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**A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson**

**Mt 6:33 “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these shall be yours as well”(RSV)**

**A call to radical Holiness.**

One of the ills of our modern society is the need to be busy. When one person meets another one of the first questions is “Busy?” It seems if one is not busy then one is up to no good. The word busy, if made into an acronym, stands for **Being under Satan’s Yoke**. It makes us insecure, always wanting more, chasing more things and pleasures of this world. On the contrary Jesus offers us his yoke which is easy and light. **“Come to me all you who labour and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls” Mt 11:28, 29 (RSV).**

As we journey towards Pentecost, to the time when God’s kingdom was established on the earth through the Holy Spirit, we must come to the understanding that one of the keys to being in the kingdom is rest. Not that we must be doing nothing, but we must begin from a period of rest. During my reflections I realised that rest is a very Judeo-Christian concept. No other religions or secular culture emphasise it. In fact rest is often frowned upon because if one is resting one cannot make money. But as Jesus said, we must strive to enter the kingdom, and to do so we must come to a period of rest. Unless we are comfortable resting in God’s presence we will find it difficult to do God’s will. Sirach correlates leisure to becoming wise **“The wisdom of the scribe depends on the opportunity of leisure and he who has little business may become wise” Sir 34:28 (RSV).**

One of the needs of the ACCR is people with time. This is the most precious resource because money lost can be regained but time lost is only a memory. If you are a person of leisure and would like to give some of your time to the ACCR please contact one of the SG members and we will be happy to use your services.

April was a quiet month for ACCR but May is going to be a busy one. Starting with the leaders meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>, we also have the Pentecost Vigil Mass on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Fr. John Rea’s healing service at St. Dominic’s on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Details in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

God bless,  
Anil

**Calendar these dates** (More info below for some events)

**9<sup>th</sup> May Service Group and PG leaders meeting. 10am** at St Dominic's parish meeting room, 34 Bolton St, Blockhouse Bay

**23<sup>rd</sup> May ACCR Pentecost Vigil Celebration. 7.30pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby

**30<sup>th</sup> May ACCR Healing Service with Fr John Rea. 10am – 12pm** at St Dominic's parish church, 34 Bolton St, Blockhouse Bay. Ring family and friends.  
**Please note this is not a mass.**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 week Life in the Spirit Seminar. 7.30pm - 9pm** at Glen Innes Catholic Church Hall, organised by St Heliers PG and representatives from nearby parishes

**July 25-26<sup>th</sup> Weekend Life in the Spirit Seminar** organised by Jesus the Good Shepherd PG. At St Josephs Centre and St Josephs Parish hall, Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Teaching Sessions by Ann Brereton, chairperson of Australia CCR, 7pm – 9.30pm** at St Vincents Church, Milford. All members of Renewal welcome

**August 29<sup>th</sup> Breakthrough Concert** organised by Jesus the Good Shepherd PG. Bruce Mason Theatre, Takapuna

**ACCR Pentecost Vigil Celebration/Mass**

**Date: May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7.30pm - 9.30pm**

**Venue: Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby**

**7.30pm Praise and Worship followed by testimonies, Mass and supper.**

**Please bring a plate for a shared supper. Families and friends welcome.**

**If you can please print and display the attached Poster in your churches etc.**

**30<sup>th</sup> May ACCR Healing Service with Fr John Rea. 10am – 12pm** at St Dominic's Parish Church, 34 Bolton St, Blockhouse Bay. **Please note this is not a mass.**

Father John is a NZ Marist priest. He has been involved in Catholic Charismatic Renewal since about 1973 and many people have been blessed and healed following his prayers and his ministry of healing. Father John has written 2 books about his journey in the Renewal and the Healings and Miracles God has worked through his ministry - **Witness to Wonders** and **Proclaim with Wonders**. This year he celebrates 60 years of priesthood so this will possibly be Fr John's last visit to Auckland in the Healing Ministry. Bring your family and friends to receive God's blessings.

## Life in the Spirit Seminars:

**May 5 – June 23 : Glen Innes Catholic Church Hall. Tuesdays 7.30 to 9.00pm at the Glen Innes Catholic Church hall. For further details and registration please contact Pat McNamara 5851665 or Rosie Thomas 2753181 or Mark Rivalland 5283792**

**April 8 – May 20: Wednesdays 7.30 pm at St John the Evangelist Church, Centreway Rd Orewa. Using 'This Promise Is For You' on DVD with international speakers, Michelle Moran and Charles Whitehead.**

**25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July: Jesus the Good Shepherd PG weekend LiSS at Takapuna. For more information contact Teresa and Kriez Cuevas, ph 480 7684**

### A Life in the Spirit Seminar is for those who want:

- spiritual growth
- to know Jesus as a personal friend
- to know more about the Holy Spirit
- to develop your prayer life and love/understanding of scripture
- to witness to others
- to develop your spiritual gifts
- to connect to the power of the Holy Spirit

**Intercessory Prayer:** Please pray for the following:

**The annual NZ CCR National Service Committee meeting May1 - 3 in Wellington**  
**The Life in the Spirit Seminars**  
**Service group**  
**Youth, particularly those involved in CCR**  
**Prayer group initiatives especially the Breakthrough Concert**  
**ISAO conference in Bahrain 23rd-25th September 2015**  
**CCR Leaders**

**Amy:** (update April 18<sup>th</sup> from Amy's aunty) Amy has begun receiving another chemo medication. This particular chemo treatment is the last that is available to her and apparently access to Avastin will only be allowed as long as it proves to show improvement.

**Ordination:** Deacon Carlos Guleng has sent us a general invitation to his ordination at St Patricks Cathedral on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11.30am.

**Healing Ministry:** Available after the 7.30pm Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield

### **Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women monthly meetings.**

**West Auckland Dove:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at **St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church** - 425 Great North Road, Henderson. Contact Jane 0220859314. May smeeeting: *"River of Glory" with Jane Thomsen*

**North Shore Dove:** 2nd to last Wednesdays

**7.30pm at St. Joseph's Centre**, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, Auckland.  
For more information call Nanci Heah (09) 419 0348

**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 Fr John Rae will be the speaker in May.