

Official Newsletter of the
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Charismatic Renewal
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A Sign of The Times

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Monthly Message From Anil Baptist Auckland CCR Chairperson

**If Christ has not been raised your faith gives
you nothing and you are still in sin.
1Cor 15:17 (CCB)**



After 40 days of preparation for Easter, the church gives us 50 days of celebration of the greatest event of a Christian: The Resurrection of Jesus.

In fact as St. Paul teaches us, our entire existence as Christians hinges upon the fact that Jesus rose from the dead. The resurrection, unlike Jesus' life and crucifixion, cannot be proved by historians and scripture scholars. It cannot be proved even by the witness of the early disciples. Their testimony was proof to the people of their time. And during most of the Easter season the Gospel readings on Sundays focus on the disciples encountering Jesus at various places. Thomas in the community, Cleophas and another on the road to Emmaus, Peter on the shores of the lake of Tiberias. This encounter and recognition of the risen Lord gave the disciples the confidence to be his witnesses after Pentecost.

A well known preacher said that most of the Christians do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

While they know in their mind that he is risen they do not believe in their hearts.

Like the early disciples the only way to prove that Jesus has truly risen from the dead is through encounter. For many this encounter is through a Life in the Spirit Seminar, some other through retreat and for some just in the part of normal life. If we are going to evangelise we need to encounter Jesus. All prayer group leaders and intercessory teams should be praying for members of their prayer group and parish to have an encounter with Jesus. Once they have encountered the risen Lord they need to be helped along their journey to a deeper and meaningful relationship with him, so the work of God may be manifest through them.

Once again on behalf of the Service Group I want to thank you for your continued support through prayer, donations and service. May God bless you abundantly for this.

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 9 May - 7.30pm

St Joseph's Centre
1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna



A love offering will be taken up.

Praise & Worship, Teaching, Sharing
Prayer Ministry

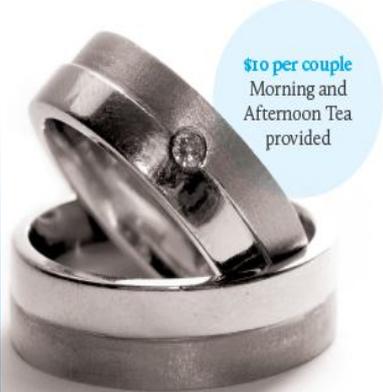


There will be fellowship and a cuppa afterwards.



BILL AND JENNY MCELHINNEY

VENUE: KELSTON GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, NEW LYNN



\$10 per couple
Morning and Afternoon Tea provided



Bill and Jenny McElhinney are a Catholic couple based in St Mary's Parish, Blenheim, where they have lived since they were married 43 years ago.

Bill has recently retired from his position of News Editor with the Fairfax owned Marlborough Express newspaper and Jenny is a part-time early childhood teacher.

They have raised a family of four children and experienced the trials and joys of

family life. They care for their eldest son, Sean, who has schizophrenia, and they nursed Jenny's grandmother, who had dementia, for 12 years.

They first became involved with marriage courses in the late 1970s and early 1980s when they were part of the team running marriage preparation courses in their Parish.

In more recent times they have given marriage enrichment courses mainly in Christchurch and 18 months ago were invited to run a marriage weekend for a group in Melbourne.

Bill and Jenny have found teachings of the Church, Scripture and the international Sword of the Spirit Christian Community have greatly enriched their own marriage and are privileged to be able to share these, and their own life experiences, with other couples seeking to deepen their relationships and strengthen their family life.

Bill & Jenny will be presenting the Marriage Enrichment seminar.

THE FOUR TALKS

1. Communication in Marriage
2. Living Together as Husband and Wife
3. Order in Family Life
4. Sex in Marriage.

There is hand-out material for the participants for each of the talks, and there is also a joint discussion paper for the participants to go through at the end of each presentation.

SATURDAY PROGRAMME

Short prayer and praise.
Introduction: Bill and Jenny - our story. *About 30mins.*
We allow *90 mins for each session*, which includes the time for those attending to have their discussion, ask questions and do their joint papers.
Session 1: 8:45 - 9:30
Session 2: 9:30 - 11am
Session 3: 11:30 - 1pm
Lunch - 1:00pm - 2pm (Please bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided)
Session 4: 2pm - 3:30.
Session 5: 4 - 5:30.

For further info and to Register :

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Jesus my Light Prayer Group

Jesus my Light Charismatic prayer group was started in 2001 at St. Dominic's Church Blockhouse Bay, Auckland.

The vision of the prayer group is to Make disciples of all nations - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28: 19). Accordingly the prayer group has been following its mission to evangelise and enrich spirituality in the lives of all those who attend the meetings as well as reach out to the parish community and the diocese. The prayer group has been active in arranging out reaches by overseas ministers like Lt. Rev. Fr. Rufus Pereira, Trevor Luis and the initial lay ministers of the Divine Retreat Centre, Potta, India.

The prayer group has been conducting weekly meetings over the years in St

Dominic's parish on Fridays at 7.00 pm. They have been working very closely with the Auckland Catholic Charismatic Renewal as well as the National Service Group of the CCR. To this day some prayer group members are in the Service Group of both the ACCR and the NSG. We have participated in LSS and other outreaches in the diocese.

The group has grown in spirituality to a level where almost every prayer group member is able to lead the Praise and Worship inspired by the Holy Spirit fruitfully and effectively. Many of our members are actively participating in the various Church Committees and are well accepted and respected by the parish community and the Parish Priest.

Our weekly program comprises of Praise &

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women West Auckland:

Jesus is Anointed
with Judy Olsen

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

Tuesday 6th May 7:30pm

Prayer Ministry and Fellowship to follow meeting

For more information please call:

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Prayers for Healing Meeting

Father John Rea sm



Sunday 18th May
4pm

Kelston Girl's High School Hall

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Worship Teachings. We also conduct a monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction for the Parish. Over the past three years we have ventured out with the ministry of Inner healing (IH). We have conducted seminars in the Parish twice a year. The IH ministry of the prayer group is now ready to conduct such seminars in other prayer groups when invited. This ministry also continue to minister to the needy for prayer and seeking God's healing on a one to one basis as called for.