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*In ainm an Athar agus an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh. Amen.*

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Opening Prayer:**

Lord, as we begin the holy season of Lent,  
may our lives become more deeply rooted in prayer,  
in penance and in a willingness to share. Through Christ our Lord.

### **The Word of God:**

“Come back to me with all your heart,  
turn to the Lord your God again, for God is all tenderness  
and compassion, slow to anger and rich in grace”.

*Place ashes on each other's forehead, or if alone on your own forehead,  
in the form of a cross saying:*

### **Repent and follow the Gospel**

*Or for children:*

### **Be good and follow Jesus.**

*Conclude with the **Our Father***

*and the following blessing:*

May the Lord bless us, keep us from all evil  
and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.