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PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

# Family Group Goss



## Fr Peter's Corner

### The True ANZAC Spirit

*Beneath all the hype, myth and commercialism there is the real story of the Great War. It started as a squabble between Royal cousins and ended with tens of millions dead and countries devastated. There was no*

*victory for anyone.*

*Yet, war after war followed in which millions more have died and still it goes on to this very day. So what can we do in our little Family Groups to oppose such a monster that dwells in the hearts of men? We can shoulder the Cross of others that is the Cross*

*of Christ. We can attempt to bring peace at whatever costs to ourselves and we can turn to the Almighty who stripped Himself and became as one of us, even to death, death on a Cross.*

*As Pope Francis pleads, let us be instruments of peace.*

## International Family Group Day— 1st Sunday In May

*The idea of a special day for Family Groups came from members in London. Our very first celebration day was on Sunday 7th of May 2000.*

*Father Peter encouraged parishes to bring all their people together to celebrate the Eucharist with Family Group members participating in the Litur-*

*gy. During celebrations he suggested a renewal, recruitment drive or re-commissioning of the Family Group Leaders or other special recognition to recognise the contribution Family Groups have made to the Parish.*

*The idea was immediately taken up by Family Group parishes across the globe*

*and ever since then, the 1st Sunday in May continues to be celebrated.*

*What will your family group be doing this year on May 3rd?*



## Launching a new kind of Marathon in England: Passionist Family Groups in Bromley, Kent

The famous London marathon was in nearby Greenwich while the parish of Bromley, Kent was at their own beginning – the starting line for Passionist Family Groups.

With crowds in the background, some members were ready to start; they

just needed to be nudged forward. And so they were – by the Parish Priest, Fr. Tom, and the Deacon, plus a team of 5 from Ipswich and Kensington who had inspired and prepared the parish for Family Groups over the last several months.

Nine Groups were ready to

run and with further encouragement from Fr. Tom and the Deacon, another 7 Groups entered the race, making a total of 16 Family Groups for Bromley. The PFGM Leadership team will return in June to join the celebrations for the annual Bromley parish day when Family Groups will be a new presence .

## NSW Annual Coordinators & Leaders day – March 2015

*Mary Ingham, NSW Director, welcomed everyone from across all suburbs of Sydney and especially those who had travelled from as far away as Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie in the north to Nowra down south. In all 55 people attended with 40 Parishes represented. As well as in the large group, small groups formed to look at different issue before them, such as renewal of Family Groups, schools and Family Groups and recruiting younger families.*



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