**PRAYERS Ash Wednesday (14h February 2024)**

**CELEBRANT:** As we wear the ashes of a penitent, let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

May God’s love and guidance make us truly repentant as we start this time of preparation to welcome our risen Lord, who died that we may be forgiven our iniquities.

**READER:** For those who have no place to call home and sleep rough or in hostels. May they be safe in God’s love and looked after in their spiritual and bodily needs

**CELEBRANT**: Lord hear us: *Lord graciously hear us*

**READER:** For all in national and local government workers, and for all who serve the local community in its daily needs.

**CELEBRANT**: Lord hear us: *Lord graciously hear us*

**READER:** For those in the Deaconate, Parish Clergy and especially those studying to be ordained a priest in the Seminaries. May He give more vocations to our Clergy.

**CELEBRANT**: Lord hear us: *Lord graciously hear us*

**READER:** For those mourning the loss of loved ones, and those who are separated from their families at present.

**CELEBRANT**: Lord hear us: *Lord graciously hear us*

**READER:** Mary is the mother of the church, and we ask her to pray with us and for us: Hail Mary................

**READER:** Let us pray now in the silence of our hearts.

**CELEBRANT:** (For those who have recently died and those who are sick and housebound.)

God, Our Father, may the prayers we hold in our hearts be united to the prayers of St.George and St.Wilfrid and all the saints who gather at the table of the heavenly banquet. We entrust all our concerns to Your Goodness, through Christ Our Lord. Amen .