

December 2018 - ACCR Sign of the Times

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ACCR APOSTOLATE VISION

To see the restoration of all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as a normal part of Catholic Church life, and lead people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and develop the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all believers.

ACCR APOSTOLATE MISSION STATEMENT

ACCR seeks to serve the Catholic Church by being one of the agents and instruments of the Holy Spirit working for the ongoing renewal and growth of the Church today.

We seek to participate with the Holy Spirit in the renewal of the Church by:

- Working to lead all people to a close, personal and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord of all aspects of their lives.
- Fostering the Baptism (or Release) of the Holy Spirit, received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as a means of deepening the work of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church and in the lives of individuals.
- Encouraging the use of the charismatic gifts as an accepted and regular part of life in the Catholic Church.
- Encouraging people to participate fully in the life of their parish.



We pray that you all have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson

Lk 2:11. Today a saviour has been born to you in David's town.....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Grace mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

As we begin our preparation for the feast of Christmas let us reflect on an aspect of Jesus which we may not have done before. The one of him being a saviour. We do hear preaching and teachings about Jesus being a spiritual saviour, how he died for our sins and so saves us from eternal death. While this is true we tend to overlook the incarnational side of Jesus, of him being a physical saviour as well. We tend to get caught up in the spiritual and supernatural while ignoring the incarnational. Christmas is about God becoming one of us and when Jesus ascended into heaven he left us the Holy Spirit by which he could always remain in our presence. Hence he is able to save us in our physical distress as well. When our boat is sinking he saves us, when our business or finances are on the verge of collapse he is able to rescue us and prevent us from going under. I have many instances when he has saved me from falling and I am sure you do to. If you do, share them with others so that they may have hope and a better understanding of Jesus. People in the pews and the streets do not understand supernatural things but will be more responsive to Jesus being there for their physical needs.

We are still waiting for the final statutes of Charis which we hope to receive by the 8th of this month. We plan to have a meeting of all the charismatic streams on March the 9th, 2019. We will keep you posted. Please continue to pray for Charis which will come into being on Pentecost 2019.

Please do join us in our Jericho prayer on Thursday the 13th December at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church in Ponsonby. We pray for all leaders and other issues that are happening in our church and world. This will be the last meeting for this year.

Also if you would like to start a discipleship school in your parish please contact Mike Lobo.

Once again thank you for all your efforts in spreading the kingdom.

Continue to keep the renewal and the programmes in your prayers.

On behalf of the Service group I would like to wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a bright and prosperous 2019. If you are going away on holiday travel safely and stay blessed.

God bless,

Anil.

Calendar these CCR dates (for more information see below or in later newsletters)

Dec13th: Jericho prayer: 7- 9pm at Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby. All welcome to come and pray for the Church, the World and the Renewal.

Jan 19-20 2019 NSW CCR Retreat: Director Mr Jim Murphy (current ICCRS President)
Venue: St. Joseph's Parish Church/Hall, Rozelle, Sydney,

March 9th 2019 Morning meeting of all leaders of groups with charismatic spirituality. More info to come in 2019.

Pentecost Sunday: June 9th 2019

Scroll down for more information about these events

Jericho prayer meeting: 7- 8.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby.

Next session 13th December. Note we will not meet in January 2019. Everyone is invited.
Come and pray for the Church, the World and the Renewal. Please fast if you can. You are welcome to stay after the prayer time for fellowship and food.

Women's Advent retreat : An invitation from Manu Bennett, youth leader, Glenfield parish. **Saturday December 15th at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna.** Led by Fr Peter Devereux, a retreat leader from America. See 2 attached flyers for more info.

RIP Please pray for these 2 men and for their families.

Gordon Copeland who has been a wonderful and dedicated witness to Christ.

John Edwards whose wife Makalita was in the core team of the Avondale prayer group. Both she and John have been very active in the Avondale parish.

News from the prayer groups.

Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group, Milford:

We enjoyed a great retreat weekend at Mangawhai Heads. Our thanks go to Fr Bruce who gave us talks, celebrated Eucharist and spent hours hearing confessions.

We will continue meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesdays throughout the holiday season. Visitors are welcome to join us anytime.

Mairangi Bay prayer group: We have recently chosen a name. We are now The Living Water prayer group. We will have a few weeks break over Christmas and restart on Monday January 14th.

St Vincent de Paul prayer group: We launched our website in July

<https://svdpprayergroup.wixsite.com/svdpprayergroup>

and we recently completed 4 outreaches as part of our Church & Community Involvement:

- Santa's Helper J2018: **Foster Hope NZ**
- Christmas Outreach J2018: **St. Joseph's Home**
- Christmas in our Hearts J2018: **Onepoto Primary School**

●Charity Gifting J2018: **Save the Children Foundation**

Reading material

NSW CCR newsletter - Voice of the Spirit(VOS) attached

For issues of Eucril go to <http://www.isidor.se/ccreurope/nl-nl/documents/eng.aspx>

ACCR Prayer intentions

Service group

Diana Ingle, National Service Committee and all CCR Leaders

For the intentions of ISAO and ICCRS

New members for Service Group

Life in the Spirit seminars

Prayer group leaders and prayer group initiatives

For all members of the renewal who are sick

Youth, particularly those involved in CCR

Conversion of ISIS leaders and members

Persecuted Christians

The Replenish Healing Centre. Financial support welcome as many of the guests are struggling financially. The centre near Christchurch is run by Catholic Charismatics!

<https://givealittle.co.nz/org/replenish-respite-and-healing-trust>

Regular events

Prayer groups: See website for meeting places and times. <http://www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz>

HSI schools 2018

St Dominics, Blockhouse Bay: Wed 7.30pm Contact Annlyn Lopez annlyn.Lopez@nzta.govt.nz

Sacred Heart Parish Ponsonby: Tuesday 730pm Contact Eddie Eyre eeyre1952@gmail.com

2019 HSI Schools of Discipleship

A new school will start at St Marks, Pakuranga, Thursdays 7.30pm. Contact Gerard De Silva desilva.sriyan@gmail.com

Please contact Mike Lobo mlobo@titan.co.nz or Kevin Farrell kevinruthf@xtra.co.nz for info re Schools of Discipleship.

Healing Ministry: Starts again February 2019.

After the 7.30pm Mass every 3rd Thursday (except December and January) at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield. Enquiries Contact Ramiz 027 201 0302.

Note: Lilian Iskander and her Good Shepherd Group volunteer for **NZ prayerline** every Monday 7:30pm-9:00pm praying for callers from all around NZ. The number to call for prayer is 0800 50 80 80.

Home Group Bible Study at Schnapper Rock, Northshore: contact Ramiz 027 201 0302

Dove Catholic Fellowship for woman: Monthly meetings (include prayer ministry and fellowship)

West Auckland Dove: 1st Tuesdays at 7.30pm at **St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church** - 425 Great North Road, Henderson. Contact Jane 0211178977 or Teresa 838 9969

North Shore Dove: Usually 3rd Wednesdays, 7.30pm. **Venue: St. Thomas More Church, 366 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629.** All warmly invited.
For more information contact Sylvia Hartley - 09 443 7477 email: aldonsylvia@gmail.com

South Auckland Dove: last Tuesdays, **7. 30pm at St Anne's Parish Hall**, 126 Russell Rd, Manurewa. Contact Grace Rowland 09 577 3479 or 027 624 3842

Joshua Fellowship: a Catholic men's fellowship. 7.30pm – 9.30pm every last Wednesday at St Josephs Centre, Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. Contact: Basil ph 4435755 or 0272612585 or www.joshua.org.nz