

Ash Wednesday is the

beginning of the season of Lent.

During the service on Ash

Wednesday we receive ashes as

a mark on our foreheads. When

we receive the ashes the priest

says to us "Remember, man, you

are dust, and to dust you shall

return," or "Turn away from sin

and be faithful to the Gospel".

It's a reminder of our mortality

and of our need to turn back to

God.



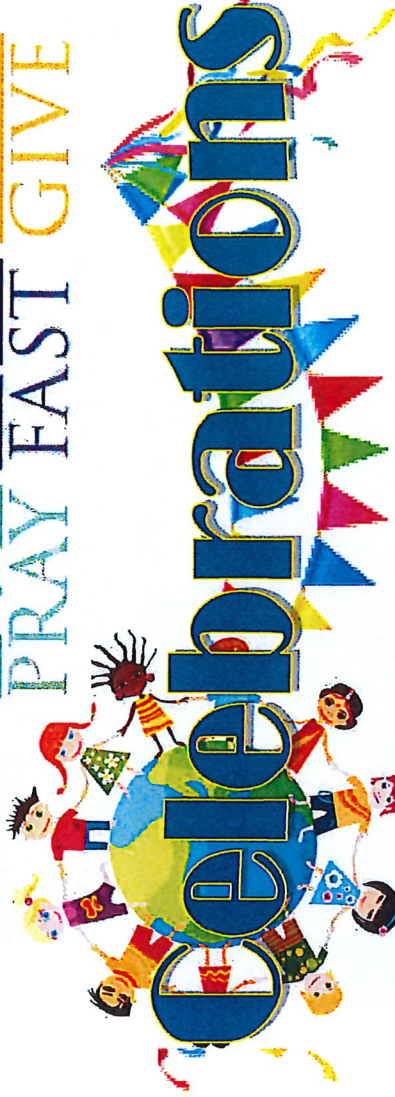
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Ash Wednesday,  
14th February.



# Faith Forum

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PRAY FAST GIVE



How do we celebrate and remember special occasions?

How do we celebrate our relationships with God and others?

This term, we are learning all about celebrations. The way people celebrate different special occasions is often an expression of themselves—their culture, their beliefs, their values.

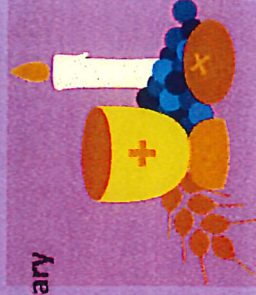
In our Church, we celebrate different liturgical seasons, such as Lent and Easter. We also gather together to celebrate our faith through the Sacraments.

## Whole School Liturgies and Masses

Ash Wednesday Mass—Tuesday 14th February

St Joseph's Day – Monday 19th March

Holy Week Liturgy—Thursday 29th March



**'That we might live'**

This year we are  
planning a Passion Play  
called 'That we might live'.

We will present on

Holy Thursday. Come and  
celebrate Jesus' life, death  
and resurrection  
with us.

**Holy Thursday 29th March**





# We are learning about ...

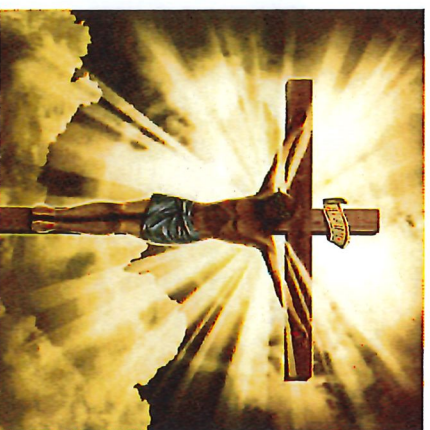
## Celebrating the life, death and resurrection of Jesus

Jesus was born into a particular culture, and lived in a certain place at the certain time in history. To truly appreciate Jesus' messages we need to know the realities of his life—where he lived as part of his community.



We can learn more about the way he lived by reading stories about him. We can show that we are part of Jesus' community when we follow him and live lives showing faith, hope and love.

**Jesus** whole life was a response of love for God and for all people.



## The Church celebrates

Times for reflection are invitations to experience the sign of God's presence in the world. The greatest signs of God's presence are the Sacraments whose symbols and rituals and celebrations reflect those of daily life.

The **Sacraments** are outwards signs of God's inward Grace.

Through celebrating the Sacraments, we can experience God's Grace—God's life and love working through us. We celebrate our faith as a community and allow God's Grace to impact our lives.

