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A Sign of The Times

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Monthly Message From Anil Baptist Auckland CCR Chairperson

**“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you
Acts 1:8 (CCB)**



One of the great feasts of the church which is often overlooked is the feast of Pentecost. Many of the parish celebrations take a cultural tone. People dress up in their national costumes to show the diversity of the church. What is often overlooked is the Holy Spirit in all of this. The Holy Spirit is the power of God - the power of the Almighty being given to all the believers.

Before Pentecost Peter denied Jesus, but after Pentecost preached and 300 people converted to Jesus in a single day. What power!!! One of the result of God's power in us, is that it scares people in authority. The chief priests and Pharisees were scared when Jesus was able to heal the blind and deaf and cast out demons and forgive sins. Hence they decided to put him to death.

Unfortunately today most Christians are not operating in the power of the Spirit. We are interested in being nice to everyone - very polite and courteous. Whilst this is good and desired, sometimes one has to stand up and be counted. This may make me unpopular with authorities and even fellow believers; it shows that I am operating in the power of the spirit. If I want to be loved by everybody, I become a crowd pleaser and a celebrity.

Recently we had the royal couple visit our shores. How times have changed. In the years gone by, the Kings and Queens wielded a lot of power. They conquered lands, set rules to

govern and were feared and revered by all.

Nowadays the royals have no power, so they have to reinvent themselves as celebrities in order to stay relevant. The power given to us, is to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus and the work of God in our lives, so that others may come to believe. Let this Pentecost be for us a new beginning and a total commitment to yield to the Spirit to be true witnesses to the Risen Lord.

This year we are having our Pentecost celebration at St. Joseph's Centre on Sunday June the 8th. Please attend with your prayer groups and join with the ACCR Service team in celebrating this great event.

During Lent we held a retreat with Fr. Selvan at St. Joseph's Centre. The feedback we got, was that it did not feel like a retreat. A retreat is a time of quiet where God touches us and heals us. Running retreats is not the charism of the CCR, so I strongly urge you to attend the retreats being held by St. Francis Friary in Hillsborough. They are holding a men's and women's retreat in June and August So if you are looking for a quiet time to experience God's hand in your busy life I suggest you check it out on their website.

On behalf of the service group I wish all of you a Blessed Pentecost.

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 13th June - 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.

Auckland Charismatic Renewal Invites You
To join us as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost

After saying this he breathed on them and
said, "Receive the Holy Spirit..." John 20:22

When: Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 4-6pm

Where: St Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna

With guest speaker Fr Rory Morrissey

Bring a plate to share
Note: this is not a mass

**Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group
Invites you to join us for a**



"Life in the Spirit Seminar"

For Adults, youth and children

When: 5th & 6th July 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days

Where: St. Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas
Drive, Takapuna

Cost: \$10 includes teas and lunch

To Register: jesusthegoodshepherd@gmail.com

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The Hibiscus Coast prayer groups

Warmly invites all prayer groups and friends to our
monthly meeting

Wed 4th June 7.30pm

in St John's Hall, 180 Centreway Rd, Orewa.

Our speaker is Christine Bell, whom some of you will have heard speak recently at the Eucharistic Convention. Christine will outline the work she is spearheading towards the establishment of a house / farm for young men in need of rehabilitation from difficulties involving drug abuse, mental illnesses and criminal activities. Named St Philomena House, this work is inspired by, and will be affiliated to the Catholic community of Nuovo Horizonte (New Horizons) which has several houses in Italy, and another in Medjugorje.

There is currently a desperate need for such a place in NZ and you will be amazed at just how swiftly the Lord is working to bring this about.

A love offering will be taken up to assist Christine with this important work. We look forward to your presence with us..

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Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women West Auckland:

Jesus is Life Giving Water

with Bev McDonald

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

Tuesday 3rd June at 7:30pm

Prayer Ministry and Fellowship to follow meeting

For more information please call:

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Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group meets every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Milford, North Shore. Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group was formed in December 2012 and had its first meeting on 5th December 2012.

Each prayer meeting begins with a time of vibrant 'Praise and Worship'. This is followed by a time of listening to God speaking and sharing words of prophecy, wisdom and knowledge. There is always a teaching which is often followed by group sharing and praying over people for their needs.

The Holy Spirit is constantly doing new and wonderful things in the group and keeps us amazed by the constant answers to our prayers; with healings, visa approvals, job offers, promotions, driving licenses and simply giving us the peace and joy that comes only from Jesus.

The group has a core team with several different ministries to take care of the needs of its members. Some of the ministries are: Praise & worship, Intercession, teaching, caring, healing, shepherding, etc. Depending on the needs of the group the core team meets at least monthly and the different ministries meet as required. The Intercessory group meets to pray and intercede every Monday.

The group is always excited about assisting the ACCR with their activities. Last year, the prayer group organised several activities for its members, including a retreat day, a Christmas outreach at a rest home and an LISS which was open to all and well attended by about 75 adults and 18 child participants.

The group is very excited about 2014 with the upcoming LISS (on 5th & 6th July - advert above) and a few other outreach programmes planned (watch this space!).

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