



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

### **A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson**

**Luke 2:12: And this will be a sign for you, you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ

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

As we come to the end of the year there is mad rush to get everything done before the big day 'Christmas'. For the world Christmas is about a day when an old man dressed in a red suit goes round the world on a single night dropping presents under the tree. This leads many into the stressful situation of buying presents and food and wine. The church on the other hand gives us Christmas as a season of 12 days from 25<sup>th</sup> December to the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. This helps us to enjoy it at a more leisurely pace and reflects the true meaning of Christmas which is God giving himself to us as a child. The gift of self is the highest form of giving because it satisfies our needs and uplifts our souls whereas presents satisfy our wants and desires both of which are constantly changing. This Christmas make a change and resolve to give the gift of my self to my spouse and family rather than buy presents. Not only will it enrich their lives, it will not be a strain on your finances and will slay the demon of consumption in your family.

The ACCR has had a wonderful year with Aneel Aranha and the starting of the first Discipleship school in Hillsborough. We hope to begin 2 more next year. Aneel Aranha is also planning to return to Auckland in 2016 so watch this space.

The service group wishes you and your families every blessing of Christmas and all the very best for the year 2016. If travelling during the holidays please drive safely and we hope to see you all for our first meeting with Bishop on February the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to keep the service group and all the outreaches of the ACCR in your prayers.

God bless,  
Anil.



#### **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.

#### **Calendar this CCR date**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm** ACCR Mass with Bishop Pat at St Bens, Newton. Begins with Praise and Worship and finishes with supper. We hope to see you all there.

## What's happening in ACCR

On November 14<sup>th</sup> ACCR Service Group met with the leaders of some of the prayer groups. After praise and worship the words shared encouraged us all to keep on serving the Lord. The overall message is

**God is calling for our holiness, our faithfulness and obedience. He says, Be holy and I will do the rest.**

Pray about these words below as you rest and recharge for 2016,

In all the ups and downs that the Renewal has faced I am looking for survivors. People who are still faithful to me. There is no restrictions on age or any limitations you may place upon yourself but I am looking for faithful people.

I am the vine, you are the branches, those who abide in me and I in them will bear much fruit for apart from me you can do nothing.

Listen to me, follow my way, and I will guide you.

Keep you eyes on me, Keep you eyes on me.

You shall not have strange Gods before me

I am the truth, the way and the life. Come to me all you who are heavily burdened, I will give you rest. I, the Lord, will never desert you

Just as Jesus fed the thousands with 5 loaves and 2 fish, he says, I am there in your shortage, and from now whoever seeks my power, for it is my work you do, I will empower you.

I gave you a Spirit not of fear, but a Spirit of boldness and love.

## ACCR Mass with Bishop Pat at St Bens, Newton. February 12<sup>th</sup> 2016, 7pm

Begins with Praise and Worship and finishes with supper. We hope to see you all there. Please bring a plate for supper.

## Whangarei Prayer groups update

A small group meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening and up to 12 meet on Tuesday mornings. As an outreach the prayer groups hold a Healing mass open to the parish on months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

## New prayer group

Welcome to Mary Pudota and her group. They meet on Mondays at Immaculate Conception parish, Ellerslie

## Update on School of Discipleship

Mike Lobo showed an introductory DVD of the year long programme of the School of Discipleship at the Orewa prayer meeting on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. A current participant from St John Vianney also gave a testimony. The meeting was attended by about 25 people and they are keen to begin a school in Orewa in 2016.

Bishop Pat has endorsed this programme. **Mike will give more information at our opening Mass with the Bishop on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## What's happening in Renewal around the world?

*'ICCRS invites especially youth and young people to join in a prayer-event*

**Who?** Young people (14-35).

**Where?** Wherever you can meet for prayer at least 2-3 of you.

**When?** Preferably 18 February 2016. If this date does not suit you, meet the weekend before or after this date.

**How?** As the Holy Spirit leads you. It can be adoration, praise, worship, silent prayer - just come together in the presence of the Lord!

*For more information click this link*

<http://www.isidor.se/Portals/10/documents/eccrnews/EUCCRIL-283-Come-to-Me-young-people-event.pdf>

**Please pray for our youth and encourage them to get together to pray on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## Holiday reading

1. **NSW CCR 12 page newsletter is attached.**

2. **EUCCRIL info sheets** <http://www.isidor.se/ccreurope/nl-nl/documents/eng.aspx>

#282 A powerful testimony from Pavol Strežo in Slovakia on reconciliation in society thru' repentance, given in the European Catholic charismatic conference in Warsaw, last October.

#285 What are charisms? An extensive teaching in ten points by Mary Healy (apart of her speech in our European conference in Warsaw, October 2015).

#284 The nowadays teaching of the Catholic Church on charismatic renewal as it was presented in Warsaw on 2 October 2015 by the official representative of the Vatican

## Please pray for the following:

Service group and all CCR Leaders

New members for Service Group

The sick, especially Zoe and other members of Renewal

Youth, particularly those involved in CCR

Conversion of ISIS leaders and members

*ICCRS requests all renewal to pray for peace in Syria and for all our Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering, those who are displaced from their homes, and those who are dying for their faith, and let us pray also for their families.*

**Melbourne CCR conference** with Jim Murphy 11-15th Jan.

**NSW Retreat**, with Fr Hugh Thomas and Jim Murphy 22nd- 24th January.

**Oceania Regional Divine Mercy Conference** at Ponsonby, 20-28 Feb

**Note:** *If you would like to pray as one of our National Intercessors contact Josie, the National CCR coordinator for intercessory prayer: [Josie\\_d\\_silva@hotmail.com](mailto:Josie_d_silva@hotmail.com)*

The following meetings will likely be on hold til February.

**School of Discipleship:**

**Fridays 7.30pm. Venue: St John Vianney, Hillsborough.**

Starting 2106: Thursday evenings at St Marks, Pakuranga.

**Please contact Mike Lobo [mlobo@titan.co.nz](mailto:mlobo@titan.co.nz) or 3900048 (free call) for info re Schools of Discipleship.**

**Healing Ministry:** Available after the 7.30pm Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, **except Dec and Jan**, at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield.

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 prayers is [0800 50 80 80](tel:0800508080).

**Dove Monthly meetings (include prayer ministry and fellowship)**

**West Auckland Dove:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at **St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church** - 425 Great North Road, Henderson. Contact Jane 0220859314.

**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

**Joshua Fellowship:** a Catholic men's fellowship. 7.30pm – 9.30pm every last Wednesday. St Josephs Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. Contact: Basil ph 4435755 or 0272612585 or [www.joshua.org.nz](http://www.joshua.org.nz)