

# Good News

The newsletter of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Melbourne, Australia

“I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God”

## Moving Day for CCR Centre

*Allan Panozza, Chairman of CCR Melbourne.*

The time has now come for Catholic Charismatic Renewal to move to a new home after almost 12 years in the heart of the city of Melbourne.

It is no exaggeration to say that the Lord has poured out His grace in abundance during these past years by richly blessing the ministry of Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St. Augustine's. My memory goes back to a dinner which the Coordinators hosted for the then Archbishop of Melbourne, His Grace George Pell. I told him how CCR was serving more and more people daily contacting us for prayer at our small Centre at the Pallottine House in Kew. We asked the Archbishop if there might be another building with extra space. Imagine our joy and surprise



*Rosie Saroni preparing to move from Bourke Street, CCR Centre*

when within two weeks we were invited to transfer to the historic St. Augustine's Church in Bourke St in the city – right in the heart of the “market place”. Fr. Wahid Riad had just been appointed as Administrator at St. Augustine's.

On 1st August 1997, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed by Archbishop Pell, the Treasurer of the Roman Catholic Trusts Corporation, and Allan Panozza. This Agreement gave CCR six years, with an option for a further six years. CCR carried out extensive modifications to the Parish Hall, which became the CCR Centre.

The time has now come to relocate the Centre! During January 2009 Fr. Wahid moved to Bulleen as Parish Priest, and Fr. Victor Farrugia transferred to St. Augustine's. The Archdiocese then offered CCR an alternative site at the former St. Joseph's College in North Fitzroy. Following negotiations we agreed to accept an early move from St. Augustine's to lease the former assembly hall at the College.

I am really thrilled at this move into new premises which will offer us a total area about three times the space of the Centre at St. Augustine's. The area includes an office for the Manager of the Centre. We have a meeting room comfortably seating up to 100 people. We will construct a Chapel adjacent to the meeting room. We have already been given a beautiful tabernacle from a Church recently refurbished. Finally we will have a huge kitchen/dining room to offer hospitality for staff and visitors.

I know that some people will miss being in Bourke Street with its ready availability to excellent public transport. However, the new Centre will be about 300 metres from Our Lady Help of Christians, and

CCR has already been welcomed by the newly appointed parish priest Fr. Michael Casey. The “icing on the cake” is a huge car parking area accessible through the gate in Dean Street. I really believe this



*Miriam Markis and John Duiker, unpacking at North Fitzroy*

new Centre is a wonderful gift from God. Certainly this is the end of one 12 year page in our history, but in my heart I have an absolute certainty that this is the beginning of an exciting new era in which the Holy Spirit will anoint the ministry of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in ways never seen before. (Isaiah 43: 18-19).

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# Chairman's Column

## My Farewell to the National Service Committee

Allan Panozza.

This edition of "Good News" carries a front page article concerning CCR Melbourne relocating after 12 years at St. Augustine's. I now wish to use my column to announce that at the next meeting of the Australian National Service Committee, to be held in Sydney during March 2009, I intend to step down as National Chairman. I have held this position since being elected in August 1990, and I thank God for the wonderful privilege He has given me through my being able to serve Catholic Charismatic Renewal in this role.

I would also like to thank all the members of the NSC with whom I have been privileged to serve since joining as Victorian representative in 1987. As I recall their names and faces I am struck by the never failing commitment which each one brought to the Committee. First place always was given to God. This was expressed through their corporate and private prayer time which never failed to demonstrate the depth of their love for Jesus, a mark of all the members of the NSC with whom I served. Time and again I witnessed the zeal with which each one represented his / her State or Community. For me the NSC meetings were always a kaleidoscope of the strengths and sometimes weaknesses of Charismatic Renewal in Australia, and we spent many hours together analysing and praying about how to build up the infrastructure of each entity, while at the same time recognising the giftedness with which the Holy Spirit has endowed all of us so that the Body of Christ will be built up through mutual love and support.

