

## May-June 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.

Message from Deidre, chairperson of ACCR.

**'I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.'** John 15:5

**'You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit'** John 15:16

**<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."** Matt 28: 19-20

Sorry we didn't put out a newsletter in May. I sent out so many messages that I felt that was enough. Those of us who were not working during the lockdown had lots of time to pray, read scripture, attend online masses and seminars, and watch youtube videos etc. It was like being on retreat for many of us.

Various international groups have put lots of material online so we have loads of material for ongoing spiritual support and learning. I will mention some websites in this newsletter. The Service Group is having some work done on our website at present and then we hope to add links to useful resources.

In May we had 3 meetings with prophecies and we have looked at these to see what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. Actually the message we have been getting is not just for those in the Renewal but for all Christians. The scriptures above sum it up.

Pope Francis wrote in his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* - The Joy of the Gospel, about the importance of a daily encounter with Jesus.

**Paragraph 1.** The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.

**Paragraph 3.** I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; **I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.**

**We must stay connected to Jesus through our daily quiet time, read God's Word daily, listen to God daily.**

**We are being sent in the power of the Holy Spirit to share Gods love and healing, to teach, to bring people to experience a personal encounter with Jesus, to invite them to be baptised with the Holy Spirit.**

Encourage your parish to run Alpha, and Life in the Spirit Seminars. Offer to help with parish programs.

**We are being sent out to bear fruit.**



**We need to be equipped to go out.**

The prayer groups offer a place where we can be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit. The prayer group is a place to develop our knowledge, gifts and charisms and confidence. Share testimonies to encourage one another. Have teachings on the charisms and follow with workshops to practice using them. Pray for one another and practice using the charisms in a safe environment.

God bless you,  
**Deidre**

### **Coming events:**

- 1. Life in the Spirit Seminar: 8 Tuesday evenings starting July 7<sup>th</sup>. Sacred Heart Church Hall, 18 Vermont St, Ponsonby.** Cuppa and fellowship from 7pm. Sessions begin at 7.30pm. Organised by ACCR Service Group, hosted by Sacred Heart Parish. All welcome. Please register by phone or email Ally 376-4303 [ponsonbyhernebayparish@gmail.com](mailto:ponsonbyhernebayparish@gmail.com)

“A Life in the Spirit Seminar graces you to deepen your personal relationship with Jesus, and helps you live your Catholic faith in the power of the Holy Spirit”

**Helpers for this Life in the Spirit Seminar are welcome.** If you have completed a LISS seminar previously and would like to help as a small group leader, as an intercessor or in any other way please contact Anil 022 364 9306

2. **All night Prayer Vigil for Life and for the NZ elections. Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>. Keep this night free for prayer. More info later.**

### **Here is a testimony to encourage us to invite others to Christian events.**

'I (Fr Jonathan) was born and raised Catholic, but the faith never meant much to me. **When I was a college sophomore, some nondenominational Christian friends invited me to events. I finally went to a praise and worship session, where I experienced the love of God for the first time in my life in a very real and profound way. I was moved to tears, and I heard God speak very clearly to me: "John, be a priest."**

For the full article go to Page 4-5 of April 2020 newsletter at <http://www.renewalministries.net/?module=Page&sID=newsletters>

### **There are a lot of resources online that can be used as a source of inspiration or teaching material.**

There are some inspiring talks by Fr Jonathan Meyers on youtube. eg <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqFLcJ1ej4k> about standing up for life and about never giving up praying for people, because people can be converted. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXI2vTUWpEc> Changing your thoughts changes your habits.

**Free Online School based on the Gifts and the Healing Ministry:** the first talks are like a brief Life in the Spirit. **The School then has 13 Teachings, each around 13-15 minutes, designed for Prayer Group type meetings, or larger groups.** These Teachings are part of a series of 12 DVDs produced over the last 6 years by Michael and Peggy Powell from Wellington. They have worked with Fr John Rea since 1982. Fr John Rea SM is their Spiritual Advisor. <http://cometotheriver.nz/>  
**Contact Deidre 021 022 51103 if you are interested in doing this as part of a small group.**

Renewal Ministries newsletters have some good articles. <http://www.renewalministries.net>

Free Online LISS and a video about the beginning of Catholic Charismatic Renewal **'The Story of the Duquesne Weekend'** as told by two of the original participants, **David Mangan and Patti Mansfield.** <https://www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/en/> and scroll down.

