## **Christmas Prayer**

Child of Bethlehem – house of bread;

Man of Jerusalem – city of peace;

You have loved us

Without limit or condition:

In our greatness and in our misery,

In our folly and in our virtue;

May your hand always be upon us

And may your heart be within us,

So that we too may become

Bread and peace for one another.

(The Benedictine Foundation)



## 2020 Calendar

## 8 Feb. Family Group Mass & Shared Meal

**All welcome!** A time together to celebrate our Family Groups. A time to catch up with members from other parishes.

Time: 5pm

Venue: Passionist Retreat Centre (The Fort)

219 Fort Rd Oxley

Please Bring: Cold meats & Salads to share

**BYO Drinks** 

What is Provided: Tea & Coffee, plates and

cutlery.

**RSVP** – Gwen 0407 175 508 or gwen.winterscheidt@gmail.com

**6/7 June - Hervey Bay** – Renewal Fr Ray Sanchez and PFGM Team

**13/14 June – Kingscliff –** Renewal Fr Ray and PFGM Team

13/14 July - Fr Ray available to visit your Parish

11/12 July - Fr Ray available to visit your Parish

18/19 July - PFGM NLT visit Warwick

15 August – Family Group Workshops and Open Conversation & Mass at the Fort

10/11 Oct - Fr Ray available to visit your Parish

If you would like to book Fr Ray Sanchez for one of the above weekends please contact:

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There are costs involved with these weekends.

## From the Northern Leadership Team (NLT)

Another year and many beautiful stories from our Family Groups. One that comes to mind was when a senior lady met her new Family Group this year. She was so excited when she realised there were children in her group. "My family live interstate, I miss my grandchildren so much, now I will have little ones once again, I am blessed."

There have been eight Parish Renewals and visits to many parishes during 2019. We are continually encouraged that a number of younger people are joining Family Group. Most parishes have started two or three new groups as a result of the renewal weekends.

Other initiatives provided by our NLT members have been to facilitate workshops for parishes on Shared Leadership and Why Have Family Groups in Today's World?

The 'Adjusting Our Sails' Conference, weekend for younger people in Family Groups, was a great success with the participants stating that the PFGM Model is still very relevant to their lives and they are very keen to see the PFGM continue and grow.

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to wish you, with our love, all the special enjoyment that being in a family can bring. Our prayer is that this is a time of peace and love for you.

Fr Ray, Gwen & Russell, Jeanelle & Denis



For more stories and events please check the website: www.pfgm.org