

## AS WE BEGIN LENT

The Holy Season of Lent is here with us again and this year, we are called to follow our blessed Lord whose journey through the way of the cross led us to the way of life and salvation.

The past eleven months or more will always be known in history as the period when humanity was forced to go inside and also go inward. These past months dotted with uncertainty are yet to be completely over, since there are traces of the threat of the pandemic around us and the world in general. In truth, the prospect of Lent is one that will certainly lead us through a journey that ends in hope and joy. The feelings of loneliness and sadness, uncertainty and fear experienced by many are expected to fade away as we follow our blessed Lord on the **Via Crucis** and await the celebration of the Paschal mystery and the joy of the resurrection at Easter.

During this Holy Season of Lent, we have before us another beautiful moment of grace open to us when we follow our blessed Lord through the way of cross. No doubt, by following him through meditation on the important moments of his journey to Calvary, we shall be drawn to him, and we shall learn how to patiently follow after his example.

Come with me then as we begin this journey that will lead one and all to a unique encounter that promises answers to the deep questions thrown at us daily by the challenges of life and its crosses.

Let us all be united with our Lord for the next forty days, with assurances of grace and mercy, tenderness and love, forgiveness and kindness, healing and peace.

In our parish, the weekly Stations of the Cross devotion will be live streamed every Friday at 7.00pm. The Wednesday prayer during this period of Lent will carry reflections proper to the season. Hymns for lent will be published every week to enable us be in the spirit of lent.

May we together with St. Joseph and Mary the blessed mother of Jesus, embrace this graceful journey also in the daily recitation of the Rosary.

United with you in prayer

Fr. Emeka.