## **NEWSLETTER**

20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

## **LENT A TIME OF RENEWAL**

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is fast approaching! (Ash Wed  $-2^{nd}$  March!!) (Extra Evening Mass on Ash Wed at 7.30pm)

For the past two years churches were closed for Lent, Holy Week and Easter, the principal season in the Church's calendar. Lent and Easter 2022 should now be special celebrations after the difficulties of the past two years.

Now that churches are open again for our congregations, Lent presents us with an ideal opportunity to renew people's our faith, as a Christian Commuunity.

Many people traditionally celebrate Lent by attending regular Mass, by prayer and fasting, Confession and contributing to Trocaire boxes.

It is an ideal time for families to renew their faith, especially by helping young people and their families to prepare together in their parishes for First Confession, Confirmation and First Communion.

## **MARCH CHURCH DIARY**: Summary

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Ash Wednesday. Masses at 7.20am; 10.00am and 7.30pm (NB!) Blessed Ashes at each Mass

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am: 'Do this in Memory' Mass (First Communion children)

Tuesday 15th March 6.30pm: **CEREMONY OF LIGHT** (Confirmation class)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March: St. Patrick's Day. Masses at 7.20am; 10.00am and 12.00noon!!

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30pm: FIRST CONFESSION

**CONFESSIONS:** Every Saturday at 10.30am (after 10.am Mass)