

March 2016 - 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.

Scroll down to see coming events and other information

A Message from Anil, ACCR Chairperson

Mt 16:13 “Who do men say that the Son of Man is?”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

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

Our faith is centred on the person of Jesus Christ. Not in dogmas, doctrines, laws or rubrics but in a relationship with Jesus as a person. If we look at the vision of the ACCR we find that one part of the vision is to bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. So how do I come to know Jesus Christ better? With the help of the Holy Spirit. **Jn 16:13 “When the Spirit of truth comes he will guide you into all the truth”**. We need to be friends with the Holy Spirit. The CCR is one group that is about the Holy Spirit. I find the Catholic Church is not friends with the Spirit. There is mention of the Spirit in all liturgies but very little use of him. Jesus made many bold statements, the question for us is, are they true? How do we know? Only by the Holy Spirit. The church is stuck in the era of God the Father and God the Son, but since Pentecost we are in the era of God the Holy Spirit.

As agents for the Holy Spirit let us come to know him better. E.g. How do I get filled with the Spirit? How is the Spirit released from me? What are the gifts the Spirit has given me? Am I using them? How do I use them? One of the ways to understand the Holy Spirit better is to read the bible from Acts onwards, especially the epistles of St. Paul.

Let us also take advantage of the help God has given us by way of the HSI discipleship schools and the visit of Fr. Joseph Victor in order to better understand the Holy Spirit, without whom we will never come to know Jesus.

We will have a busy couple of months with Fr. Joseph and Aneel's visits. Continue to keep them in your prayers and invite as many people as you can to these events.

God bless,
Anil.

Calendar these CCR dates and read the newsletter for more info

April Teachings: Fr. Joseph Victor. Venue: Sacred heart Church, Ponsonby, 9am-4pm

April 16 Tongues and interpretation of tongues

April 23rd Prophecy and discernment

April 30th Healing and Miracles. For more events and information see the poster attached

May 7-8 Holy Spirit weekend for youth and young adults, organised by members of Jesus Good Shepherd prayer group. More information coming soon.

May 15th Pentecost celebration (afternoon - time and details tba later)

End of May Return Visit from Aneel Aranha. More information coming soon.

Thank you : ACCR 2016 Mass for Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Thank you to all who attended our mass with Bishop Pat. Special thanks to prayer group leaders and members who assisted with the music ministry and other ministries. Extra special thanks to Miriam and Oscar and members of the Voice of God prayer group who hosted us.

Thank you to Zoe who donated lots of books. I hope those who took them are being blessed by them.

New HSI Schools of Discipleship

New schools have begun at St Marks, Pakuranga and at St Johns, Orewa.
Here is a short report from Barbara Hines at Orewa.

St John's Prayer Group, Orewa, has begun a Discipleship School and have approximately 25 people participating. All are enjoying the DVD teachings, especially a couple of young men who are excited by the course. We have an assortment of age groups, which is good.

After feedback from our participants, we have asked Mike if we could continue with some modifications to suit the people we have coming along, so that all will benefit to the maximum. We are grateful to Mike Lobo and Ajay for their willingness to come all this way to present the course. May God bless them.

We hope and pray for good fruits for our prayer group and our parish to come from the School.

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

ICCRS initiated youth and young people's prayer-event

Thank you to Luci who organised this event at Newman Hall. About 15 young adults from different groups gathered together at Newman Hall to pray and praise God.

May 7-8 Holy Spirit weekend for youth and young adults: being organised by members of Jesus Good Shepherd prayer group. More information coming soon. Please pray for the organisers, the event and for those young people you would like to encourage to attend.

Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus Christ. See poster attached

Reynaldo and his prayer group invite you all to attend a bible study with them.

Every 3rd Saturday, 8:00PM

Starting 16 APRIL, 21 MAY, 16 JULY,

20 AUG, 15 OCT. 2016

St John's Catholic Church,

East Coast Bay Parish, Mairangi Bay

Healing Ministry (see the CRANZ form attached.)

Diana Ingles from CCR in Christchurch and others in her team from CHRISTIAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATION NEW ZEALAND will be running a basic training course in Auckland on 29th of April to the 1st of May and a North island Advanced Course the following weekend May 6th-8th (if there is enough interest) at St Joseph's Centre Takapuna. Cost will be \$50pp (no meals or accommodation), registrations by 22nd of April if possible. If you know someone who has the maturity and calling to be trained up in the inner healing ministry (even health professionals) please encourage them to come to one of our basic courses this year.

A request from Josie Olsen

The Lord is calling for his intercessors to pray for the awakening (i.e those who feel called) of the Church and for ministries to seek the Lord for how they should prepare for this awakening.

The Lord is calling for His people to Follow Him, no matter the cost.

The Lord gave Revelations 19:11- to end of chapter and Isaiah 60 as key scripture and Ezekiel 37 - The Dry Bones

I am calling for intercessors to really seek the LORD in prayer for awakening the Church.

There is a group in Auckland, Dunedin and Wellington committed to praying for the awakening for their region.

So what ever region you represent you can pray for that region i.e. for the Catholic Church.

This is urgent! The Lord wants his people to arise, repent and follow him. Only then will we Satan fall from the sky over our nation.

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*

Some Reading

The latest NSW CCR newsletter is attached. You can read a very good precis of the talks given at the CCR retreat on the theme The Meaning of Mercy. There will be another NSW CCR retreat in Jan 27-29 2017, and an Australian National Conference in Brisbane on 1-3 July 2016.

EUCCRIL # 292 attached

In this issue: *This is what the charismatic ministry is for: to open the human heart to encounter Christ as Savior. Excellent teaching of father Slawomir from Poland, October 3rd 2015 in a workshop during the European conference in Warsaw.* <http://www.isidor.se/ccreurope/nl-nl/documents/eng.aspx>

Prayer intentions

Service group and all CCR Leaders
New members for Service Group
Prayer group leaders and prayer group initiatives
Youth, particularly those involved in CCR
Fr Joseph's visit
Aneel Aranha's visit
Conversion of ISIS leaders and members
For persecuted Christians

School of Discipleship:

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

Thursdays 7.30pm. Venue: St Marks, Pakuranga.

Wednesdays 7.30pm. Venue: St Johns, Orewa.

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

Healing Ministry: Available after the 7.30pm Mass every 3rd Thursday 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: 1st Tuesdays at **St Michael and all Angels Anglican Church** - 425 Great North Road, Henderson. Contact Jane 0211178977 or Teresa 838 9969

North Shore Dove: 2nd to last Wednesdays 7.30pm. **Note New Venue: St. Thomas More Church, 366 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629.** Next meeting **17 Feb 2016 Holy Mass** in **St. Thomas More Church**. All warmly invited. 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, Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. Contact: Basil ph 4435755 or 0272612585 or www.joshua.org.nz