



Passionist Family Group Movement Victoria/Tasmania

'A ministry of the Passionists'

NEWSLETTER February, 2019

We wish you all the best for 2019.

As the 'holiday season' has come to a close, February is the time when Family Groups gather to plan their year's activities. May your Parish's PFGM planning meetings be happy and fruitful gatherings. Please don't forget to share the finalised yearly plans from each group with your Parish Priest.

'From Strangers to Friends – Together We Belong'

March 29-31, 2019

This title expresses the reality of Family Groups: a group of people unknown to each other who begin to meet regularly over time, sharing enjoyable experiences and, in this way, friendships grow.

Enclosed with this letter are **invitations** to the State Team's special weekend planned for March 29-31 at Holy Cross in Templestowe.

We hope that as many PFGM Parish coordinators as possible will attend. The weekend will provide an opportunity to share your experiences, both positive and challenging, of Family Groups in your parish in a supportive and caring environment. Please share this invitation with any interested Family Group Leaders and/or members, especially if you, the coordinators, are unable to attend. It would be great to have all PFGM parishes represented.

Cluster Meetings – Friday evening, March 29

Meetings of the Parish Coordinators or their representatives from our geographical regions, i.e. Tasmania, Goldfields (Ballarat), Knox/Waverley, Merri/Yarra Valley, Midlands, South-West, Bellarine, Central and Gippsland, will be held on the Friday evening.

Program: The core program, facilitated by Fr Brian Traynor, will be held on **Saturday, March 30**, with celebration of the Eucharist in the late afternoon. **Sunday morning, March 31**, is an opportunity for a relaxed breakfast and socialising with a late departure.

Accommodation and Meals: The cost is **\$60 per person**. This cost covers accommodation and meals on both Friday and Saturday nights, lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. (N.B. This subsidised charge is the same whether you stay one or two nights.)

****To help with catering, we ask that each participant bring along 'a plate' of savoury or sweet food to be used for morning and afternoon teas and supper. We also ask that you bring your own drinks to have with dinner.**

NOTE: Some bedrooms at Holy Cross are on the first floor (upstairs). Please be sure to mark on your registration if you do NOT want to be upstairs.

Travel: For those choosing to travel to Templestowe by public transport, the nearest railway station is Heidelberg. It is also possible to travel to Box Hill Station and transfer to PTV Bus 279 that stops outside Holy Cross. (See over for more details.)

Registrations: To help with organisation, please return your registration form and payment as soon as possible and **no later than March 15, 2019**.

- Extra copies of the Registration Form for the Weekend can be found on our website: www.pfgmovement.org.au or please leave a message on Ph: 9846 5094 or email us at pfgm.victas@gmail.com with your request.
- For any extra queries or clarifications, please ring or send an email and we will endeavour to reply as promptly as possible. (The office is attended irregularly.)

We are looking forward very much to gathering with you in March.

Best wishes and thank you for all your good work with the Family Groups in your parish. Remember, you the coordinators, are the glue that holds your Parish Family Groups together.

State Team, PFGM VicTas

Frances and Michael Sullivan – Montmorency (Melbourne metro)

Alison and Tony Woolley – Warrnambool (South-West)

Trish and Roger Gurney – Donvale (Melbourne metro)

Gail and Hank Fiddelaers – Trafalgar (Gippsland)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT suggestions for our weekend:

If you chose to travel to Holy Cross in Templestowe, we may be able to arrange a pick-up from Heidelberg Station. Please mark this on your registration form and we will contact you.

Alternatively, it is possible to travel by public transport from the city by train to BOX HILL Station and transfer to the PTV Bus 279 which passes Holy Cross and stops close by at the intersection of Killibury Ct and Serpells Road.

Details are below BUT please check as these times may change:

<i>Train departs Flinders Street</i>	<i>Arrives Box Hill</i>	<i>PTV Bus 279 departs Box Hill</i>	<i>Arrives Killibury Crt (Serpells Road)</i>
12:35 / 12:50	1:01 / 1:16	1:23	1:41
1:12 / 1:27 / 1:42	1:46 / 2:01 / 2:16	2:23	2:42
2:30 / 2:45	3:01 / 3:16	3:22	3:49