Some of our members from these years have already gone to their eternal reward. Amongst those dear friends I think of Brian Smith, founder of Emmanuel Covenant Community in Queensland, and with whom I served for many years on the ICCRS Council in Rome. Brian had strong gifts of prophecy and insight, and one of the many legacies he left is the *Catholic Fraternity of Covenant Communities* which continues to serve the Renewal worldwide. John Noone from Sydney, who did much to build a solid foundation for the Renewal in NSW. John and I were very



close. The last time I saw him was in the airport in Brisbane. As he was about to step on to his departing flight, he turned from the boarding queue and hurried back to where I was standing to throw his arms around me and tell me how he loved me as a brother. He went to the Lord shortly afterwards. I think that in that moment he received a sense from the Holy Spirit of what lay ahead. More recently Bill Smith in Adelaide received his eternal reward. He faithfully served the Renewal in South Australia through being a member of the National Committee for over 20 years. Bill was the eternal optimist, and his dear wife Mary always accompanied him to NSC events. I can still picture the two of them holding hands even as we attended Mass together. Such was their deep and abiding love for one another – a constant witness to me and others of the beauty and sanctity of marriage.

Not any less in giftedness and commitment are those NSC members who currently serve, and whose company I shall miss very much after I step down as Chairman.

To you dear brothers and sisters I give my grateful thanks for your example of what Bishop Colin Campbell from New Zealand recently called "*Living the Beatitudes Life*". I especially thank you for the constant prayerful support and love which you have given me throughout our years of serving the Lord together. May I close with the words of St. Paul which I utter with all my heart: "*I thank my God whenever I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy...*" (Phil. 1:3).



# LIFE IN ABUNDANCE

*John Duiker*

**M**ost readers would be aware of Jesus' words in John 10:10 – '...I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly.' I have pondered over and prayed with these words many times, constantly asking the question: what does it mean to have abundant life?

I was born into a Catholic family and was raised by parents of great faith, went to Catholic schools, played 'aussie rules' football and was part of a team that won six premierships in seven years. I went to university and received a degree in Business. I worked for many different organisations reaching the levels of senior management. My life was full yet somehow I was still unfulfilled. Something was wrong; somewhere along the line I lost my way. Although I went to Mass each week, I was living life contrary to the Gospel. I was not living life to the full; I was in fact caught in the antithesis of the abundant life that Jesus promises. I was in a downward spiral that led me to a point of such pain and desolation that I didn't know myself anymore. Who was I? Was there any meaning and purpose for my life? Was there any point to anything? I came to the realisation that I could not continue like this any longer. I literally collapsed and fell to the floor from the weight of my burdens. Yet in the pain of that desolation, words came from deep within me that had long been forgotten. Somehow I was given the grace to cry out to the Lord: 'I can't do this anymore, you have to be first.' From that defining moment everything changed. It was March 2000, during the Lenten period. It was the year of the Great Jubilee, a time in which the Church celebrates the mercy of God and forgiveness of sins, and the year I turned 33 years old. At the age Jesus died, I started to live. The Father, seeing me in the distance and filled with compassion, ran to me, threw his arms around me and kissed me. Though I was not worthy to be called his son, he forgave me and restored me: I was lost but now I was found, I was dead but now I live.

I went to the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in many years, I started

reading Scripture and spiritual books, I started praying everyday, going to Mass more frequently. At the invitation of my Mother I joined a Charismatic Prayer Group and the Cells of Evangelisation. The very first prayer meeting I attended was providentially a Life in the Spirit Seminar, where I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A few months prior to my conversion I had started learning to play the guitar, but now I was immersing myself in a whole new world of Christian music, never before had I heard songs filled with such hope and love. The music of Nirvana and Pearl Jam just couldn't cut it any more. I started writing my own songs and very soon I was helping lead worship in the Prayer Group and the Parish Cells. At the invitation of



our Parish Priest, I then started leading the music at Mass. The very first time I was scheduled to play, about ten minutes before Mass was due to start, a fellow parishioner knew that I would be nervous and therefore asked if I wanted someone to help me sing. I said 'of course' and as I turned around (and for perhaps one of the rare moments in my life) I was speechless. There before me was the most beautiful young woman I had ever seen.

