

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

# A Sign of The Times

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### Monthly Message From Anil Baptist Auckland CCR Chairperson

Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob.  
Is 2:3(CCB)



What a wonderful retreat time we had with Fr. Maria Selvan. When I asked him to pray over the theme he told me he was getting **“Come to the top of the mountain”**. I wondered how this might fit the Lenten theme. But his three talks were so prayerfully constructed that I truly felt the Lord speaking to me.

In order to go to the top of the mountain we need to be people of vision. As I have been writing and teaching from **Pr 29:18 “Without a vision people perish”**, it is unless one has a vision one is not motivated to get up from the valley and climb the mountain. The vision helps us stay on track. It is so easy in today's modern world of internet smart phones, facebook and twitter to not only be sidetracked, but also discouraged. Jesus was a man of vision. If he was not, then he would have given up under the weight of the cross and all the beating he took. But he saw beyond his suffering to his resurrection and eternal life for all those who believed in him.

Someone once commented to me about a particular person in these words **“He is a man without a**

**vision, he just ticks the boxes”** So true. If we are people without a vision we just tick the boxes and get by. We are unable to encourage and motivate others to walk with us and so we perish.

The good news for us is that the ACCR already has a clearly defined mission and vision which can be found on our website. Each of us need to make this vision part of us. Prayer group leaders need to make this mission part of themselves and their core group as well.

As we journey through the remaining days of Lent let us not focus on our sacrifices or extra prayers, but let us focus on getting to the top of the mountain to meet Christ at the foot of the cross and be transfigured by him into his divine family . This makes us co-heirs with Jesus of the inheritance of God.

**On behalf of the service group I wish all of you and your families a very happy Easter. May the risen Lord empower you to be his witnesses to all you meet.**

God bless, *Anil*



## Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal

KATORIKA WAIRUA TAPU WHAKAHOUNGA O TAMAKI-MAKAURAU

**"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" - Matt 28:19**

**You are warmly invited to bring your friends and join us for our**

### Gathering Night

**Friday 11 April - 7.30pm**

St Joseph's Centre  
1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna



A love offering will be taken up.

Praise & Worship, Teaching, Sharing  
Prayer Ministry



There will be fellowship and a cuppa afterwards.

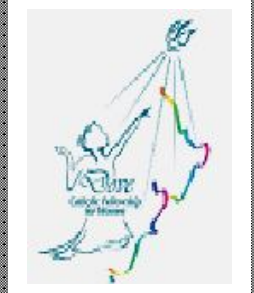
For more information or to register contact Rosalie Matthews 03 366 9869  
Registration closes Thursday 17 April catholic.ccr.chch@gmail.com

# INTIMACY + MISSION

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC  
RENEWAL CONFERENCE**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

Blue Skies Conference Centre,  
Kaiapoi, Canterbury



**Dove Catholic  
Fellowship for Women  
West Auckland:**

*Jesus – Man  
(an invitation to Love,*  
**with Diane Andrews**

St Michael and all  
Angels Anglican Church  
- 425 Great North Road  
Henderson

**Tuesday 1st April at  
7:30pm**

Prayer Ministry and  
Fellowship to follow  
meeting

For more information  
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**2 - 4th MAY @ Blue Skies, Kaiapoi**

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