

June/July 2021 Auckland Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Network (ACCPGN) 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, to 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 Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Network.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Dear all,

Thank you to all who supported our May 8th Formation Day and May 23rd Pentecost Celebration.

Thanks to Mike Lobo who put an amazing effort into organising our first Currents of Grace Auckland gathering at Pentecost. St Luke's Church was full of people from various charismatic groups including LOG, DRC, CFC, Light of Jesus & Families for Mission NZ, Indonesian Community, KPF, El Shaddai, Dove, Joshua and the different charismatic prayer groups listed on our website.

A message from Mike: What a fantastic turn out. The Lord was present in such a strong and positive manner. Here is a word received that evening. Another 3 words are on the video.

" I had a vision of a bonfire blazing in the dark night. People were drawn to the bonfire for warmth. Then I heard the Lord saying, "you will draw others to Me as the bonfire draws others to it. Just as you need to keep the bonfire burning strong and bright by feeding it with logs, you too need to keep My Spirit in the church strong and bright by coming together as one"

You can see photos of the session by Cheryl Surrey here

<http://allthedaisies.queensberryworkspace.com/pentecostmass>

In his homily at the Pentecost gathering Bishop Michael challenged each of us. He asked "What's the mission, what's the vision, that the Lord has put on your heart at this moment, that you are too afraid to do? Bishop Michael said, while praying in preparation for this mass, the Lord told him he has new things he wants to do, but he needs people who are courageous enough to say "Yes lord, choose me, I will go"

You can hear Bishop Michael Gielen's homily from about 1:20:00 to 1:38:00 on this link <https://fb.watch/5FTRR6q2NM/> which shows the whole Pentecost session.

Has the Lord been prompting you to take action on something? One member of Jesus My Light prayer group, Betsy Rego, acted on a dream and started a group bible study on The Book of Acts. Read more about this in the newsletter.

Don't forget to register and pray for the Charis NZ Conference on 1st - 3rd October at St Patricks, Silverstream, near Wellington. See the flyers and newsletter for more information.

Please continue to pray for service group members and prayer group leaders, for all initiatives, and for those who are sick, especially Pravina.

May God bless and protect you all.

Deidre

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

August 7th	Dove Northshore Refreshment Day for women. Flyer has been sent out. Google form link for registration https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNFyGC6kVB4WqGP2jXhlcWqWzZjNwEve5Bli98QMYxlx9Yjw/viewform?usp=sf_link
August 15th	Prayer group leaders, prospective leaders, gathering with service group. Sacred Heart hall, 3-5pm.
Oct 1-3	CharisNZ Conference for all Currents of Grace, Silverstream. See Flyer https://current-of-grace-conference-2021.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new
Other events	
August 28th	Reconnect: Womans Day of Refreshment organised annually by a group of Christian women. Flyer has been sent out.
3-5 Sept	Get Set 2021, Lamb of God Camp for Tertiary students and Young Adults
Oct 16	Auckland Diocese Festival at St Lukes, Flatbush. 9am-5pm and youth festival 7-10pm https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/festival/
Oct 22-25	Exult 2021 -Jesus Youth Camp for Young Adults, Hamilton
Oct 30	Catholic Mens Retreat, Glenfield, see Joshua newsletter, p.10

CharisNZ Conference 2021: Together Serving God's Kingdom

Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in NZ (Charis NZ)

Date: 1-3 October

Venue: St Patrick's College Silverstream

Speakers: Cardinal John Dew, Fr John Rea and Dr Mary Healy*. Note *Dr Mary Healy is Via Video.

Register now:

<https://current-of-grace-conference-2021.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new>

Conference Fee: Early bird \$100 until 1st September 2021 then \$120 (Fee includes Lunch & Dinner on Saturday. registration closes on Friday, 17 September 20

Limited dormitory style accommodation available at College for Friday & Saturday nights - \$100* (*Dormitory style, Breakfasts on Saturday & Sunday included and Linen provided)

See the attached flyer. More info: charisnewzealand@gmail.com +64 21 131 1916

RIP

For those who knew her, Freda Kirk died on June 5th. May she rest in peace.

Freda was very involved in CCR in the early days as a leader in Manurewa prayer group.

News from the prayer groups.

Orewa, Mairangi Bay and Remuera parish have completed their LISS seminars using the Gift.

This is a 6 week series available on DVD. It can be used in a prayer group or parish setting. If you would like help organising a LISS seminar in your group contact the service group at aucklandccr@gmail.com

Has the Lord been prompting you to take action on something?

One member of Jesus My Light prayer group, Betsy Rego, recently acted on a dream and started a bible study on The Book of Acts.

Here is a brief report of what happened.

I had a dream. In my dream, a man who looked like the Actor Denzil Washington says to me "Come on I am employing you." At first I wondered what job is he employing me for and yet I was pleased and drawn towards him as I felt that he had a very special warmth and kindness about him. As I joined his team, he began to show us a book wherein we were learning to analyse how to sell. The product to sell was not yet revealed. Another set of books was given out which was an advanced version. The Denzil look-alike was analyzing it with us although he seemed to know much more.

I woke up with that awesome awe around me but I kept wondering what that dream meant. While in bed I pondered and asked the Holy Spirit to reveal it to me. Do I have to learn to analyze the word of God like in the dream? And spread the name of Jesus? Does this mean that I must learn the Word of God? Where and how do I start? As the week progressed I pondered on this and was convinced that I must learn the Word of God and share it with others. I shared the dream with a friend in NZ and then with a sister of mine from Chile. I told her I am going to learn the Acts of the Apostles because I would like to see the movement of the Holy Spirit as he did with the Apostles and disciples from the moment of the great event "Pentecost".

Both said they would like to join me. Remembering the dream had a team who analyzed together I also announced it the same week at my Friday prayer meeting. 3 of the prayer group members wanted to join us. We met up the very next day and started our first online Bible Study calling it "LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT "on the Book of Acts.

We meet online now every Saturday 2.30pm to 4pm learning and teaching as we share a chapter a week. There is so much joy as we meet and share. We have realized that each of us are students and each of us are teachers as we share cause it's the Holy Spirit that brings to us amazing history and insights of the early church. Currently it's 3 countries meeting online. India, Chile and New Zealand. We can see that it's the ends of the earth with Chile one end, New Zealand the other end and India in the centre. By studying the Book of Acts, we have begun to experience wonderful ways of the Holy Spirit leading our personal and spiritual lives. Everyone of us have shared the joy and confidence we have been experiencing.

This I believe is the work of the Holy Spirit that began with a simple dream on a Saturday morning and without losing much time by the following Saturday the dream unfolds to a Bible Study. Alleluia! All glory, honor and thanksgiving be given to the Lord Jesus Christ for his wisdom, ability and power over us all.

Betsy betsjes@gmail.com

Reading material

The Charis magazine is now online, <https://www.charis.international>

Click on each picture and you get more information.

For info about the Dabar project-reading the bible in a year see

https://www.charis.international/en/dabar_project/

ACCR Prayer intentions

Service group, their families and initiatives

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

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>

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 praise and worship, speakers, prayer ministry and fellowship.

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

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

South Auckland Dove: in formation. Contact Grace Rowland 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