I should point out here that for the many years prior to my conversion; I had numerous long conversations about 'meaningful relationships' with my Mother. She would suggest that the best place to meet the woman who was right for me would be in Church. I would politely (and sometimes not so politely) suggest that she didn't know what she was talking

about and that young woman didn't go to church anyway! Well, that beautiful young woman is now my wife and we have now been married for seven years and have four beautiful children and my Mother smiles continuously. (The moral to this story: make sure that you listen to your mother and get to Mass early – you never know whom you might meet!) Not long after marriage, with much discernment and prayer, I left the world of business and finance and six figure salaries to study theology. We were (and perhaps still are) poor by worldly standards, but are constantly overawed by the abundance of blessings from the Lord. Every need and situation has been met. We feel that we have more than ever before. I also attended the very first ICCRS Institute for Leadership and Formation in Rome in 2006. For the last three years I have led a small but vibrant Prayer Group. In recent years, the Lord has also led me to work as a Pastoral Associate in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, while completing a Bachelor of Theology (Hons) and have now been gifted with the opportunity to work for CCR Melbourne two days per week.

I have come to a greater realisation of what life in abundance really is and what it is not. Only in Jesus have I found who I truly am and who I am truly called to be. Only in Jesus has life any meaning. He divides history in two: BC and AD - perhaps the best part of John AD is that every day is only the beginning of something greater. Jesus has given me life and I look forward to sharing the Good News with as many people as I can.

## Changes at the Centre:

We thank Rosie Saroni who has served at the CCR Centre on Thursdays and Fridays, with ready smile and efficient service. We welcome John Duiker who has begun to serve at the Centre as of late January 09.



# The Joy of Living the Beatitudes

**B**ishop Colin Campbell of Dunedin, NZ, told participants at the January 09 CCR retreat that the Beatitudes are the Magna Carta of the Gospels. For St Augustine they sum up the complete way of life. For St Ignatius they are the 'new law'. With humour, insight, wisdom and engaging manner, the Bishop instructed, entertained and inspired. From 80 registered retreatants, the numbers increased and on the final day, some 120 were present at Our Lady's Hall in East Brunswick. With *One Accord* leading praise and worship, the relaxed retreat quickly passed with teaching, adoration, Eucharist and prayer ministry completing the days.



These are some of the Beatitudes of Jesus, Bishop Colin commented on:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth ..."*  
(Mt 5:3-5)

## John Duiker, reflects on his retreat experience:

**R**etreats and conferences for me are always a time of grace, of drawing nearer to the Lord and growing in love and knowledge of him. Our yearly conference with Bishop Colin Campbell from New Zealand was no different. It was a time of great teaching, sharing and fellowship; of being reminded of the beauty and importance of a community that is Christ centred, rich in the gifts of the Spirit, where those gifts are shared with each other for the edification and building up of the other. As the psalmist says in Ps 133:1 *'How good it is, how pleasant where the people dwell as one.'*

Among countless highlights the third beatitude stood out for me. *'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land'* (Mt 5:5). As the bishop pointed out, meekness today is seen as a negative quality. Out of curiosity I did some of my own research into this and found that some dictionaries define meekness as: 'evidencing little spirit or courage; overly submissive or compliant'.

Jesus called himself meek, yet I definitely would not say (nor could anyone else for that matter) that he evidenced little spirit or courage. He was passionate, driven, and so believed in his mission that he was willing to challenge the prevailing authority, stand up for injustice and die for his cause. It was therefore extremely encouraging to hear the Bishop put all of this into perspective and say that meekness actually means having a proper balance, a maturity and wisdom so that we have a good assessment of ourselves: of our strengths, weaknesses and gifts; which in turn leads to a greater realisation of our complete dependence on God. The submissiveness comes in our surrendering to the Holy Spirit and letting him control our

lives, so that we constantly strive toward the promise of the Kingdom. As Bishop Colin so wisely taught us, if we are to be meek, then we must strive for the Christian ideal, realise who we are in Christ and forget about success or failure.

It is therefore imperative that I enter more deeply into a relationship with Jesus, so that by discovering more and more the truth about who he is, I discover more and more who I truly am and who I am called to be – with all of my strengths, weaknesses and gifts. The more I grow in this relationship, then the more effective I will be in the service of the church and the more I will grow in meekness.

## Mary Crawford shares her impressions on one Beatitude:

**B**lessed are those who mourn and they shall be comforted. This particular Beatitude resonated with me as I had recently lost my mother. She was my best friend and the only person who loved me unconditionally...just like our Heavenly Mother does. I've had to bear the burden of my father's grief as well as my own and her death has left a great hole in my life.