Online LISS resource: **The Gift.** A DVD series you can buy or download. <https://www.thegiftofthespirit.org/aboutus> **Note** Joshua will be running this series by Zoom starting July 21<sup>st</sup>. Orewa prayer group will run it in person starting in September.

### **A message from Fr John Rea Wonders still Abounding**

Pleroma has published my third volume of healing stories as an ebook. You might like to send a copy to family or friend as a gift. The best bargain price is from Pleroma at NZ\$19.99 per copy. Amazon is much more expensive.

<https://www.christiansupplies.co.nz/product/9780992262778/wonders-still-abounding-ebook/>

## **News from the prayer groups.**

**St Francis prayer group, Manly: A testimony of healing:** Barbara Jones went to the Doctor to have a cancerous growth removed on her back. The photos of it were sent to the hospital and they approved the op. She got all prepared and was on the bed, the doctor said "Where is it?" Barbara said, "near my spine". He said "there is nothing there," come back in 3 months. Praise the Lord it's gone. It had to be a healing. Mind you there had been a lot of prayer.

### **St John's Orewa prayer group**

The group combined with the St Francis Manly Prayer group during lockdown to meet weekly via Zoom. We were very blessed during this time to have the IT expertise of John Lanigan. John and Dale provided our praise and worship section with guitar and singing. Our first meeting back at the church hall was amazingly anointed with at least 22 people praising the Lord and sharing together in gratitude for all our blessings. We will proceed with The Gift DVD programme (LSS) hopefully beginning in September.

**Jesus My Light-Blockhouse Bay:** We are back at St Dominics parish centre 7pm on Friday nights but **we will continue to use google.meet for those who cannot come in person.** Contact Joe [mailjoenow@googlemail.com](mailto:mailjoenow@googlemail.com) to be connected. (Note: No Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays as the parish has mass and adoration)

**Jesus the Good Shepherd Takapuna:** We are back at St Joseph's church hall on Wednesdays at 7.30pm but **we will continue with Zoom for those who cannot come in person.** Contact Maria 021 172 0986

**The Living Water – Mairangi Bay:** We are back meeting at St Johns Church, Mairangi Bay every Monday at 7.30 pm.

### **A message from Diana, Charis NZ Chairperson**

I have officially moved to run Replenish for the rest of the year with my husband David, my daughter Trish and a young adult volunteer Olivia.

REPLENISH IS OPEN FOR GUESTS AGAIN!

If any of you or family or friends need a break, some company or prayer ministry come and visit us. We have set up 2 self contained rooms with ensuites.

Ph WhatsApp 027 300 9887 or 03-3128672.

## **Pope Francis refers to Charismatic Groups as Currents of Grace for the Church.**

### **Introducing Jesus Youth: one of the Currents of Grace in NZ**

Jesus Youth is an international Catholic movement approved by the Holy See and present in over 25 countries, including in all the 6 dioceses of New Zealand. The movement challenges young people to live a meaningful, creative and fulfilling life.

The strength of the movement is its special focus on a life centered on the Lord Jesus Christ through a faithful living of the Six Pillars viz. Prayer, Word of God, Sacraments, Fellowship,

Evangelization and an Option for the poor. Jesus Youth is a network of small but vibrant groups of young people who in their own life situations strive to give time to the Lord, responding to the challenges of today's world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Auckland we have an active group of about 30 youth and a few families. We have a youth prayer meeting every week at 3:30 pm at the Pompallier Centre and a family prayer meeting that takes place once a month in the house of one of the families on a rotational basis.

Our activities mainly revolve around the prayer meeting, organizing hours of mercy (12 hours Eucharistic Adoration during the period between Easter and Pentecost) at one of the parish Churches, outreaches to rest homes, music ministry, media ministry, formation courses, etc.

### **Some reading**

NSW CCR newsletter and Joshua newsletter attached

### **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.  
<http://www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz>

### **HSI Schools of Discipleship**

**Please contact Mike Lobo [mlobo@titan.co.nz](mailto:mlobo@titan.co.nz) for info re Schools of Discipleship.**

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### **Healing Ministry:**

After the 7.30pm Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.joshua.org.nz)