

Official Newsletter of the
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Charismatic Renewal
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A Sign of The Times March 2013

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From Anil Baptist, our Chairperson

“Truly this man was the Son of God” Mt 27: 54 (CCB)

Every Sunday at Mass we recite the Creed. In it we say “... I believe in Jesus Christ the only Son of God...” *do I really believe?* Is it only on my lips or on my heart as well?

If we read the Gospels, we see on various occasions people recognising Jesus as he truly is “The son of God”. The disciples recognised him when he calmed the sea, demons recognised him when he approached them and Peter when asked: “Who do you say I am?” replied “**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God**” Mt 16:16. In Hebrews Son of God=God, and son of man=man. Many Holy men and women have walked the earth and many religions have been started by them. But none of them claimed to be God or come from God. Only Jesus did. So the challenge before us today is to come to believe that Jesus is really the Son of God. If we do not, then all our coming and going in the church is useless. We can spend endless hours studying Theology, read all the documents of the church and know the Catechism back to front, but it is useless, unless we first come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. St. John tells us that if we do not believe, we are operating not in the Holy Spirit, but the spirit of the Anti Christ. Today Christians are powerless in the face of evil and are being consumed by the evil one. In order to overcome the evil one we need to first believe that Jesus is the Son of God. “**Who has overcome the world? The one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God**” 1 Jn 5: 5. In order to do that we must first repent, have a change of heart. As we have 4 weeks until Easter, let us ask the Lord to change our heart so that we may truly come to recognise Jesus as He truly is.

We begin our Teaching Night on the 1st of March at St. Joseph's Centre. Please do come along. Please see the advertisement in this newsletter.

God Bless, Anil.

St Thomas More Healing Ministry

Need Healing Prayer?

A team of Ministers will be offering prayers for physical and spiritual healing for Catholics, as well as non-Catholics.



When: Thursday 21 March (Or every 3rd Thursday of the Month)
Time: Starts after 7.30pm Mass and ends at 9.30pm
Where: St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield

Diary Dates for 2013



ACCR Rally
Friday 26 April, Blockhouse Bay
Details to follow



Pentecost Celebrations:
Friday 17, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May
Venues and Details to follow

Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal TEACHING NIGHT ELEMENTS OF A



SPEAKER

ANIL BAPTIST

Based on Leadership Training in Townsville

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 7.30PM

**St Joseph's Centre
1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna**



A love offering
will be taken up



There will be a cup of
tea and fellowship
afterwards

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Youth Leadership Program**
8 weeks at St. Joseph's Centre, Takapuna
Monday nights - 7:30p.m to 9:30p.m
Starts on 4th March 2013

**Called to Serve
my Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

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