Listening to Bishop Colin, I realised that our secular society finds it hard to cope with the finality of death. There is a concerted effort against sorrow and mourning and we tend to be over protective of children

in this area. Sadly, sorrow and mourning are a human reality as we're not immortal.

Pope Benedict states that there are 2 types of mourning. A mourning where one loses hope; and a mourning that leads to conversion and resists the devil. I had been guilty of the former. I had lost hope and this led to an embittered mindset. I remember arguing with God during Adoration that my siblings were better off than me as they're married or in relationship. Yet they no longer believe in Him! I've always yearned to be married and even had 4 names chosen for children. My dream never came to fruition and my heart ached. The Lord spoke *'My choice is based on My grace, not on what they have done. For if My choice were based on what people do, then my grace would not be real grace.'* (Rom 11:6). My envy and jealousy had blinded me to God's right to spread His graces where He wills. In humility and trust, I was called to put things into perspective.

Like Jesus, I have to face the cross to overcome sorrow. As scripture says *'Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus'* (2 Tim 2:3). Bishop Colin said there is no transfiguration without a



previous disfiguration. He assured us that at our lowest ebb, God does the mightiest deeds. Indeed I can testify, despite my attitude, I witnessed minor miracles during prayer ministry. Jesus was at his weakest on the cross and it was then that God worked his greatest miracle of granting all of us eternal life.

God understands our human weaknesses and foibles. After all, he created us as we are. By God's grace, my sorrow will be transfigured into joy as I'm comforted by His unconditional love. In the meantime, I continue to shoulder my cross, putting on the attitude of Jesus and surrendering to the Heavenly Father's will. Praise the Lord in all circumstances!



# Jesus, the Great Healer!

Christine Krotwaar

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has chosen me to bring the good news to the poor. ... proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce the time has come when the Lord will save His people”* Lk 4:18-19.

As our prayer team prayed for healing of a young woman recently, we experienced the mighty power and truth of this proclamation. By proclaiming this “good news” my prayer is all to be aware of the awesomeness of our God! These words of scripture are alive and living today. There is an urgency to make real the “good news”, because for many, including many Catholics, we are oblivious to the power we have not only within us, but available to us, through Jesus Christ!

I have only been in the Charismatic Renewal for about five years and have recently returned from the second School of Healing in Jacksonville, USA. On returning the first time, I began intercessory prayer on my own and then found the Lord bringing others to join me. We were asked to pray for the daughter in law of one of our Cranbourne parishioners, Lyn. Brooke is only 32 and suffering from ALS, which is a motor neurone disease. She has recently had a baby and finds it a great struggle to care for him. We were praying for several months when we were asked to come, following her mother’s attempts to take her to new age healers. Our intercessory team prayed against her going. Thank God, both times she happened to collapse and had to go home.

Brooke is not of any faith, but was open to anything! We prayed and fasted that God

would reveal Himself to her in a mighty way and He sure did. Lyn suggested for two of us to come, so it would not be too overwhelming. So Jerry, who has been in the healing ministry for 30 years, and myself went together.

On meeting Brooke, it was evident she was very weak and frail, but full of hope. She was unable to walk unaided, her fingers were stiff and clenched, her body slumped in the chair and her speech slurred and slow. We placed a crucifix, a statue of Mary and a candle nearby with her permission and spent time talking with her about Jesus and the power He has to heal, giving examples from Scripture. We then anointed her with blessed oil, laid hands and began praying with her in tongues and praising God. Jerry led her through a prayer of surrender to Jesus and prayed that the blood of Jesus cleanse and set her free. Jerry later shared that he had a vision of a ritual being performed over her and her baby, while in the womb. She was affected by many spirits which she was delivered from that night.

After about thirty minutes of prayer we asked how she felt. She commented that she felt more peaceful than ever before and felt warm heat and tingling through her body. Jerry was then prompted by the Lord to speak to her very simply about the power of the Eucharist through his own testimony. As he did this she began to shriek and cry with amazement and joy as she felt her fingers unclench, she felt warmth and tingling through them and the power of the Lord came upon her. She cried and began to say Jesus, Jesus! She looked to us and said “my fingers,

something’s happening” as several of her fingers unfolded. We praised God through our tears of joy and awe of what the Lord was doing. We then prayed for her legs to be strengthened and praised God as we walked around the room. Her spirit soared and the reality of what had happened brought her to tears.

