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|  ***"All shall be well, all manner of things shall be well."[Julian of Norwich]*** |

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| JULIAN OF NORWICH AND HER SHEWINGS |
| **Sheila Upjohn** |
| Sheila UpjohnJulian of Norwich wrote in the 14th century yet her writing is startlingly relevant in the 21st. This course introduces Julian's book and explores the nature of many of her profound insights - among them the nature of sin, of forgiveness, of God's anger, and of the motherhood of God. There will be readings from Julian and time for discussion and reflection. Sheila Upjohn is the author of In Search of Julian of Norwich, All Shall Be Well and Why Julian Now? She also translated the extracts from Julian's book for the best-selling anthologies Enfolded In Love and In Love Enclosed. Like Julian, Sheila Upjohn is a Norwich woman, and for most of her life has lived in the city where Julian wrote her book. She now lives in Australia and is delighted to share with us her knowledge and enthusiasm for Julian.  **WHERE**? AQUINAS ACADEMY, Level 5, 141 Harrington St, SYDNEY **WHEN**? 4 Wednesday mornings, 10am - 12 noon, **March 7 - 28 2012** **COST**? $110/person  **Enrolment and further information** |

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| KINCUMBER RETREAT |
| **Marie Biddle RSJ and Michael Whelan SM**Michael Whelan 2011Marie Biddle 2011 |
| This will be a silent, live-in retreat at the Sisters of St Joseh Spirituality Centre, Kincumber from **Tuesday evening April 10 through Sunday morning April 15 2012.**   For information and registration contact the Sisters at **02 4368 2805**.  |

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| THE CHRISTIAN LIFE TODAY |
|  **Bishop Geoffrey Robinson** |
| Bishop Geoffrey RobinsonIn  this course Bishop Robinson will select passages and stories out of each of the Gospels - Matthew, Mark and Luke to reveal their multi-layered richness.   It is an introduction to the gospels that will encourage people to want to study them more deeply and experience the liberation of the "good news" on offer.**WHEN?**  3 Tuesday mornings,: 10am-12noon, **April 24 - May 8 2012**  **WHERE?**Level 5, 141 Harrington St, Sydney **COST**?$70/person **Enrolment and informaion**  |

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| AN INTRODUCTION TO MARIST SPIRITUALITY |
| **Michael Whelan SM** |
| Michael Whelan 2011  Michaelhas been a professed Marist for more than 44 years and a priest for nearly 40 years.  He is the Principal of the Aquinas Academy and his special area of expertise is found-ational spirituality.  He is the author of four books and a number of articles in this field.  His love for and understanding of Marist spirituality is central to his life, both as a man and as a priest, in the world today. The Founder of the Marist Fathers, Jean Claude Colin, lived and worked in France immediately following the French Revolution.  He saw first hand both the ravages of a society that had turned against the Church and the impotence of a Church that had, in many respects, lost its way.  He set out with his companions - including St Marcellin Champagnat, Jeanne-Marie Chavoin and Francoise Perroton - to found a society of men and women, laity, religious and clergy, who would be present in the Church as Mary was present in the Church at Nazareth, at the foot of the Cross and most especially at the first Pentecost.  This brief course will be personal and practical in nature, developing that theme of transforming presence that Mary the Mother of Jesus exemplifies.    **WHEN?**3 Thursday mornings, 10am-12noon, **April 26 - May 10 2012**  **WHERE?** Level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney  **COST?** $75/person (Including notes) **Enrolment and information**  |

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| **CATALYST EVENTS** |
|  October 11 this year will mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second vatican Council.  |
| [**Catalyst for Renewal**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1109428155531&s=1395&e=0014Oh45Q51fdRes5lKgpxpLDL7L3AHcmfGwA_J28rKurAu2mx0GSP-bt50YDdsy1GjpKEo-ZnvHZ1YSlpn6AzGTbxYTPpZmxcqGCkTxvZz43-V49NJ1Vpz5LFXCQJ-TY0s3iAefBrUrRcLYvYOTq6Foh8PYXn-QpWFM3i8ZXda8kWSahyUZE_PvF0t6fr1yBvsqtDnQSEPQpSM01O8GjNdALF5RQRb1kkRA5pYr_BrJPwESkYwNTz_xSfyf9j0dPob2fWeDlekvUgF_CIehD8zLg==) is organising a number of events to celebrate that anniversary:**CLIFFORD LONGLEY LECTURE TOUR** - a series of lectures presented by Mr Clifford Longley, specialist writer for the London Tablet. **The lecture in Sydney will be at Customs House on the evening of Wednesday May 9.****Q AND A IN THE CRYPT -** a series of Sunday afternoon conversations in the Crypt at St Patrick's Church in The Rocks.**SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB** - see the [**Catalyst website**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1109428155531&s=1395&e=0014Oh45Q51fdRes5lKgpxpLDL7L3AHcmfGwA_J28rKurAu2mx0GSP-bt50YDdsy1GjpKEo-ZnvHZ1YSlpn6AzGTbxYTPpZmxcqGCkTxvZz43-V49NJ1Vpz5LFXCQJ-TY0s3iAefBrUrRcLYvYOTq6Foh8PYXn-QpWFM3i8ZXda8kWSahyUZE_PvF0t6fr1yBvsqtDnQSEPQpSM01O8GjNdALF5RQRb1kkRA5pYr_BrJPwESkYwNTz_xSfyf9j0dPob2fWeDlekvUgF_CIehD8zLg==) for venues and schedules.**REFLECTION MORNINGS** - the first Reflection Morning at Hunters will will be Saturday March 3, 9.30am-12noon, with **Bishop Geoff Robinson** (Info: Carole - 9869 1036 or Michelle 9958 5963) and the first Reflection Morning at Blackheath will be on Saturday March 24, 10am-1pm, with **Bishop Anthony Fisher** (Info: Carmel - 4787 8706).**CATALYST DINNER** - Friday March 23, 7pm for 7.30pm at trhe Villa maria Parish Hall in Hunters Hill, with **Fr Frank Brennan SJ** (Message bank: 9990 7003). Reservations are essential for the Dinner. |

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| **A FRIENDLY GUIDE TO PRAYER** |
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|  John Garratt Publishing in Melbourne has just released the latest in their Friendly Guides series.Copies of this book are available from Aquinas Academy - [online shop](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1109428155531&s=1395&e=0014Oh45Q51fdSZ-vBYjYKX06rdDdBuzdMtJXm5X8p0512E4XGj7E46hYwiUJ1WD6ctSlykCt-BZ5V9EL_brRb5VIkjRIezZLorsjv7mcWarwExOtGB9PjfhUOSnCkkkBIdQKZWkqH1J5G26jcgdQWeedkCFOJ3mkjQXhZkEGylmFy48g3N8T7a4ZCg9kmTxVUfriyAos2tqvOAheYnXZBikdwGUqX_Q5za2F9otT6cGur65DTy4b0JU0oPVPT5LepmAwdDuySRbCk=) or by visiting us or by requesting that we post it to you.The book costs $24 and postage is $5.**Contatc Aquinas**  |

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