



ASH WEDNESDAY

TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL

The Coventry Cross of Nails

We Gather



Ash Wednesday

- Begins the season of Lent
- 40 weekdays before Easter (Sundays are not counted)

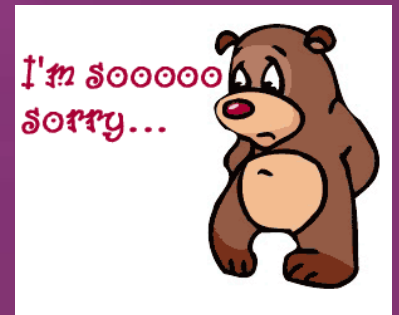
- **Prayer**
- **Fasting**
- **Almsgiving**



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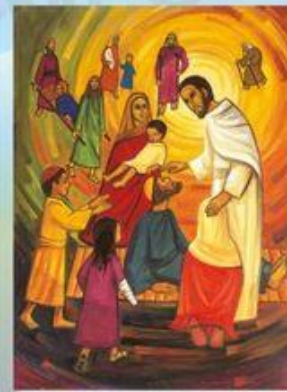
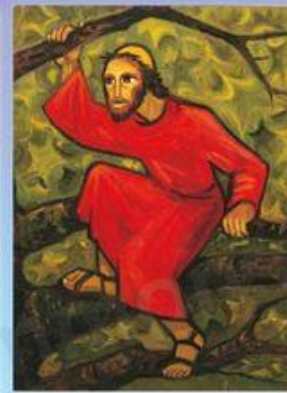
- Say sorry
- Try to change
 - Ask for forgiveness

REPENTANCE

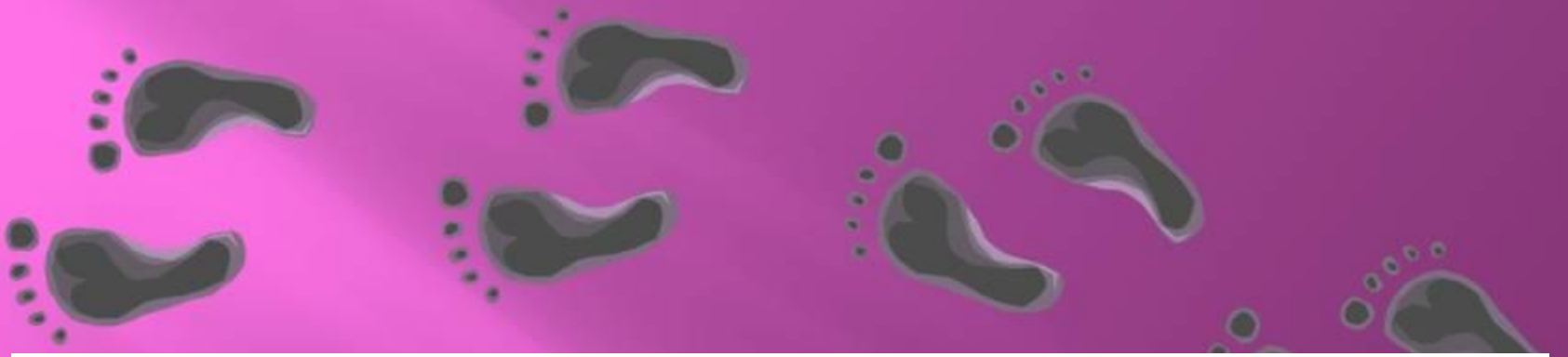




YEAR OF MERCY 2015-2016



MERCIFUL
LIKE THE
FATHER



mercy

noun

1.1.

compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

"the boy was screaming and begging for mercy"

synonyms:

leniency, lenience, clemency, compassion, grace, pity, charity, forgiveness, forbearance, quarter, humanity, humaneness, humanitarianism;

mildness, soft-heartedness, tender-heartedness, kindness, sympathy, liberality, indulgence, tolerance, generosity, magnanimity, beneficence

"the boy was begging for mercy"



Walk With Me

God, our loving Father,
We come to you today.
Be with us, hear us, guide us
In all we do and say.
You give us times and seasons,
Your Spirit makes us grow.
In times of joy and sadness,
We see your blessings flow.
I place my life before you
In all my work and play.
I'll try to walk with Jesus,
And in his friendship stay.
Amen

