

April 2020- ACCR Sign of the Times

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ACCR APOSTOLATE 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.

ACCR APOSTOLATE MISSION STATEMENT

ACCR seeks to serve the Catholic Church by being one of the agents and instruments of the Holy Spirit working for the ongoing renewal and growth of the Church today.

We seek to participate with the Holy Spirit in the renewal of the Church by:

- Working to lead all people to a close, personal and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord of all aspects of their lives.
- Fostering the Baptism (or Release) of the Holy Spirit, received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as a means of deepening the work of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Church and in the lives of individuals.
- Encouraging the use of the charismatic gifts as an accepted and regular part of life in the Catholic Church.
- Encouraging people to participate fully in the life of their parish.

Message from Deidre, chairperson of ACCR.

As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. Acts 4: 31

How times can change. In the March newsletter we advertised a number of events which have all been postponed or cancelled due to Covid 19.

It's great to hear that prayer groups have continued to meet online and/or encourage one another through the media. I'm sure we are also reaching out beyond our prayer groups. In this newsletter I will share what some of the prayer groups are doing and how you can contact them with prayer requests etc.

What is the Holy Spirit saying to us now?

At our zoom meeting on Easter Saturday the service group felt the Holy Spirit was saying that this is our time to reach out to others, to offer hope and healing through encouragement, prayer support and later though masses followed with prayer for healing.

A few days after our meeting I received a message from Diana, our national Charis chairperson, entitled 'What is the purpose of CCR?' This is what the Holy Spirit said to her.

I have attached Diana's message to this email. Please read Diana's full message, based on Acts 2, and pray about how you can respond to it personally and as a group. Here is an extract:

So, in summary the purpose of CCR (and the wider Church!)

1. Christians come together and pray
2. Receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and His gifts.
3. Go out in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the gospel
4. Tell everyone the gifts are for them too!
5. Explain the Way- repentance of sin, baptism in the name of Jesus, receive the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, join the mission!
6. Meet together regularly and pray for God's power, wisdom, instructions, intervention for difficult circumstances etc, receive the Holy Spirit afresh to go out again and speak the word of God boldly with signs and wonders!

Newsflash! This doesn't always require a formalised meeting or course.

Please keep the morning of May 30th free to celebrate the Pentecost Vigil. At this time we are planning to come together on Zoom to praise and worship our mighty God. Spread the word.

As I prepared for this newsletter the Lord put this song on my heart:
Go now you are sent forth,
To live what you proclaim;
To show the world you follow Christ
In fact, not just in name.

God bless you,
Deidre

Coming events:

Keep this date free:

May 30th: Saturday morning, Pentecost Vigil event for all Currents of Grace. On Zoom. More info will be sent out later.

Note: The visits of Jean-Luc Moens and Mary Healy have been postponed until further notice. So too has the Charis Youth Training Course in Rome.

Prayer groups are still operating during current restrictions:

Note: Everyone is welcome to contact these prayer group leaders with prayer requests or a request to join their online meeting.

Manly and Orewa: Our Tuesday and Wednesday prayer groups are meeting Wednesdays at 7.15pm using zoom. The advertised Gift series has been postponed. Contact **Barbara Hines** <bahines@orcon.net.nz>

Jesus My Light-Blockhouse Bay: Contact Reggis r_rego@hotmail.com. We have been using Zoom / Google hangouts but are changing to google.meet contact Joe mailjoenow@googlemail.com to be connected.

- PG meeting at 7pm on Fridays – weekly
- Intercessions at 7pm on Tuesdays - weekly
- Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. – Daily

A message from Betsy: Jesus My Light Ministries is always willing to pray for and pray with people suffering from any illnesses or any other situations as needed. My email address betsjes@gmail.com is available for those who wish to write or share and fix up a time to pray over phone.

- Ps 50:15 "Call to me when trouble comes and I will save you and you will honor me." And again Ps 50:23 "Giving thanks is the sacrifice that honors me, and I will surely save all who obey me."

Jesus the Good Shepherd Takapuna: contact Antonio antwinn22@gmail.com

Wednesday 7.30pm prayer meetings via Zoom with Worship, Word and virtual fellowship. This Wednesday 22nd April we begin a teaching series on the Gospel, with a guest speaker- Br Adolf from Jesus Youth who will be preaching the Word, "What is the gospel?"

