

March 2022 Auckland Catholic 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, 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.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20

Reminder: We look forward to seeing you on zoom this Saturday, 9.30am, for praise and worship and a teaching by Fr Rory on 'Hearing God's Voice.'

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81681590834?pwd=cXRzUVpXaU5rSjdGdHRVb0J3V1o4QT09>

Meeting ID: 816 8159 0834 Passcode: 1234 **Flyer attached**

Last week I listened to a webinar where Fr James Mallon, Bishop Barron and Nicky Gumbal discussed **What is God saying to the church today?** You can hear the full presentation here https://youtu.be/J7ddd_o7ZDM

Fr James said God is giving us the same commission as always. Go and make disciples. Nicky said the most loving thing we can do is introduce people to Jesus and his love. He reminded us that we get power from the Holy Spirit so that we can be witnesses.

People have drifted away from the churches. We need to be ready to answer their questions. We need to invite them back. Our churches need to be welcoming communities that people want to come to. Fr James introduced Alpha to his parish and saw positive results.

What can you do? Encourage your parish priest to have an Alpha course, offer to help run it. See more about Alpha below. Follow up with a Life in the Spirit Seminar. The service group can help you organise this.

On a sadder note, Mike Lobo has stood down from the Service Group. We thank Mike for his many years of service to ACCR and ACCPGN over 2 periods of time, 1996-2000 and 2009-2022. Mike has many gifts and he will still be around to share these with us. He is continuing as Coordinator of Auckland Currents of Grace. When we can meet in person again we will thank Mike for his service.

It is time for new people to step up and take a turn on service group. It is not an onerous job, we meet to pray, discern and plan activities that support prayer groups, or bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus, and a greater understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit available to them. If interested please contact me, 021 022 51103

Please pray for each other. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us, Melt us, mould us, renew us, this Lenten season.

May God bless and protect you all.

Deidre

Calendar these CCR dates

March 12	9.30am Zoom gathering for all. Praise and worship, Teaching by Fr Rory on 'Listening to Gods Voice', Fellowship. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81681590834?pwd=cXRzUVpXaU5rSjdGdHRVb0J3V1o4QT09 Meeting ID: 816 8159 0834 Passcode: 1234
April 3	Zoom workshop, 'Teach the teacher', on teaching God's Word. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84060927607?pwd=SXBORUE0aWlzQm45WVpVb1IOcEFjQT09 ID: 840 6092 7607 Passcode: 1234
June 5	Pentecost celebration. More info later.

Alpha

Alpha is a video series that churches use to create a culture where people are invited into a conversation about life, faith and Jesus. There are different versions available, including a series for youth. Each session involves food, a video and time for discussion. The series can be run online. Suitable for parishioners, non Christians or those no longer coming to church. For information about running Alpha in your parish, contact Deacon Steve Fraser; stephenf@kidzcan.co.nz or Niki MacGibbon, Niki@alpha.org.nz

The next Alpha course at Takapuna begins on Tuesday 22nd March, 7pm in St Josephs Church Hall. No Charge. All welcome. To REGISTER contact Steve; stephenf@kidzcan.co.nz – Ph 021 439 407 OR Engelbert; email: engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com – Ph 021 0234 6853
Covid restrictions apply, including vaccination certificates.

Zoom Workshop on giving teachings at prayer group.

Jesus the Good Shepherd prayer group is organising a zoom workshop, 'Teach the teacher', on teaching God's Word. The Workshop outcome is to learn how to prepare and deliver the Word at prayer meetings. **The workshop will be held on Sunday, 3rd April from 4pm to 6pm.**

Zoom

link: Click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84060927607?pwd=SXBORUE0aWlzQm45WVpVb1IOcEFjQT09>

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Lent, a time for repentance. What is God saying to us?

Iutita, from the Orewa prayer group, received the following words from the Lord in her prayer time on 13th February. It's very appropriate for us in Lent.

The Father's heart is deeply offended and aggrieved by the wickedness, the disobedience and ingratitude displayed Him by his children.

Like the Israelites in the Old Testament, humanity has turned its back on God and as a result has lost its way.

But, the Father, true to his nature, ever merciful and compassionate, and ever faithful, is calling His children back, is calling you to return to Him with all your heart, and with prayer and fasting.

He is calling you to true repentance; to repent, not just for your sins but also for the sins of all humanity.

Yes, this is a big responsibility. But God the Father is calling you to humbly acknowledge that you cannot do this on your own. You need my Divine Wisdom to guide you

At this point Lutita was led to the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and she felt the Lord say to her to pray the Litany regularly, as well as prayer and fasting.

Here is a link for the litany.

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/teachings/litany-to-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus-270>

Meet our new Bishop of Auckland (Maybe watch these at your prayer meeting.)

Bishop Steve Lowe introduces himself to us (7min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRqhuiAt5JMost>

Getting to know Bishop Steve part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ebtprw9Tpc>.

Getting to know Bishop Steve part 2 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45Hh_VhxacE.

Note: in part 2 Bishop Steve answers the question "What are your hopes for the Diocese of Auckland?" He says that people discover Jesus, then speak Jesus, live Jesus and share Jesus.

Register your prayer group with Charis

The charis international website has a place where each prayer group can register itself as a part of worldwide charismatic renewal. Leaders you can do this at

<https://www.charis.international/en/prayer-groups/>

PS If you have a charismatic prayer group that isn't known to us please let me know.

A good talk: Mercy: One key to understanding Pope Francis' papacy

<https://youtu.be/nLTVB2BmHME>

Note: Fr Bernard's talk starts at 05:14 and ends at 52:55.

Reading material

Michael Pender, who initiated The Gift program last year at St Michaels, Remuera, sadly passed away last December. His wife Janne has offered me some of his books. Please check the attached list and let me know if you would like any of them.

Information and resources for prayer groups <https://www.nsc-chariscenter.org/charismatic-prayer-group-resources/>

ACCR Prayer intentions

Our priests and bishops, especially older ones, as they continue to serve us at an age when others are enjoying retirement.

For new people to pick up leadership responsibilities in the prayer groups and service group..
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: Available after prayer group meetings

Or 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.
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.** Contact Sylvia Hartley 09 443 7477

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