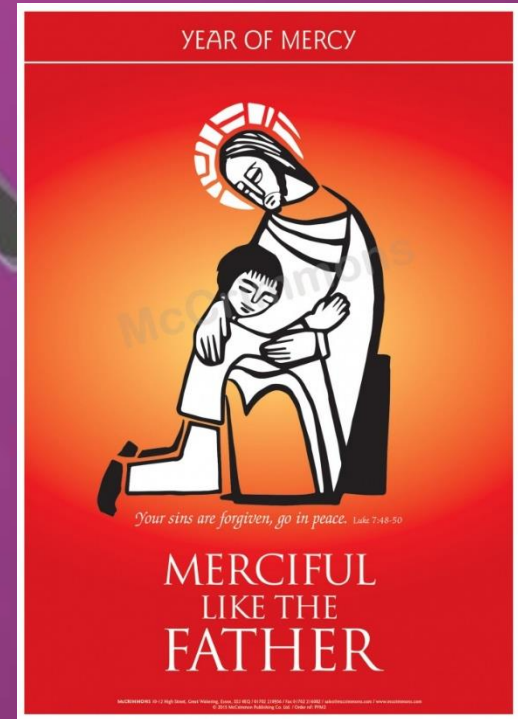


We Listen

A reading from the book of Joel

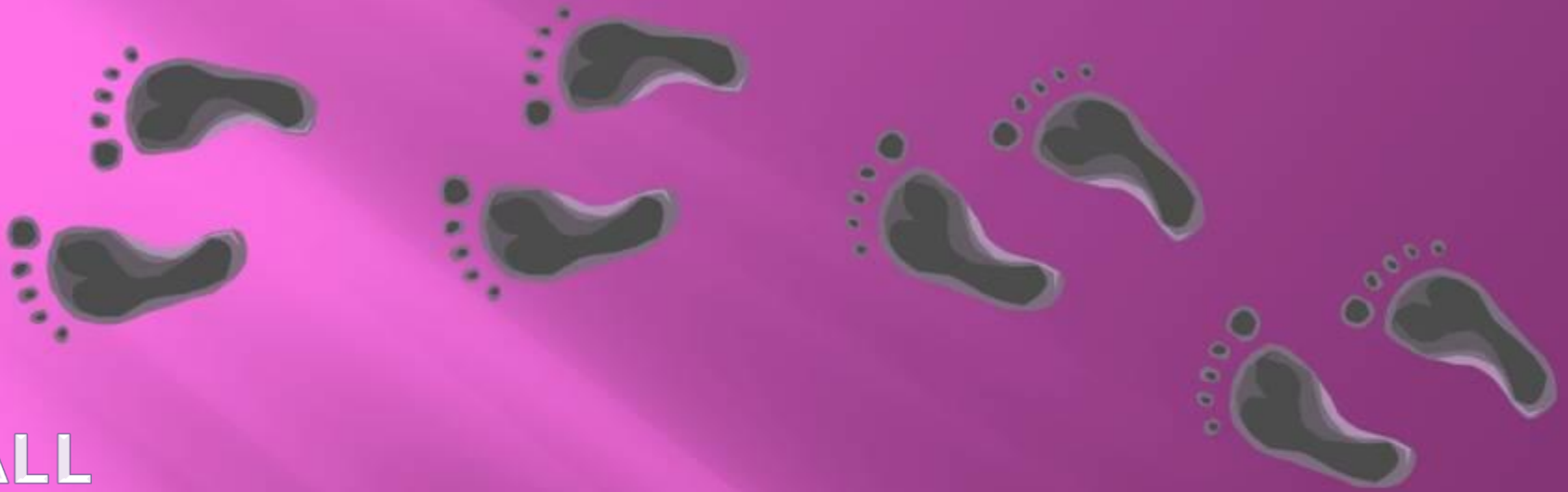
Come back to the Lord your God,
He is patient and full of mercy;
He is patient and keeps his promise.
He is always ready to forgive and not punish.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



We respond





ALL

Lord,

Bless us all as we ask for your forgiveness,

Bless all those who receive Ashes today.

**May we all keep this Lenten season in the
Year of Mercy**

In readiness for the joy of Easter

We ask this through Christ Our Lord

Amen



Let us receive the ashes with reverence.

Say a special prayer in your heart room afterwards.

Ash
Wednesday

Thank You For The Cross

**Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice,
You become nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,
and I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.**

***And once again I look upon the cross where you died,
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.***

**Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again, I'm full of praise once
again.**

And once again

**Thank you for the cross, thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross, my Friend (repeat)**

And once again

A silhouette of a person stands in the center of a vibrant, abstract landscape. The background is composed of flowing, wavy bands of color, transitioning from bright yellow at the top to soft pink and light purple in the middle, and finally to deep blue and purple at the bottom. The overall effect is ethereal and dreamlike.

We Go

**Think about how
you can show love
and mercy this
Lent.**