Guitar workshops for trainee worship members for three weeks starting Wednesday 29th April, 6pm to 7pm on zoom before the meeting. **All welcome.**

The Living Water – Mairangi Bay: contact Olivia olivia-av@hotmail.com or Maurice mauricelopes007@gmail.com to get connected. Prayer meeting every Monday from 7pm on Zoom.

St Vincent de Paul- Milford: contact Rey myprayergroup@yahoo.com
Group Members are in constant communication thru Social Media: FB Messenger
Email **SDvPPG Intercessory Prayer Ministry for Prayer**
Request/s: myprayergroup@yahoo.com

A message from Ramiz re prayer requests: For prayer requests or to contact the NZ Prayerline directly use this link. <http://www.nzprayerline.org.nz/prayer-requests/>

Other information which may be of interest:

From the Vatican: The Dicastery for Communication is publishing a downloadable book entitled "Strong in the Face of Tribulation", containing prayers, supplications and the Pope's homilies as "a sure support in time of trial".
<https://www.facebook.com/496909843653958/posts/3201966239814958/?sfnsn=mo>

Youth ministry: If you want to know whats happening with youth in the diocese you can email youthmin@cda.org.nz and ask to be put on the newsletter mail out.

Alpha training: an invite to find out more from the Alpha Office.

- 23rd April 2020: Zoom and Church Online Training, 1.30pm - 2.30pm or 7.30pm - 8.30pm
- 30th April 2020: Alpha Online / Youth Alpha Online Training, 1.30pm - 2.30pm or 7.30pm - 8.30pm
- Please get anyone who wants to go to email office@alpha.org.nz with their name, church, email and which session they want to attend and our office team will send back the link and password so they can join in.

RIP:

Terry Way: Passed away 2 March 2020. May he rest in peace.

Here are some comments from a tribute to Terry prepared by Pat McNamara at the request of Owen Kowalewski, chairperson of Joshua Men's Fellowship. The tribute provides a lot of information about the roots of CCR in Auckland. **I will attach the full tribute to this email.**

Terry was a stalwart of the Charismatic Renewal in its early development in Auckland. He was well known within CCR and Ecumenical circles for his gifts of discernment, compassion, teaching and biblical knowledge and his willingness to respond to any need within these circles.

In 1978 Terry attended an international Conference in Ireland as the NZ rep of CCR. He was the first Auckland Diocese representative on the CCR National Service Committee when it formed in 1980 and in 1981 he was one of 4 NZ reps who attended a leaders conference in Rome.

During the 1970's he was part of the team who ran Life in the Spirit Seminars at St Patrick Cathedral and when groups were moved to parishes he ran them for the eastern parishes from their family home.

In 1986 he was a part of the group that set up Joshua Mens Fellowship. Later in the early stages of discernment as to the possible formation of a Catholic Discipleship College in Auckland there was a need for a person of wisdom and experience to chair the meetings and Terry accepted this position until 2006 when he went to Australia.

Health issues resulted him in restricting his commitment to the Renewal in more recent times.

Joan Valerie Rutter. Passed away on 11 March 2020, almost 97 years old! May she rest in peace. Joan was editor of the National CCR newsletter, Tongues of Fire for a few years and was part of the distribution team.

Tributes from Clare Willis and Margaret Paton who worked with Joan on Tongues of Fire.

"I remember Joan as a tall, stately lady with a real presence. Joan was always ready for a chat, a story, and very often had a joke to tell which always filled us with much laughter. There was always great fellowship when Joan arrived at St Joseph's Centre to help with the distribution of Tongues of

Fire magazine. She was quick to help in any area where needed. She was a lady of great faith, a very prayerful lady and she believed in miracles, believing the Lord had healed her eyes.

When I began working in the CCR Office about 1984 and became responsible for the Voice of the Spirit newsletter (which became Tongues of Fire), Joan was happy to help Athol with distribution. In 1990 Joan & Michael took over the publication.

I got on very well with Joan and found her very kind and understanding, a gentle spirit. Her expressions of delight for people, or answered prayers, were classic.

Our sympathy and prayer also go to Brenda Hill whose husband Brian died suddenly recently.

ACCR Prayer intentions

Service group

NSC 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.

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HSI Schools of Discipleship

Please contact Mike Lobo mlobo@titan.co.nz for info re Schools of Discipleship.

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 praying for callers from all around NZ. The number to call for prayer is 0800 50 80 80.

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

West Auckland Dove : In formation. Contact Jane 0211178977 or Teresa 838 9969

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