After some time we sat down to talk and as Brooke spoke, another miracle happened, her words were clear and audible with no delay! Again she began sobbing and then excitedly began speaking, saying many words she had difficulty pronouncing before, but not anymore!

We were all amazed and thanked God. We also prayed with her husband and their baby who was very unsettled. As we did this, he was filled with peace.

After the reality of what had happened sunk in, we left Brooke giving her a scripture reference to read, some holy oil to bless herself with and encouraged her to ask for the precious blood of Jesus to cover her often, which she agreed to do after asking what this meant. With great joy we left praising God. I thank God that I was there to witness the power, mercy and love of God to reach out, touch and heal **all** His precious children!

Brooke is now reading small parts of scripture and asking many questions about Jesus! She is aware of the power of Jesus and says the name of Jesus with new meaning. Although not completely healed, she speaks of the hope she has and most importantly she is coming to know the Lord. We will continue to pray with her and keep you posted!

## COME ON INN

Nancy Züno



St Gabriel’s “Open Door” Prayer Group, Reservoir, concluded 2008 with a special celebration of the Christmas story, with scripture and song.

The Core Group challenged members to open their hearts in preparation for Christmas. Four weeks prior, preparations commenced using

praise and worship time to personally encounter Jesus.

Week 1 – Awakening our hearts.

Week 2 – Bringing our hearts to a Garage Sale, emptying all of our past, especially any junk we were carrying, at the foot of the cross.

Week 3 – Meeting Jesus at the RIVER, receiving his mercy, his cleansing and his grace and with clean paths take on a further challenge to be witness (disciples) for the light.

Week 4 – Following Mary’s example to say ‘yes’ and accept the will of God in our lives, preparing our hearts to give birth to the Saviour.

Were we going to be like the Innkeepers and say, “Sorry, there is no room Inn here”? Or were we going to accept?

Our reply was, “Yes Jesus, Come On Inn!”

Our Core Group: Marcia, Judy, Fred, and Nancy issued invitations to members, past members and family. The response was overwhelming. Our cast for the Nativity was made up of members, their children and grandchildren. Amongst us was our Shepherd, Fr Shayne Hctor, our enthusiastic supporter throughout the year, along with CCR Coordinator Nikki Daniele, always part of the Open Door family, and seminarians Anthony and Andrew.

Our celebration concluded with a dinner for all, with our leader Marcia Bettin extending heartfelt thanks to all for their faithfulness during the year.



# “LOVE IN ACTION” A MAJOR ICCRS EVENT

Kkottongnae – South Korea - (June, 1- 9 2009)

Claude Lopez

We are pleased to advise that following the announcement, in the last issue of GOOD NEWS, we have received 22 registrations to attend this unique event. The delegation will be led by Fr Colin Xavier and will leave Melbourne on May 29. However, if anyone is interested to attend the event, limited only to 400 delegates from outside Korea and 300 Koreans, we have arranged with the ICCRS office for CCR Melbourne to register you, provided you subsequently book your own travelling arrangement.

The Registration cost, including full board and twin share accommodation with bath room is \$US400. For further information, email Claude Lopez : [lopez@ccr.org.au](mailto:lopez@ccr.org.au) , or call him on (03) 9773 1718.

Kkottongnae was especially selected by ICCRS because it is a wonderful example of a place where the abandoned are taken care of and where the fruit of the Holy Spirit is revealed in abundance. The Kkottongnae Charismatic Community was founded in

1976 by Fr Oh Wong Jin and their special charism is “LOVE IN ACTION”. Br James Shin from Kkottongnae Community is a member of the ICCRS Council. Among the speakers we have Cardinal Nicholas Cheong Jin-Suk, Seoul; Cardinal Paul Cordes, President of Cor Unum, Vatican City and Bishop Joe Grech.

## PROGRAM

Apart from the daily Eucharist, various talks and workshops, the program includes a Festival of Praise, Korean worship and traditional dances, silent adoration, three workshop streams concentrating on healing, intercession, and charisms. There will also be a special youth stream. Various testimonies, youth ministry, drama on evangelisation, visits to various sites and voluntary service to the poor, will be features.

