

Official Newsletter of the
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for the Catholic
Charismatic Renewal
In the Auckland Diocese

A Sign of The Times

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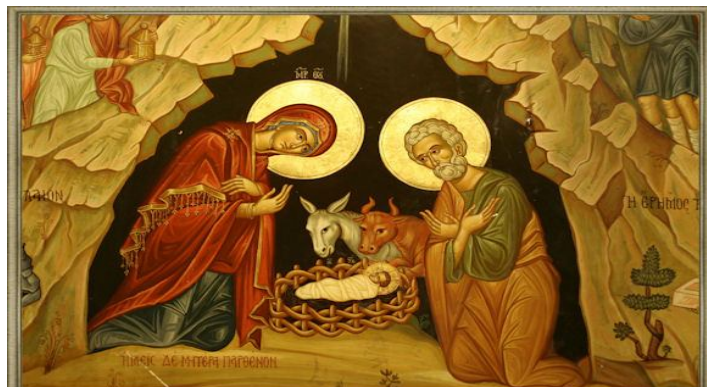
Christmas Message from Anil Baptist, our Chairperson

Is 9:6 For to us a child is born. To us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

There is no greater joy for anyone than holding a baby in their arms. Christmas is the feast of God becoming like one of us, like a baby in a mother's arms. It is a time when we should celebrate our incarnation, our humanity. In spite of our sinfulness and misery we have a God who loves us so much, that he gave us his only son to be our Saviour and Redeemer.

Over the many years of its existence, the CCR has become a very "Spiritual" organisation so immersed in things of the Spirit, that they have forgotten the 'incarnational' side of the faith. Jesus is "True God and True man" and while the True God has remained in the church, the True man has gone into the world. We need to unite the True man with the True God so that He becomes one. For that we need to focus not only on the spiritual side but also on the human side. James reminds us that faith without actions is dead (Jas 2:17) Effective connection to God in the Spirit must lead to effective service to his people. We must be able to help people in need and not only pray for them.

Restoring people's dignity is more important than just giving them a meal. We hope to give some teachings in this area next year.



2011 has been a watershed year for the ACCR. We were privileged to host the ISAO Conference in Auckland. We had a change of leadership after the Conference, when Brian Hines stepped down and I took over as the new leader. We continued on our Rally theme and held four this year, along with our Annual Mass with Bishop Dunn and our Pentecost Celebration at the Cathedral. We also held a Night Vigil to pray for the Youth of New Zealand, led by the Hope Intercessors in St. John Vianney's parish.

We have decided to do another new thing this year. We are inviting all the prayer group leaders to our last meeting of the year, to be involved in planning for 2012.

2011 was good, but with your cooperation, 2012 looks even better.

Please continue to pray for the Renewal and its leaders. While you enjoy the festive season and have travel plans do drive carefully and be back in good shape for the New Year.

On behalf of the Service Group I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Joyful Christmas and bright start to 2012.



Need Healing Prayer?

Come to St Thomas More Healing Ministry



When:

Thursday 15th December

Begins: After
7.30pm Mass

Ends: 9.30pm

A team of Ministers will be offering prayers for physical and spiritual healing for people from within the church and outside it.

Where:

**St Thomas More Church
336 Wairau Road
Glenfield**

Every 3rd week of the month



St Joseph's Centre

Home of the Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Have a look at our new website at: www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz

The Office of the Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Will close for the Christmas Holidays
on Friday 23rd December

and re-open on
Monday 23rd January 2012.

St Joseph's Centre Gift Shop

Will close on Saturday 24 December

and re-open for limited trading hours
on Monday 9th January

Normal Trading hours will be
resumed on Monday 23rd January.

Diary Dates for 2012



Friday 17th February 7.30pm
Annual ACCR Mass
Celebrated by Bishop Pat at
St Joseph's Church, Takapuna
Please bring a plate for fellowship afterwards



29 February to 28th March 7.30pm
Healing of the Family Tree Seminar
Conducted by Fr Rory Morrissey

Some sessions at St Joseph's Centre and
others at St Joseph's Church



Saturday 26th May 7.30pm
Pentecost Vigil Celebration

Sacred Heart Church,
16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby

*Come and Celebrate the
Feast of
St Nicholas
at
Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women*

**Tuesday 6th December
7:30pm**

**St Michaels and All Angels Church Hall
425 Great North Road
Henderson**

Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry and Fellowship
to follow meeting.

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Song of Songs
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