

Catalyst for Renewal

Our next evening for *Spirituality in the Pub* will be held at Gardners Inn, Blackheath as usual, on Wednesday evening, 12th September at 7.30pm. Our guest speakers are Julie McCrossin and Fr. Michael Whelan.

Our theme for the year is "What the World Needs Now--" and the subtopic for the evening is "The Courage of Compassion".

Guest Speakers:

Julie McCrossin.

Julie talks to people for a living. She is a freelance journalist, broadcaster and trainer. She presented *Life Matters* on ABC Radio National for five years until 2005, initially with Geraldine Doogue, and then solo. Currently she writes for the ABC magazine *Life Etc*, and presents a travel show for Qantas in-flight entertainment. She also runs panel discussions at seminars and conferences. Julie is an *Ambassador for NAPCAN* (National Association for the prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect)

Fr. Michael Whelan sm

Michael Whelan is a Marist Father and was ordained in 1972. He gained his PhD whilst studying under Adrian van Kaam at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh USA. Michael has been Lecturer in Spirituality at Catholic Theological Union. He is currently Principal of the Aquinas Academy in Sydney. In 1994 Michael helped set up *Catalyst for Renewal*, the parent body of *Spirituality in the Pub*, and is currently the Executive Director of that association. He is the author of three books and a number of journal articles in the field of Spirituality.

We believe that the talks and the conversation that will follow will be stimulating and thought provoking. We hope that you are able to be with us on the evening.

Robert Gwyther.

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