

Our Lenten Theme Song:

## HEAL ME, O GOD

(Gregory Norbet)

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Heal me, O God; create a new heart in me,  
Save me, O God; with light of your presence.  
Heal me, O God; and raise me to new life.  
You alone are my hope.

Deep in the night reveal your wisdom,  
teach me to live a life that is holy.

Save me, O God, you are my refuge;  
put in my heart a faith strong and searching.

Be with me now, lifting each burden;  
you are my hope, my strength for the journey.

As you have shown mercy and kindness,  
so may I grow in living compassion.

Strengthen my faith, melt my indifference;  
set me afire with Spirit's anointing.

Help me extend peace and forgiveness,  
knowing so well my failings forgiven.

You are warmly welcomed to  
attend a

### Reflection Morning with Fr Michael Whelan SM

“Does God love us more  
when we are virtuous?”

Sacred Heart Church Hall,  
Blackheath  
Saturday, 20th March,  
from 10am to 1pm.

Come and enjoy the reflection,  
silence and solitude in  
peaceful surrounds.

Entry by donation.  
Morning tea provided.  
No need for bookings.

**Copies of this year's program  
are available in the  
Church Foyer.**

*A Joint Venture of Aquinas Academy  
and Catalyst for Renewal*

## YOU ARE MINE

Composer: David Haas

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I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,  
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,  
come and rest in me.

***Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.***

I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

PROJECT  
COMPASSION 10

Care for God's

creation has always been an important part of Christian tradition. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Clare from the Southern Highlands in Papua New Guinea. Clare works in the maternity ward, supporting local women to have access to safe maternity services. She also works as an educator on maternal health issues and provides ongoing support to mothers about child health, nutrition and prevention of disease. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps PNG communities to have access to safe maternity and child health facilities as well as primary health care.



### Reflection on Sunday's Readings

**Joshua 5:9-12** *The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the Passover*  
**Corinthians 5:17-21** *God reconciled us to himself through Christ*  
**Luke 15:1-3. 11-32** *Your brother here was dead and has come to life*

Joshua encourages us to turn to God in times of need. God always delivers, like he delivered the Israelites to the Promised Land. God's desire is to bring us into the land of promise to experience personal freedom. The parable of the prodigal son is about God's merciful love. For Jesus, relationships are paramount, no one is to be lost, discarded, or mistreated. When the son returns, all is forgiven. However, the father must seek to bring the older son to forgiveness before the family can be healed. As children of God we must proclaim the good news, that God's children are valued, loved and forgiven.

Our baptismal renewal and the mission of our baptismal covenant is to be ambassadors for Christ and reconciliation. As stewards of the message of salvation, we must not just proclaim but also live the message of reconciliation that is promised by God, as agents for peace.

In this week's Project Compassion story, our attention is drawn to Papua New Guinea where the maternal mortality rate is over 90 times higher than in Australia. To hear of such suffering amongst our human family elicits a desire within us to see a reconciling of the situation, to see God's merciful love in action, to see women and their new babies receive life in its fullness. Particularly in this season of Lent, we are called to action and to play our generous part in bringing about a better world for all.

### NSW CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Catholic Charismatic Conference 2010 - 19th to 21st March  
Speakers this year will be Michelle Moran from England  
and Rev Fr Chris Ryan from the Missionaries of God's Love in Canberra.  
See Notice Board for more information.



**St Columba's High School**  
168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood.

**An Invitation to Seniors in our  
Community Musical Concert  
Wednesday: 24th March  
at 1.00pm - 2.30pm.**

Cuppa and cake available  
during a brief intermission.  
RSVP for catering purposes:  
please contact the school office on  
4754 1022 by Monday 22nd March.



**Fr. Warren Edwards is leading a  
pilgrimage: Exodus Journey...**

a 20 day biblical pilgrimage from  
**Cairo to Jerusalem,**  
departing on 27 August 2010.  
There will be a Pilgrimage  
**Information Night** led by a  
Harvest Pilgrimage representative on  
**Sunday, 21 March 6pm at  
Our Lady of the Angels Church,**  
1 Wellgate Avenue,  
corner Withers Rd, Rouse Hill.

