As our community came together for Mass – Ash Wednesday, many families might be wondering why is Ash Wednesday so important to us? Christians (like people in many religions) have certain days and certain times with special significance. Ash Wednesday is the day when people are told to consider the words of God to Adam right after he created him. “Dust you are. To dust you shall return.” In other words consider what your life will have meant after you have gone. Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. That is the purpose of the ashes. As Catholics, Ash Wednesday also looks forward to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert. It involves days of fasting, abstinence and repentance! Many thanks to Fr Grace and Mrs Ann Friedlieb for a moving service of worship.