

Official Newsletter of the  
Auckland Service Group  
for the Catholic  
Charismatic Renewal  
In the Auckland Diocese

# A Sign of The Times

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### Monthly Message from Anil Baptist, Auckland CCR Chairperson

Look I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth.  
Do you not see?

*Is 43:19 (CCB)*



From the 1<sup>st</sup> of July the St. Joseph's Centre has been taken over by the Diocese. The ACCR is no longer running the building. For many people who have been involved with the St. Joseph's Centre for a number of years this may be time of sadness. But while we grieve for a while at the death of a loved one, we look forward to them having a new life and we rejoice and are glad. So it should be with the Centre. While we are saddened by the loss, we also look forward with wonder and awe at what the Lord is doing next in the ACCR.

On behalf of the present Service Group and Service Groups in the past, I would like to thank all those who have put a lot of effort into running the Centre and also those who have used the Centre through all these years. St Joseph's Centre has been a source of great blessings and also great heartache. So once again Thank you!!! We could have not done it without your prayers, sacrifice and financial contributions.

We are still in negotiations with the diocese as to our future presence in the Centre, so we will let you know once matters are finalised. Please continue to keep this in your prayers.

**If your group is using any storage space at the centre please contact Vanessa as soon as possible and she will get in touch with the Diocese. You need to work with the Diocese to ensure that you can continue to use that space. If you do not contact them within a stipulated time, they will empty all the cupboards and bin all the contents. So please take up this matter urgently.**

Please also continue to support the ACCR financially, as we need your continued support. We would also like to ask for new persons to donate on a monthly basis, to replace those who have moved on.

Last month I was privileged to be involved with two outreaches: a Life In the Spirit Seminar and an Inner Healing Seminar. I was amazed at what I saw. I saw the Holy Spirit doing wonderful work of leading people to a deeper relationship with Jesus. **One person went to Reconciliation and Mass after 38 years. Reminded me of the man at the pool in Bethesda who encountered Jesus after 38 years. Praise God!!!**

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 8<sup>th</sup> August - 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.

## This month we hear more about our two Charismatic Prayer Groups in Whangarei

### Prayer and Praise Group

Though smaller now, the group still meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Evenings of the month, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of St Francis Xavier Church.

We have about 8 members who come when they are able to, but no matter how few we are, we continue to Praise and Worship the Lord together.

We pray for our Priests and Parish community, asking Jesus to heal, strengthen and help everyone in need. We feel that our Worship ripples out into our community.

We host a Healing Mass every 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday and there are always people who come to worship with us and seek prayer for healing afterwards.

Our three priests are rostered to celebrate Mass for us, for which we are very blessed and grateful. They break open the scriptures of the day for us and give great teachings. They often encourage us to share on the scripture as well. We find that these Masses are always very anointed by the Holy Spirit and the music is always powerful.

Together with the Kamo Group, we have for many years now, hosted an Inter-denominational evening of Prayers for Healing, with Fr John Rea SM. This is a very successful time of Praise, Preaching, Prayer Ministry and Healing.

The whole gathering of Catholics and people from other denominations are truly blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit. As Fr John preaches the Word, he brings Words of Knowledge and prays with each person individually. Most people then go to a Prayer Team, for further healing prayer.

Most of our members continue to be involved in many of our parish ministries and support our Parish Community where we can. As many of our group is away on holiday or helping out with family this

### Kamo Prayer Group

The Kamo Prayer group gather in our home every Tuesday from 10.00am to 12.00 noon, except for school holidays. We are a group of grandmothers who sometimes have grandchildren staying for the school holidays. We have 12 members at present, but others are always welcome. We enjoy some fellowship and sharing about what has happened during the week, before we begin to pray for the needs of family, friends, community and especially our St Francis Xavier Parish's priests and parishioners, the sick, bereaved and also those in the rest homes.

We have a time of deep Praise and Worship and after a time of listening to the Lord, we encourage each other to share what the Holy Spirit is speaking to our hearts. When we have shared a word or thought, we are encouraged by the Lord's words to us, which has a real theme.

We are all involved in Parish ministries such as Reading, Prayer Ministry, Music, Holy Communion and taking Communion to the sick and helping people in need.

We also work together with the Prayer and Praise group in organising Fr John Rea's Prayers for Healing, by visiting and inviting other churches in Whangarei to join us. We always have a great response.

One of the blessings, is seeing many denominations coming to gather in our church and people sitting quietly in the presence and anointing of the Holy Spirit, even as we tidy up the church.

We also took Fr John to Kerikeri and helped with the organising for a blessed evening of music, praise and worship and prayers for healing.

*Maxine Russek*

winter, we have decided to take a recess from 19<sup>th</sup> June until 1st September, but will host the Healing Mass on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Rodney Palmer continues to be the Prayer and Praise Leader.