#### Inside Catholic Outlook

- \* Bishop Anthony Fisher OP installed as 3rd Bishop of Parramatta
- \* John Watkins ordained a transitional deacon
- \* 3 new seminarians for the Diocese
- \* Community enterprise program at Mt Druitt wins award
- \* Jim Taggart from Kellyville Parish receives OAM
- \* News from our Catholic schools

#### Catholic peace activist, DONNA MULHEARN,

will celebrate the release of her new book, **Ordinary Courage** with a special Blue Mountains literary event next weekend. It will be in the form of a 'high tea' at Razz Restaurant, Macquarie Rd Springwood on Sunday March 21 from 4pm - 6pm.

**Ordinary Courage** is a memoir about Donna's experience as a human shield in the war in Iraq. It is also a story about her faith journey. Donna has appeared on ABC's Australian Story and she was recently featured in The Catholic Weekly. The cost of the event is \$25, which includes a delicious high tea, plus a talk, readings, conversation and Q&A with Donna. RSVP to Razz Restaurant: 4751 7500.

#### Parramatta Diocese - New Website

The new Diocesan website has been launched with full coverage of the installation of Bishop Anthony Fisher OP with stories, photos and a link to the web streaming of the Mass of Installation. The aim of the website is to communicate the vibrancy of the Catholic community in our Diocese and to provide information about Bishop Anthony, our parishes, ministries and agencies, and our people. Please give us your feedback:  
[www.parra.catholic.org.au](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au)

### Palm Sunday: World Youth Day 2010

Bishop Anthony invites the youth of the Diocese to St Patrick's Cathedral for a Youth Mass followed by Q&A session and BBQ on Sunday 28 March.  
Gather in Prince Alfred Park opposite the Cathedral at 5.45pm for a blessing and procession leading into the Mass.

#### Music of JS Bach and Sacred Readings

On Good Friday a special service in St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook, will offer choral and organ music of JS Bach, together with special readings and meditations. The Blue Mountains Chorale will be joined by organist Robert Ampt. There will be a Retiring Collection. Starts: 7.30pm. Inquiries: 4758 6067.

#### Return to the Upper Room ... Journey to Pentecost

This is your Invitation - Return to the Upper Room and journey with us and Mary, our mother, and prepare for Pentecost. Learn how to rekindle the grace of the first Pentecost, rediscover the life and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, who is the original source of Pentecost. At Don Bosco Youth Centre (upstairs), **14 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Commences Sunday 21 March - 2:30pm.**  
For more info, phone Cos 4754 4625 or Christine 0427 327 471.

*"...we... are gathered in this Square, which has become a great Upper Room Thanks to the Charismatic Movement, a multitude of Christians, men and women, young people and adults have rediscovered Pentecost as a living reality in their daily lives. I hope that the spirituality of Pentecost will spread in the Church as a renewed incentive to prayer, holiness, communion and proclamation."* (The celebration of First Vespers of Pentecost, 2004, the last Pentecost Celebration of Pope John Paul II.)

SANTA SABINA COLLEGE is pleased to offer **Scholarship and Bursary opportunities** to assist students for **Years 7 & 9 (2011)** in entering the College. Scholarships with a focus on Academic, Creative and Performing Arts and Global Citizenship will be offered to students who demonstrate ability in these areas. Bursaries are also made available by the College to assist students whose families require financial support to enter the College.

**Come and visit Santa Sabina College at our Open Day on Friday 19 March** from 9am to 12pm. Hear Kate Clancy, our College Principal, at 9am and 10.30am in the Lecture Theatre on the Secondary Campus and visit our beautiful campuses: Primary School, Santa Maria del Monte (K-5); Martin de Porres Middle School (years 6-7); Santa Sabina Secondary School (Years 8-12); and Mary Bailey House Early Education Centre (9.30am-11.00am). To discuss enrolment, scholarship and bursary opportunity at Santa Sabina College, please call our Co-ordinator, Ms Margaret Molloy, on 9745 7030 or [enrolment@ssc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@ssc.nsw.edu.au)

**Project Compassion boxes and Gift Pack envelopes are available  
at each of the Church doors.**