



## Parish of Saint Columbanus, Loughlinstown



### Ash Wednesday at home

#### SIGN OF THE CROSS.



#### OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord, during the season of Lent,  
we will try harder to love you  
all the things we say and do,  
in in all the choices we make.  
In doing this, may we come closer  
to you and to each other  
and so grow in living the new way.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

#### **A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.** (2 Corinthians 5:20)

We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

The message we bring to you from him is this:

come back to God.

For love of us, God sent Jesus to take away the sins of the world,  
so that we too would be filled with the goodness of God.

Now is the time for this.

#### ***The Word of the Lord.***

#### BLESSING

*After a brief prayer in silence, continue:*

O God, hear our prayers,  
and in your kindness pour out the grace of your blessing  
on your people who are to be marked with these ashes,  
As we follow the Lenten observances,  
may we be worthy to come with minds made pure  
to live the new life of the Resurrection with Jesus  
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

*As ashes are placed on the forehead of each person.*

**Remember that you are dust.  
Turn away from sin and live like Jesus.  
Amen.**



*You may like to take some moments for those you remember in prayer today.*

#### CLOSING PRAYER

Remembering the living presence of God wherever we are,  
let us pray the prayer which unites us with all peoples in the family of God:

**Our Father ...**

**Hail Mary...**