

**BULLETIN REFLECTION (YR-B)**  
**FEB 21 2021...1<sup>ST</sup> SUN OF LENT...MK 1, 12-15**

*15 “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand...”*

Today we are into the season of Lent (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday). Our Lord Jesus Christ is telling us, ‘Hey mankind the kingdom of God is at hand but you need to fulfill something.’ To fulfill something is mankind’s response to God’s initiative...God initiated the creation and God at this very time is initiating salvation. So, it is but proper to ask also the participative response of mankind.

I wish to take up again the 3 points of Ash Wednesday’s gospel reading as man’s participative response to God’s initiative of salvation, to wit; to pray, to give alms and to fast.

**=TO PRAY** this is the only bridge we have to talk to our God and get nearer to Him...always use this bridge and cross it. It maybe old bridge...unconventional one...but remember this He listens.

**=TO GIVE ALMS** due to this pandemic many workers were retrenched and God outpoured His blessings by tapping individuals, governments, church communities, civil associations and corporate world telling them ‘Could you please share some of your blessings to them?’ and they did.

**=TO FAST** I wish not to delimit its realization on two days only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday due to technicality but rather go beyond it...to fast-you can call it abstain from and change it to;

From anger to love

From impatience to patience

From talking about other’s life to praying for their life...etc.

These are the things that needed fulfillment for us to really experience that the kingdom of God is at hand.