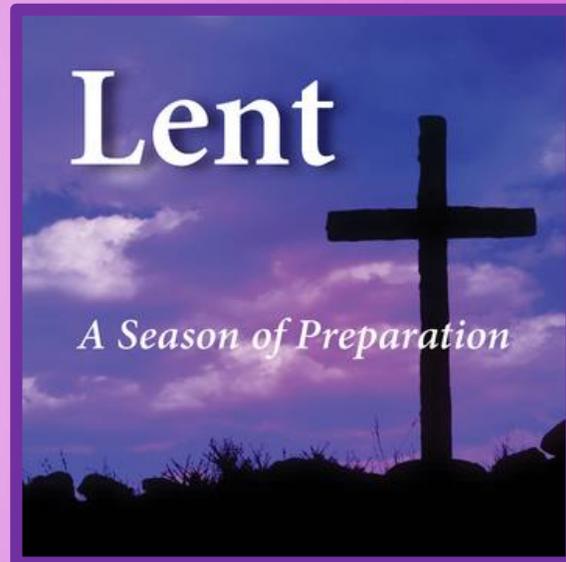


Ash
Wednesday



Lent

A Season of Preparation

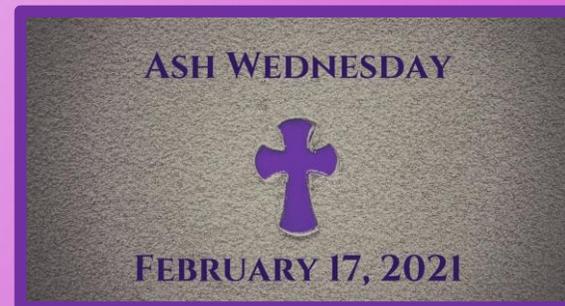


Good morning
everyone!

ASH WEDNESDAY



FEBRUARY 17, 2021



The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday –
17th February 2021



Last week Wednesday was Ash Wednesday.



Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of **Lent**, which lasts for forty days.

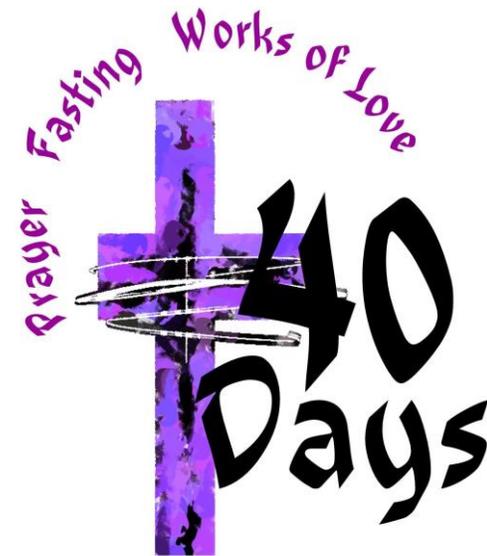
During this time we prepare for the great feast of **EASTER**, when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.

Today we are going to hear about how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert.

Deserts are dry lands where it is hard to grow food, there is not much water and people may get hungry and thirsty.

How do you feel when you are thirsty?

Let's think a bit more about that today.



Opening prayer



Dear God of life,
Your Son Jesus went out into the desert to talk to you in
prayer.

Help us to talk to you and get closer to you this Lent, in our
prayers and in our actions.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Gospel- Mark 1:12-15

At once the Spirit made Jesus go into the desert, where he stayed forty days, being tempted by Satan.

Wild animals were there also, but angels came and helped him.

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God.

“The right time has come,” he said, “and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!”



Gospel reflection

On Sunday was the first Sunday of Lent.
What is Lent?

Think and
reflect

Lent is a special time when we prepare
for Easter.

We take time in Lent to pray more, and to
think about how we live our lives.

This time can help us to change for the
better and grow in our faith.

Pray

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS



Gospel reflection

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Lent is a time for
prayer, fasting
almsgiving, reflection

As we grow closer to God, we also realise that we are called to put our faith into action, and to live our lives as God wants us to, loving and caring for all people and for the earth.

Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?

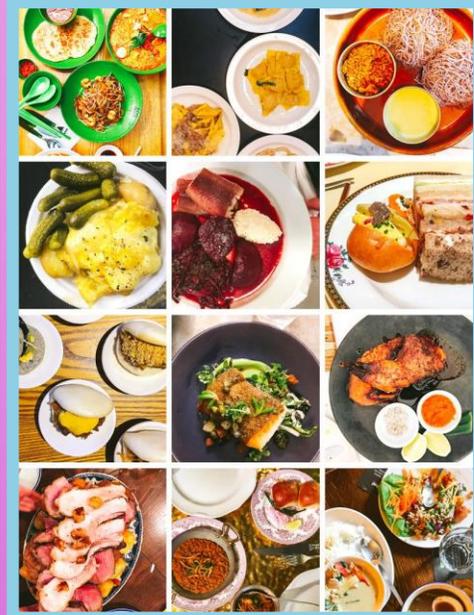
Jesus goes out into the desert for 40 days.

He had hardly any food to eat or water to drink.

The UK is often very rainy.

What do you think it would be like to live in a very dry land?

How do you think Jesus felt while he was in the desert?



Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?

Water is one of the most precious and important things in the world.

We know it is important because we use it so much.

Can you think of some of the different ways we use water every day?

Imagine what it would be like if you turned on the tap and no water came out.

What would you do?

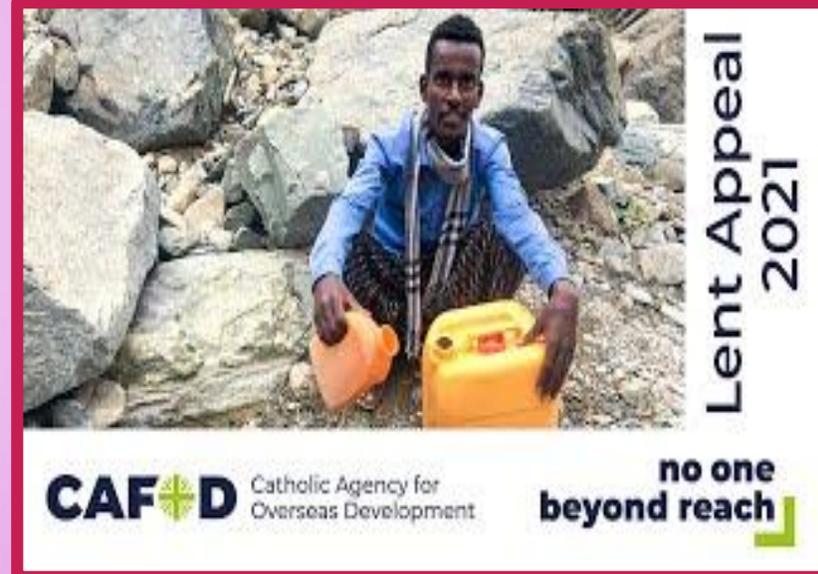


Gospel reflection

Lent lasts for 40 days, just like Jesus' time in the desert.

This Lent, let's remember in our prayers all the people in the world who do not have clean water to drink.

And let's do what we can to reach out and help, as we grow in our faith this Lent and try to live as God calls us to.



Let us Pray



As we try to be closer to God this Lent, we pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that they may work together to make sure all people have the things that they need – clean safe water, food and somewhere to live.

Lord in your mercy;

All Response : Hear our prayers

We pray for all those who must spend hours each day walking to fetch water, and who dream of a better future. Through God's grace, may our actions this Lent help to make those dreams a reality.

Lord, in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may make changes to our lives this Lent that will change the lives of others around the world.

Lord, in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers



THIS WEEK, I WANT YOU ALL TO SHARE ALL THAT YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT IN TODAY'S LITURGY WITH OTHERS AT HOME.

EACH TIME EVERYONE TURN ON THE TAP OR HAVE A DRINK OF WATER, YOU COULD REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH WATER.



