



**Vox Populi**

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On Wednesday, 18th February, the Church celebrates Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the Season of Lent.

Beginning with the receiving of ashes on Ash Wednesday, the Season of Lent takes us on a journey into the wilderness, preparing us for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

In the words of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Lent "invites us to pause and ponder our earthly and spiritual lives before God.

"Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we prepare our hearts to enter more fully into the Paschal Mystery. Through the celebration of Holy Mass, Jesus' saving sacrifice is made present, drawing us deeply into His passion and uniting us in His love."

To accompany the People of God in Broken Bay this Lent, the Diocese has prepared a Lenten resource, ***Walking in the Wilderness: A Lenten Pilgrimage Towards Easter.***

The resource is based around the Sunday Gospel Readings in Lent, with prayers, reflections and discussion questions, helping to draw the faithful closer into the Season and truly walk in the wilderness with Jesus Christ.

Hard copies of this resource are available in parishes.