

February 2021- Auckland Charismatic Prayer Group Network newsletter

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Our 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.

Message from Deidre, chairperson of Auckland Charismatic Prayer Group Network.

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offering. Hosea 6:6

Dear all,

We hope you have all had a good start to 2021. Sadly Covid 19 caused us to postpone the Formation Day planned for Feb 20th. We will try to reschedule after Easter. However we are fortunate that we have many opportunities to get together or learn through the internet. See some suggested resources below.

Recently I listened to a short video by Fr. Mike Schmitz on what to give up for lent. He said, 'Don't pick something that's arbitrary. Pick something that is necessary. eg don't give up hot showers if you know cold showers actually won't help you grow in holiness. He finished with a challenge. **What do I really need to do or give up for forty days? If I take an honest look inside myself, it may be something difficult, but I will know.'**

Fr John Rea 's visit is planned for March 19-24. Please pray for him and all those he will bless. Spread the word and invite people who need any form of healing.

13 people from Auckland are taking part in the Charis leadership training program, the majority from Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group

We congratulate and pray for God's blessing on Barbara and Brian Hines who recently celebrated 60 years of marriage

Please pray for Fr Rory who has had surgery on his foot, and for Pravina who has ongoing health issues. Also please pray for service group members and prayer group leaders and their initiatives.

God bless and protect you all,
Deidre

Calendar these CCR dates (for more information see below or in later newsletters)

March 20 st	Fr John Rea healing outreach 9.30-12ish followed by a teaching and commissioning session 1.30-3.30pm. Be empowered in your gifts. Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby.
March 19 -24	Healing services with Fr John Rea at various locations. Poster coming.

Feb 27-28	DRC Lenten Retreat
May 22 th :	Saturday. Pentecost Vigil gathering for all

Coming Up:

DRC Lenten retreat Feb 27-28, 2-5pm followed by mass.: Everyone welcome. **See the Flyer attached.**

Visit from Fr John Rea March 19th- 24th: (subject to Covid level 1: flyer coming)

Healing outreach with Fr John Friday 19th – Wednesday 24th March. (subject to Covid level 1) Flyer coming

Please contact Deidre if you will be available to help with prayer ministry at Ponsonby or any of the outreach venues below. Email aucklandccr@gmail.com

Please come along and invite/bring family, friends, neighbours, workmates etc

Orewa Friday 19th, 1pm

Ponsonby Saturday 20th 9.30-12.30 healing outreach, 1.30-2.30 teaching and commissioning in the gifts. All welcome. BYO lunch.

Pakuranga Monday 22nd , 7pm

Henderson Tuesday 23rd, 7pm

Tuakau Wednesday 24th, 6.30pm

Saturday March 20th: Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby.

9.30am – 12ish: Healing Service: Praise and Worship, breaking of the Word and prayer ministry.

1.30pm-3.30pm Empowerment in the gifts and Commissioning: Everyone invited. Praise and worship, Teaching, Question time, and Commissioning Prayer.

Father John Rea will share about his journey, how he has stepped out in faith, using the gifts to pray for healing and miracles. Then he will pray for us to increase our gifts and commission us to go out and share them. **All welcome. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.**

News from the prayer groups.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: planning is underway for seminars at Mairangi Bay-Monday evenings from May 3rd, Orewa-The Gift, Wednesdays after Easter, Takapuna - late July.

Change of leaders:

We thank Antonio for his 3 years leading Jesus the Good Shepherd PG and ask for prayers for Engelbert who has taken on the leadership.

We also thank Mary Waldron for her many years of leadership in St Marks PG, and thank Mike Lobo and others who have led with her. We ask for prayers for Gene Lopez and Joanne Van Heerden who have taken on the leadership.

Worth watching: How to experience and share Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Workshop on Youtube. <https://fb.watch/3H7HAFv3eE/> Facilitator: Michelle Moran, Speakers: Jim Murphy / Fr. Anthony Ouellette / Alicia Hartle

Other Lenten opportunities

Lenten program prepared by Caritas: you can use as a group or individually to reflect on the Sunday readings

https://caritas.org.nz/system/files/resources/2021%20LRP%20English_web.pdf

Read the bible in a year: Start anytime.

In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing 20-25 mins of reading, reflection, and prayer each episode.

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

Listen to the talks on the Charisms of the Holy Spirit from the NSW CCR Conference in January, 2021. They are available on You tube. Listen in your groups or individually.

Day 1: <https://youtu.be/loka3ziNnms>

Day 2: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=WyMblXZPtg&feature=share>

Other opportunities.

6th March Melbourne CCR celebrate 50 years. Live online via Zoom, starts Saturday at 9.30am. (11.30am NZ time.)

Guest speakers include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Michelle Moran, Dr Mary Healy, Fr Ken Barker and many others.

<https://www.ccr.org.au/jesusalive> Registration essential.

Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism talk: Ecumenism: One possible answer for a contemporary NZ, available on youtube <https://youtu.be/dpQ2NEa56cw>

Discipleship course organised and led by Arthy Devadoss. Part 2. See the poster attached.

A request for help

The National Executive of Charis NZ is wanting to develop a website which will provide a central "clearing house" for communication between all ministries wishing to fall under the umbrella of Charis in New Zealand.

If you have expertise in web development, and could assist please contact the Chairperson, Helen Smithson, 0272941270, smithsonhelen@gmail.com

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? In the words of Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

ACCR Prayer intentions

Service group
Charis NZ executive team
New members for Service Group
Unity in the Spirit for all the Renewal groups in Auckland
Prayer group leaders and prayer group initiatives
For all members of the renewal who are sick
Youth initiatives
All those affected by Covid 19
Persecuted Christians
The Replenish Healing Centre. <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/replenish-respite-and-healing-trust>

Regular events

Prayer groups: See [website for meeting places and times.](http://www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz)
<http://www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz>

Healing Ministry:

After the 7.30pm Mass every 3rd Thursday (except December and January) at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield. Enquiries Contact Ramiz 027 201 0302.

Note: Lilian Iskander and her Good Shepherd Group volunteer for **NZ prayerline** every Monday 7:30pm-9:00pm. Call 0800 508 080.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for women: Monthly meetings (include prayer ministry and fellowship)

West Auckland Dove: In formation. Contact Brenda Hill 028 407 3273

North Shore Dove: 3rd Wednesdays, 7.30pm. **Venue: St. Thomas More Church, 366 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629.** All warmly invited.
For more information contact Sylvia Hartley 09 443 7477
email: aldonsylvia@gmail.com

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 at St Joseph's Centre, Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. **Contact: Russell at 022 034 5678** or www.joshua.org.nz