The opportunities for voluntary work, really serving the poor and the abandoned directly, will at the same time offer the

conference participants the privilege of a closer encounter with the Lord.

After the Conference, participants will be able to join in pilgrimage to many places that are sacred to Catholics in Korea. Korea has a very unique Church history in that Catholicism was first accepted and spread by lay people.

## 3000 PEOPLE ARE PRAYING

The Renewal in Korea has already organised an intercessory prayer team of 3,000 people who have been praying for this Conference for a long time. Michelle Moran, president of ICCRS and Fr Thomas Oh Tae-Soon, the Conference chairman wrote to CCR worldwide: “It is therefore with great joy that we extend this invitation to you all in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. We pray that you will be able to attend this joyous and heavenly festival and we urge you to spread the news as far and wide as you can, encouraging as many people as possible to join us for what will surely be a truly blessed event”.

This multifaceted, international ICCRS event offers a unique opportunity to experience the face of God through “LOVE IN ACTION”. As registrations are limited to 400 delegates only from outside Korea, readers can register now by contacting Claude (see above).

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## Briefly

### Financial Support:

The change of location of the CCR Centre from St Augustine’s to the former St Joseph’s or Samaritan College provides the Renewal with great potential. This transfer has required significant alterations, costing thousands of dollars. There are also a number of specific needs to be met. Your generous contribution will be gratefully received so that the Centre will serve the Renewal, and the wider Church, to its maximum. Donations may be sent to the Centre from individuals and groups as the Holy Spirit inspires.

### Moonee Valley Festival:

St Monica’s Prayer Group, Moonee Ponds are again manning a stall at the Moonee Valley Festival on Sunday March 1st. Please keep us in prayer. If anyone would like to assist for an hour, please contact Mary Crawford on 9282 3265 (BH). Help us to spread a Christian presence during this Festival.

## ICCRS INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### NEW PREMISES

Late in 2008 the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services Office transferred to new premises situated in Palazzo San Calisto, Vatican City. The office move has gone very well and the new premises and services are now fully operational. The Director and staff have done a wonderful job in managing the move.

The new site is much better for ICCRS. It is nearer the Pontifical Council for the Laity and more at the heart of things. This gives ICCRS a higher profile and greater visibility. If you are visiting Rome, do try to call on ICCRS, you will be warmly welcomed by both the Director and the staff.

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### CONFERENCE 2010

Unfortunately, ICCRS has had to cancel the present proposal to hold an International Event in Jerusalem for Pentecost in May 2010. However, ICCRS are investigating the possibility to hold a Conference of Intercession in 2010. It is thought that Assisi would be ideal and work quite well as the atmosphere is right for intercession. All being well the dates will be Thursday 20 May to Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2010.

### PENTECOST OF THE NATIONS (May 22 – 31, 2009) FOR A NEW CULTURE OF PENTECOST.

This is an ICCRS 10 Day Project (May 22 – 31, 2009) Together we pray! Together we celebrate! It is an answer that the worldwide CCR offers in response to the desire expressed by both Pope John Paul II and Benedict XVI to spread the “culture of Pentecost” (JP.II 5/2004- Benedict XVI 9/2005)

IMAGINE what would happen if “unanimous and fervent prayers” were raised in every time zone in the world for nine days!

You can participate in one of the events that are being planned to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. After Pentecost Bishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate Mass for the movements and communities in the Archdiocese. It will be held at St Paul’s Missionary Centre, Norton’s Lane, Wantirna Sth at 7.30 pm Wednesday 3 June. The coordinators of CCR recommend everyone to join in this Novena of Prayers to the Holy Spirit. It is an invitation to respond to the call for New Evangelisation so that the “spirituality of Pentecost” will spread in the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit and his gifts.

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:1)



# Miriam's Column



**I** think God has a funny sense of humour. Why, you might well ask? Well I'll tell you. As most of you would know from my last article, I've just moved into a new home before Christmas and it has taken me a little while to unpack and get things into order. Now here I am at it again. Only this time it's the office! I can't help thinking I should change my occupation to "cleaner" or at the very least "removalist"! Ha!!

