

# ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## **A BRIEF MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON**

This Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent. We enter the wilderness with the Lord Jesus in order to understand more about Him and about ourselves as the person He loves, the person He calls, the person He invites to die and rise with Him. Perhaps, the past few months have already felt like an experience of Lent, and even more so of the desert. I think we all have a sense of this. This particular Lent, however, year, maybe we can focus more clearly and simply on our inner attentiveness to the Lord, our relationship of friendship with Christ, desiring to place Him more centrally in our heart so that we might deepen the love we have for the Lord our God and for loving our neighbour as ourselves.