

ST MICHAELS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**INVITE YOU TO
OUR LENTEN SERVICES**



Lent 2011

The Lenten Season is particularly important in our Christian Tradition. It is a time for us to intensify our Spiritual practice. This year we are all invited to give some special attention to our celebration of the Eucharist. Apart from our usual diligence about attending the Sunday Eucharist perhaps you can also consider attending the celebration at 6.30 pm. on a Wednesday evening. Each weekend I am providing a special leaflet explaining the various parts of our celebration together with some questions for reflection. These can be used for prayerful reflection each day. Our Mass together and our own personal prayer are inextricably linked together of course so it is important for us to make some extra time for our personal prayer during this Lenten season. Our best prayer is to just sit in silence so I encourage you to do just that.

Perhaps some words of Thomas Merton will help to encourage us this Lent. He writes: *Lent is then not a season of punishment so much as one of healing. Lent is a season of special reflection and prayer, a forty-day retreat in which each Christian tries to follow Christ into the desert by prayer and fasting.*

Fr. Patrick

Ash Wednesday:
9th March 2011, 7.00pm
Mass & Imposition of Ashes

Every Friday
Stations of the Cross @ 12.00pm
Lenten Lunch @ 12.30pm

Saturday 26th March 2011:
Parish Lenten Retreat
St Michaels Church and Hall
2.00pm to 5.00pm
Given by:
Sister Mary Stephen of
Monastery of Our Lady
And St Bernard, Brownhill

Sunday 10th April 2011:
Parish Reconciliation Service @ 4.00pm