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CHANCERY NOTICE

1.0 Chinese New Year (12th February 2021) - Friday Abstinence

The Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei at their last plenary (4-8 January 2021) decided on the following which has the effect of a particular law binding the whole region:

“The Conference grants dispensation from abstinence to all the faithful celebrating the Chinese New Year in any way on the three consecutive Fridays, 12, 19 & 26 February (2021). However, all are asked to observe the regular fast and abstinence for Ash Wednesday on 17 February (2021).” (Paragraph 1.3.1 CBCMSB letter dated 10th January 2021)

2.0 Observance of Ash Wednesday

Although Ash Wednesday (17th February 2021), which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, is not a holy day of obligation, many of the faithful continue to observe it piously by attending Mass and receiving the imposition of blessed ashes.

Due to the suspension of public Masses during the MCO 2.0 (which is expected to end on the 18th of February 2021), there will be no imposition or distribution of blessed ashes.

The Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission has prepared a para-liturgy which can be used by individuals and families at home. The para-liturgy involves a Liturgy of the Word and the imposition of ashes done by members of the family. Ashes used during this para-liturgy may be made by burning old palms or other leaves that are available. This order of the para-liturgy will be disseminated through your respective BEC and parish

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