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A Sign of The Times

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From Anil Baptist, our Chairperson

If my people who bear my name, humble themselves and pray and look for me, and turn from their wicked ways then I myself will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and restore their land.
2 Chron 7:14

I hope all of you have come back from your vacation refreshed and relaxed. While we are getting over the high of the holidays we are brought back to reality by the upcoming season of Lent. While Lent today does not have the same fervour of yesteryear, it still does have a very significant place in the church's calendar.

Many Christians struggle with their identity and hence live unfulfilled lives. Jesus called his disciples "**salt of the earth**" Mt 5:13(CCB). He said if salt loses its strength, it cannot be made salty again and is thrown away and people will trample on it. Whenever a sin is committed it brings a curse on the land and the land does not produce fruit. Jesus came to take away the curse that sin brings by his death on the cross "Now Christ rescues us from the curse of the law by becoming cursed himself for our sake" Gal 3:13 (CCB).

As Christians we are called to remove the curses sin brings in our families, communities parishes, and our cities and nation. "Pull yourselves together for the welfare of the land to which I have sent you and intercede on its behalf as you pray to Yahweh, for its welfare will be your welfare" Jer 29:7 (CCB). If we do not repent of our sins we are unable to come to fullness of faith in Jesus and hence become ineffective in our mission. This leaves the door open for the devil to play havoc through his agents.

Today Christians have lost their strength and have become salt-less and hence are trampled underfoot by the demons. But here is still hope. During the season of Lent, make it a point to repent and to turn away from wrongdoings. Repenting is not making a good confession (though it includes it), but renouncing all forms of sin, not just sexual or other major sins, but even minor ones.

This Lent make it a point to shun all unnecessary activities and spend time in contemplative prayer, trying to look deeper into myself and ask the Lord to show me areas that I have still to repent. Then I will move one step closer to regaining my saltiness and become more effective in my ministry.

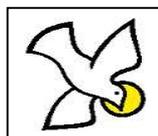
I wish you a Holy Lent.

God Bless, **Anil**

Diary Dates 2013



Friday 22 February 2013, 7.30pm
Praise & Worship from 7.00pm
Annual ACCR Mass celebrated by
Bishop Patrick Dunn
St Joseph's Church, Takapuna
Please bring a plate for fellowship afterwards



Friday 17, 18 & 19 May
Pentecost Celebrations
Please keep these dates open
more information will follow.



Friday 8th March
St Joseph's Centre, Teaching Night For
Prayer Group Leaders



Friday 26th April
ACCR Rally
Details to follow



Everybody is invited to join Sheila and Peter Baker on
Wednesday 20 February at 2 pm
When they will celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary** with a Thanksgiving Mass
Followed by Afternoon Tea
at St Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna

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15th - 16th February

@ St. Thomas More Church Hall

If you are interested in being part of organising
this Conference, please contact:

Meena on 021 2959827 or 09 4425556

Email: meena_ams0@hotmail.com

To Register for the Conference:

Please email your name, age, occupation and contact number

To: worshipconference13@gmail.com

by the 31st of January.



Dove Catholic Fellowship for
Women: West Auckland

**Come and start the New Year
at Dove with Mass**

Celebrated by Fr Martin Bugler

At St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church Hall
425 Great North Road, Henderson

Tuesday 5th February at 7.30pm

*Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry and Fellowship to
follow meeting.*

For more information please call:

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GOD'S WORD FOR 2013

Daily Reflections – Liturgical Diary
Inspiring reflection on the Gospel of the day by
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Liturgical information for the day
Space to note down important events and reflection
of the day

\$20.00

Packaging & Posting: \$5.00 per order

A Message from Sr Alice Hardiman smsm

Please note that from January 1, 2013, I will only be
contactable at the following numbers:

Polynesian Centre: (09) 275 4291

When you call this number, leave a message on the
answer phone, if no one is at the desk.

ONLY STATE: Message for Sr Alice,
Your **Name** and **Landline Telephone Number**
Please **DO NOT** leave any other details, as I will not
be responsible for private details.

Mobile: 021 1435 475

This is ***only for Emergencies*** and I will ordinarily
only return calls on landlines. For Crisis, contact
Crisis Line.

If I am not in the office, the message will reach me
later. Speak **clearly, slowly and loudly**, as reception is
not always good. **THANK YOU**