

Ash Wednesday

Repent and Believe in the Gospel

“BE RECONCILED TO GOD...
NOW IS THE FAVOURABLE TIME”

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

ASHES WERE WORN BY PEOPLE IN
THE BIBLE TO SHOW THEIR REPENTANCE.
Esther 4; Jonah 3 & Matthew 11:20-22

We also wear ashes
on Ash Wednesday as a
sign of our repentance
and grief for our sins.

The ashes are a public
sign of our intent to die
to our worldly desires and
live in Christ.

As our foreheads are
being marked with a
cross, the priest says:



“REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST
AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN”
Genesis 3:19
or
“REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL”
Mark 1:15

The ashes come from the blessed
palms used in the Palm Sunday
celebration of the previous year.
The story of Jesus' entry into
Jerusalem on a donkey while
the crowds greet him by
waving palms of victory is
told in Matthew 21:1-11,
Mark 11:1-11,
Luke 19:28-44,
and John 12:12-19.



Ash Wednesday is the first
day of the season of Lent.