Seriously though, the Lord seems to be turning everything upside down and inside out. Not just with me personally but with so many people. Perhaps, from what I gather, we can all become too comfortable and set in our ways. The Lord is just gently and quietly moving the pieces on His Chess Board don't you think?

As the serious business of unpacking begins (the first day in the new Centre) the words from Rev 21:5 come to mind "*And He who sat upon the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'*" Also he said, "*Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.*" The Lord is certainly doing a new thing for me, for CCR and many other people as well. It is a new beginning and a time of great hope and excitement as to what the Lord has in store for us at the new Centre and for all Renewal here in Melbourne.

It is a time of looking forward to a new "today" and trusting and focusing on what the Lord has planned because His plans are always perfect.

Once we're open I look forward to the new Centre becoming a hive of activity; a place of drawing you all to come and visit as often as needed. I must mention, however, that all the work involved in preparing the new Centre would not be achieved if it weren't for the fabulous volunteers who have given of their time and talents to help. I wish to thank you one and all. Most of all I want to thank the Lord because as Psalm 145:19 says "*He supplies the needs of those who honour Him; he hears their cries and saves them.*"

Ciao and arrivederci in our "new home".

## Czech Kekako Experience

Patrick Kelly

**D**uring December I travelled to Tepla in the Czech Republic for the Formation of Evangelisers course conducted by the Koinonia of John the Baptist (KJB) community. This community is the main presenter, in Europe, of the School of Evangelisation. I attended an overview of the courses presented by the KJB. Many of the courses were familiar, others were new ones by KJB. It was good to receive a fresh perspective on old courses. Even better I

experienced the new courses, which in time we hope to present in Australia.

The trip, my first overseas, was very much a KeKaKo experience. They form the key elements present in every course. Kekako stands for KERYGMA - KARISMA- KOINONIA (i.e. Kerygma – Charism – Community).

Kerygma is the basic Gospel message: When we evangelise, people need to hear that Jesus died for our sins; rose from the dead; returned to the Father and sends us his Spirit. They need to meet this Risen Lord Jesus - turn from their sins, accept New Life in Christ and be filled with the Spirit. I found it beneficial to have the importance of the Kerygma re-emphasised. The tendency is to drift from the emphasis on the personal encounter with Jesus to information about Jesus, or the Bible or the Church. People don't need more information but transformation.

Karisma refers to the charisms of the Holy Spirit. The course reinforced the need to keep the Holy Spirit at centre stage. Evangelisers need to operate in the power of the Holy Spirit using all the charisms. The danger is that we drift back to a reliance on purely human endeavour. This is not just important for the School of Evangelisation. It is also important for charismatic prayer groups. Prayer groups are only charismatic if the charisms are exercised! The truth of the Kerygma is confirmed by the experience of the Charisms.

Koinonia is the fellowship of believers, the community bound together by their love of Jesus and each other and above all by the love Jesus has for each one of us. The highlight of the trip was the experience of this fellowship within the KJB, both in the Czech Republic and in Belfast, Ireland. The emphasis of this covenant community is not inward looking but an outward looking evangelising community. This experience should be something we all experience in our own Christian community, including our parish and prayer groups. The key to true koinonia is that the relationships within the group are real, founded on deep commitment to one another and to Jesus, balanced by an outward looking evangelistic focus. The koinonia (Church, parish, prayer group) exists to meet the needs of the members AND to reach out to those who don't know Jesus. The kerygma (Good News) can only effectively be proclaimed by a committed Christian community.

The question that has to be asked is: how deep are the relationships within our own prayer group and how committed is the prayer group to evangelisation?

To sum up my kekako experience: Kerygma without Koinonia will not produce lasting fruit. Koinonia without Kerygma will stagnate and die. When Kerygma and Koinonia exist together then Karisma will flourish. We need to be committed to building a really strong Christian community where the primary focus is on evangelisation so that the Holy Spirit may be free to pour out his love and grace on all men and women.



