

Mass of Compassion - David Haas

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus Christ
Until you come, until you come in glory.

We sing amen, we sing amen.
All glory and praise be yours, O God.
We sing amen, we sing amen.
With faith and hope and love, we sing amen.

Lamb of God you take away the sins
of the world have mercy on us. (Twice)
Lamb of God you take away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.



Centacare Family Life Educators

We are looking for
interested people
to train to be

Family Life Educators for
Natural Fertility Services (NFS),
a Program of Centacare.
Educators would be required
to work in both the
Sydney and Parramatta
Dioceses.

NFS Family Life Educators present to groups such as:

- ✦ Engaged couples at
pre-marriage education courses
- ✦ Breastfeeding mothers'
groups
- ✦ Professional groups,
school students and teachers.

Please contact us:

- If you have used or have
knowledge of Natural Family
Planning
- If you have experience in
presenting educational sessions
to groups
- If you are prepared to work
within the Catholic Church ethos
regarding sexuality and family
planning
- Successful candidates will
be paid at a Sessional
Facilitators rate of pay. Training
will be provided.

For more information please
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1st Sunday of Lent February 25th

We are challenged to be
instruments of God's love
and compassion in our
world today. Caritas
Australia's Project
Compassion story this week
is from Bangladesh where
Farid and his community
now have the skills and
resources in raise fish and
grow vegetables all year
round. Your donation to
Project Compassion will
allow communities like
Farid's to become
self-reliant, enabling them
to look forward to the
future with hope.

(Sadly, Farid recently died of a
sudden heart attack.)

The spirit of Lent



Sometimes I do things
that are wrong and I
know they are wrong, yet I still do them. I
think of the sacrifice Jesus made on our
behalf, which to me cannot be measured.
When I do wrong I feel I've dishonoured his
sacrifice. I hear a lot of Christians talk about
guilt. I guess there is some of that, but it's
more a feeling of letting Jesus down and
dishonouring what he did. I feel weak and I
feel like a fraud, I sulk for a while, and then I
do something I've taught myself to do when
my spirit is low: I pick up the Bible, open it
anywhere and start to read. Somehow, it gets
me back on track. It lifts my spirits and I feel
strong again. Then I start to pray. I pray for
forgiveness and I pray for strength. Did you
know that every prayer you say is not lost? It
is at the altar of God forever. How good is
that? You say God has blessed me. I don't
deserve it, I don't always see it, but you are
right. (Michael)

Lenten Program for 2007:

The Lenten program is once again being offered at
the Good Samaritan Community House, 3 Valley
Rd, Wentworth Falls (began last Tuesday) from
10am till noon and will continue each Tuesday till
Holy Week. The book used will be "Every Day with
Jesus - Lent to Pentecost Year C" \$9 a copy.
Times of quiet, sharing, discussion and morning tea
will also be included in our time together.
Enquiries: Sisters Therese and Jacinta
(4757 2290). All very welcome.

REFLECTION MORNING

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection
to be held on Saturday, 10th March, at their home at
227 The Mall, Leura, from 10am to 12 noon.
Theme: **Caring for our hearts - the struggle to trust.**
Further enquiries: Sister Mary 4784 2055.

Ashes

(Composer: Tom Conry)

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We rise again from ashes,
from the good we've failed to do.

We rise again from ashes,
to create ourselves anew.

If all our world is ashes,
then must our lives be true,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

We offer you our failures,
we offer you attempts,
the gifts not fully given,
the dreams not fully dreamt.
Give our stumblings direction,
give our visions wider view,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then rise again from ashes,
let healing come to pain,
though spring has turned to winter,
and sunshine turned to rain.
The rain we'll use for growing,
and create the world anew,
from an offering of ashes, an offering to you.



GOD WILL SAVE US

Feel the security of divine Providence. Trust him. He knows. He will provide. Let him test our faith in him. Wait on him. Trust and believe... If we only let him do it! We have only to let Jesus do it – and he does it in a beautiful way! At the end of our lives, we will not be judged on what kind of car we drove, how much money we made, or how many degrees we earned. We will be judged on *love* – on how well we put our love into living action.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

~Reflection~

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation.

It is a pure gift from God.

Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us.

Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control.

While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable.

We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control.

We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us.

We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own.

In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God:

It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God

. . . do not put God to the test.

In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

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