

### 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.

### PULPIT POINTS FOR THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY ISSUE - 25 FEB

- \* Great Easter cash giveaway
- \* Cardinal blesses new crematorium
- \* Fr Chris builds youth centre in riot streets
- \* Crucifixes to aid Holy Land Catholics
- \* Guidelines for rites and wrongs in funeral Mass
- \* Manly worshippers back call to halt deportation
- \* The bishop with 42 children
- \* We're blessed to call Australia home, say Sudanese brothers
- \* Parish's World Youth Day Mass
- \* Lenten reflection
- \* Dollars and sense
- \* Caritas fights to overcome poverty
- \* CW Catholic gifts online
- \* Magistrate priest had 'a wonderful gift of healing'
- \* Cross Currents
- \* Exploring the Scriptures
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- \* Safety fence for nuns in desert
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### 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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