12th Century Monastery  
Tepla



# Calendar of events

## special Melbourne events

<b>11 Mar 2009</b>	Youth Mass with Bp Chris Prowse	<b>7.30pm</b>	St Francis Church, City
<b>30 Apr 2009</b>	Ladies Day with Jan Heath (Brisbane)	<b>9.30am-4.00pm</b>	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>16 May 2009</b>	Renewal Day	<b>9.30am-5.00pm</b>	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>27 May 2009</b>	Eastern Regional Mass: Fr Pat Jackson	<b>7.30pm</b>	St Christopher's, Syndal
<b>3 Jun 2009</b>	Mass for Movements with Bp Prowse	<b>7.30pm</b>	St Paul's, Wantirna South
<b>8 Aug 2009</b>	Renewal Day	<b>9.30am-5.00pm</b>	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>17 Sep 2009</b>	Northern Regional Mass: Fr Michael Kalka	<b>7.30 pm</b>	St Damian's, Bundoora
<b>24 Sep 2009</b>	Ladies Day	<b>9.30am-4.00pm</b>	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>7 Oct 2009</b>	Western Regional Mass with Bp Chris Prowse	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Sacred Heart, St Albans
<b>17 Oct 2009</b>	Dr John Bonnici	<b>9.30am-5.00pm</b>	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>18 Oct 2009</b>	Dr John Bonnici	<b>2.00pm-5.00pm</b>	St Monica's, Moonee Ponds
<b>28 Nov 2009</b>	Renewal Day with Fr Daniel Balizan (US)	<b>9.30am-5.00pm</b>	Our Lady Help of Christians

## special Sale events

<b>1-15 Mar 2009</b>	Phillip and Margaret Maloney	Sale Prayer Groups
<b>7 Mar 2009</b>	Renewal Day	St Michael's, Traralgon
<b>25-26 Apr 2009</b>	Conference with Fr Leonardo Polinar	OLHC, Narre Warren

## each month

### Each Sunday

**10.30am**  
**7.00pm**  
**8.00pm**

### Charismatic Mass

St Augustine's, 631 Bourke Street  
Holy Family, Doveton (Ministry After)  
St Augustine's, 631 Bourke Street

### First Friday

**10.00am**

### Holy Hour for Priests

St Anthony's, Noble Park

### First Friday

**8.00pm**

### Healing Mass

St Kevin's, Ormond

### Each Wednesday

**11.00am**

### Healing Mass

St Augustine's, 631 Bourke Street

### First Sunday

**2.30pm**

### Healing Mass

St Peter Chanel, Deer Park

### First Monday

**7.30pm**  
**7.45pm**

### Healing Mass

St Andrew's, Bunney Road, Clayton Sth  
Sacred Heart, Croydon

### Second Monday

**8.00pm**

### Healing Mass

St. Gregory's, Doncaster

### First Monday

**9.30/10.30am**  
**8.00pm**

### Healing Mass, St Joseph's, Springvale

Even number months. Ring 9547 9557  
Odd number months

### Third Sunday

**5.30pm**

### Healing Mass

St Francis Xavier's, Frankston

### Third Thursday

**8.00pm**

### Healing Mass, "Churinga"

108 Diamond Ck Rd, Greensborough

### Fourth Tuesday

**10.00am**

### Healing Service

St Joseph's, Chelsea

### First Wednesday

**8.00pm**

### Healing Mass

Sts Peter & Paul, East Doncaster

### Monday

**8.00pm**

### Healing Mass, St. Peter's, East Bentleigh

30 March, 1 June, 30 November

## forthcoming courses of the school of evangelisation

Date	Course	Venue	Contact
13-14 Feb	Secret of Paul	Albion Pk NSW	Paul (02) 4297 1570
21-22 Feb	New Life	Marion Valley QLD	Elmer (07) 3345 8430
21-22 Feb; 28 Feb-1 Mar	Formation of Disciples	Keilor Downs VIC	Adrian (03) 9337 2051
Feb-Apr (Lenten Program)	Formation of Disciples	St John's Pk NSW	Lucy: (02) 9670 4440
Feb-Apr (Lenten Program)	Secret of Paul	St Mary's NSW	Lucy (02) 9670 4440
28 Feb-1 Mar; 3, 10, 17, 24 Mar	Formation of Disciples	Modbury SA	Carmen (08) 8339 2573
26 Feb; 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar	Secret of Paul	Pymble NSW	Jill (02) 9449 8098
26 Feb; 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar	New Life	Pymble NSW	Jill (02) 9449 8098
28-29 Mar	New Life	Noarlunga SA	Carmen (08) 8339 2573

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