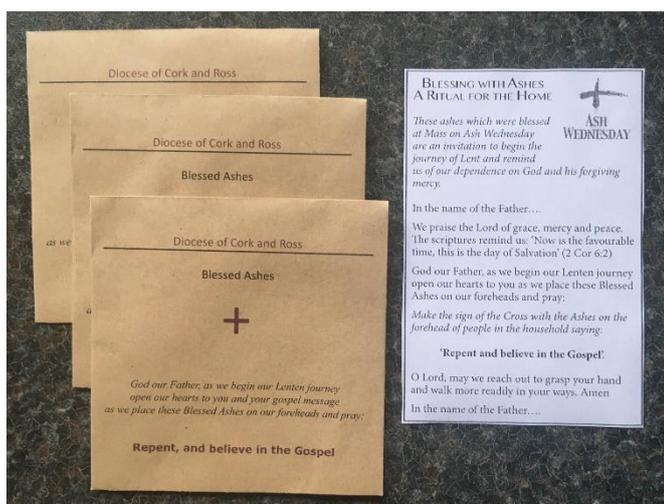


## ASH WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021



Here at Our Lady Crowned Church, we begin the sacred season of Lent by celebrating Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of renewal in advance of the annual celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Traditionally, the ashes we use are made by the burning the palm branches that were blessed on Palm Sunday the previous year. They remind us of our human condition and the call of Jesus to turn away from sin and to be faithful to the Gospel.



Ashes will be blessed during our 9.30am Mass on Ash Wednesday at Our Lady Crowned Church – Mayfield by Fr Charlie Kiely and the Blessed Ashes will be available after Mass to collect from the church in envelopes with a prayer ritual for each family in our parish – also included in this news item.

**Livestream:** [olcmayfield.ie/livestream](http://olcmayfield.ie/livestream)

We ask that when you are collecting ashes from our church that you continue to respect public health guidelines; be mindful of social distancing, wear your face mask and sanitise your hands upon entering and exiting the church. Thank you.

## Blessing with Ashes – a Ritual for the Home

*These ashes which are blessed at Mass on Ash Wednesday are an invitation to begin the journey of Lent and remind us of our dependence on God and His forgiving mercy:*

In the name of the Father ...

We praise the Lord of grace, mercy and peace. Scripture reminds us: 'Now is the favourable time, this is the day of Salvation' (2 Cor 6:2).

God our Father, as we begin our Lenten journey open our hearts to you as we place these Blessed Ashes on our foreheads and pray:

*Make the sign of the Cross with the Ashes on the forehead of people in your household saying:*

**'Repent and believe in the Gospel'**

O Lord, may we reach out to grasp your hand and walk more readily in your ways. Amen.

In the name of the Father ...



**TROCAIRE BOXES for Lent 2021 available on the tables at the entrance to our church**

## Evening Prayer during Lent

Rev Deacon David Lane invites you to join with him each evening during Lent at 8.00pm. This will be available on Our Lady Crowned Church Facebook and Website.

**Please visit our recently updated website:**  
[www.olcmayfield.ie](http://www.olcmayfield.ie)