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Monthly Message From Anil Baptist Auckland CCR Chairperson

... The upright on the other hand will
live by faith alone.
Habakkuk 2:4 (CCB)



The prophet Habakkuk asks God as to why he tolerates so much evil? Why is he silent when the evil one swallows a righteous man? I am sure many of us have the same question today as well. Why is God silent when thousand of his followers are being mercilessly killed by his enemies? Why does God allow this? These answers we will never know. But we are called to walk by faith focussing on our own salvation and that of our family. We are called to pray for those who persecute us, bless those who curse us and do good to those who hate us. Let us do so by joining together in a Night of Prayer on the 26th of September. The details of which are in this newsletter.

As we are still in a process of discernment we see many people who have served the Renewal for many years moving on. This month will be the last edition of the Tongues of Fire in its present format. We must give thanks to Margaret Paton and her team for the wonderful work they have done in keeping the magazine alive in spite of many obstacles. May God bless them and their families abundantly.

Now that we have finished with running the St. Joseph's Centre, we have begun visiting the prayer groups. We hope to visit all the prayer groups in the next couple of months. Please continue to keep the Service Group members in your prayers, as we make some very important decisions going forward.

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 12th September - 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.

LIFE & PEACE



**“ARISE SHINE OUT FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS
COME & THE GLORY OF THE LORD RISES ON
YOU” ISAIAH 60 : 1**

**IN ASSOCIATION
WITH AUCKLAND
CATHOLIC
CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL—JESUS
YOUTH AND HOPE
INTERCESSORS
—COME AND PRAY
WITH US FOR A
WHILE—BE A
WATCHPERSON IN
THE NIGHT — We will
be praying for Peace
in the World and For
The Gift Of Life**

Date : Friday 26th Sept 2014

Time : 10pm—5am

**WHERE: ST JOHN VIANNEY PARISH,
317 Hillsborough Rd.**

Starts with Mass and Ends with MASS

Contact: Ajit Pinto -09 627-1455 or

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**I Will Never Forget You My People, I
Have Carved You On The Palm Of My
Hands. Isaiah 49:15**



Pope Francis reflected on how in that exchange with Peter in the Bible, Christ bestows a new name on him since he was formerly called Simon. The pontiff invited those present to pause and consider how the name Peter meant “rock” in Jesus’ language of Aramaic.

He clarified that this term “rock” referred to God, and that Christ gives this name to Peter “not for his own personal qualities or his human merits, but on account of his genuine and firm faith, which comes from on high.”

“Jesus feels a great joy in his heart, because he recognizes in Simon the hand of the father, the action of the Holy Spirit. He recognizes that God the father has given Simon a ‘dependable’ faith, upon which he, Jesus, can build his Church, that is, his community, that is, all of us. All of us.”

Pope Francis noted that Jesus’ Church is fundamentally based on our relationship with him, which should be one of love and trust. “Our relationship with Jesus builds the Church. And so to begin His Church Jesus needs to find

in His disciples a solid faith, ‘dependable’ faith. This is what He must confirm at this point in the journey, and this is why he asks the question.”

The Pope added that God “has in mind the image of building, the image of the community as an edifice.”

“And so, when he hears Simon’s frank profession of faith, he calls him ‘rock,’ and makes clear his intention of building his Church on this faith.”

“Even in our days, many people think that Jesus is a great prophet, a teacher of wisdom, a model of justice,” the Pope added. “And even today, Jesus asks His disciples – that is, us, all of us – ‘But you, who do you say that I am?’ A prophet? A teacher of wisdom? A model of justice? How will we answer?” “Let us think about it. But above all let us pray to God the Father, that He will give us the answer,” and let us ask “through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.”

Pope Francis then lead the crowds present to repeat three times together with him: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

Pope Francis challenges with question: How is your faith?

During his Angelus address Sunday Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel account of Saint Peter’s recognition of Jesus as the Lord, urging those present to honestly evaluate their own faith.

“Brothers and sisters, what happened in a unique way in Saint Peter, also takes place in every Christian who develops a sincere faith in Jesus the Christ,” he told crowds gathered in St. Peter’s Square on Aug. 24.

“Today’s Gospel challenges each of us: How is your faith? Let each of us answer in our heart. How is your faith? How is it? What does the Lord find in our hearts: a firm heart, like a rock? Or a heart like sand, that is, doubtful, mistrustful, unbelieving?”

The Pope drew his remarks from Matthew 16:13-20, where St. Peter professes his faith by acknowledging Christ as the “Son of the Living God.” Jesus responds by calling the apostle blessed, and telling him “that upon this rock, I will build my Church.”

“If the Lord finds in our hearts a faith – I won’t say perfect, but sincere, genuine, then he will see in us, too, the living rocks on which he builds his community,” Pope Francis said. “For this community, the foundation stone is Christ, the unique cornerstone.”

“For his part, Peter is the rock, as the visible foundation of the unity of the Church; but every baptized person is called to offer to Jesus his or her own faith, poor but sincere, so that He can continue to build His Church, today, in every part of the world.”