

A Brief History

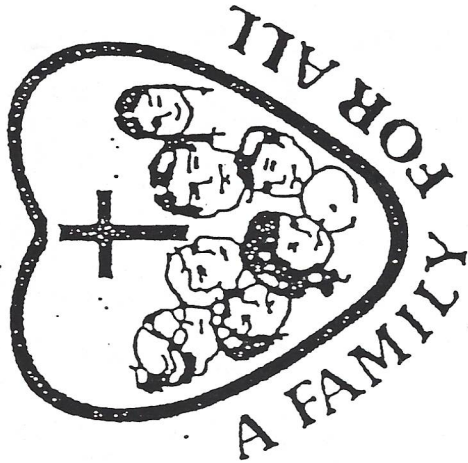
The Family Group movement formed in Terry Hills Parish, Sydney, in 1972. today Terry Hills has 26 Family Groups involving 350 families.

The spread of the Family Group movement around New Zealand began in June 1993 in the Paeroa Parish. Rob & Lyn Hill had heard of the movement and introduced it to their Parish. Today Family Groups has spread to 81 parishes in New Zealand

Graham & Shelley Ward were members in Paeroa Parish and introduced the movement to Glenfield when they moved here in 1990.

This month marks the fourth birthday of Family Groups in the Glenfield Parish.

**PASSIONIST
FAMILY GROUP
MOVEMENT**



SOLUTION

'ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE'

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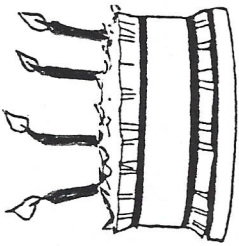
WORD-FIT SOLUTION

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
GLENFIELD**

4th CELEBRATION

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?



CELEBRATION

While the "International Year of the Family" is important to observe, it is gratifying to note that our Passionist Family Group Movement has touched so many parishes in Australasia, well in advance of this declaration. This however does not lessen in any way the need for us to be vigilant and alert to the need for all in our Parish Community to be given the opportunity to experience family in that community.

We therefore welcome the wider perception that family is vitally important and a breakdown in our family sometimes heralds a breakdown in our society.

Let us not lose sight of the need to reach out beyond our comfort zone, not necessarily do things for people, be there for the people to **WELCOME THEM TO THE FAMILY.**

We welcome Michael and Maree to their new co-ordinators role in Glenfield, Patty and Lloyd and Janet and Ian to their new leadership roles. We look forward to sharing the Glenfield strength with other parishes in the region and thank the Glenfield leaders and others for all their regional efforts to date, in support of our ministry.

Keep up the positive approach.

Graham & Shelley Ward
Regional Co-ordinators, Auckland North

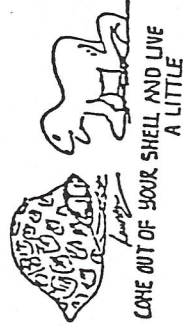
And Now a Word from our Sponsors

The new Parish Family Group co-ordinators, Michael & Maree Pervan want to pay tribute to the sterling work put in by the group leaders. This significant effort shouldn't go unnoticed. If the Passionist Family Group movement is strong in Glenfield Parish it is no small way the result of the time and dedication by our leaders. Not only do they cope with their own family pressures, but they take on board those "other families" in our Parish. We would ask Family Group members to give their leaders all their support and not to mention the odd warm fuzzy.

Interested in coming on board?

We also notice a lot of new faces worshipping with us each Sunday and while it is our endeavour to eventually approach them all, we would like to encourage new Parishioners who would like to get to know others on a social and family basis please contact us or any of the leaders to find out more about this great movement. Our motto is "A Family For All" and we would like to see you aboard.

Michael & Maree Pervan

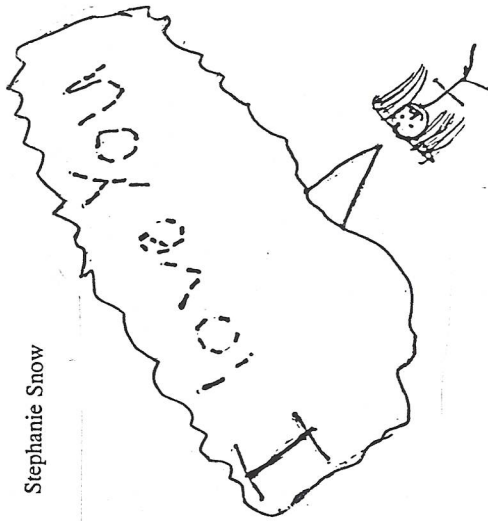


Family Groups -- A reflection On

Patty Hayward last night on the phone did get-
 And rang all Family Group leaders with a request to be met-
 A reflection on Family Groups, that's what we are told-
 She'd call tomorrow night for us to unfold-
 The panic did set in-
 What do we write?

If only we had more time than a night-
 Well here it is folks -
 What more can I say?
 They are great!
 They are working!
 And they are here to stay!

Stephanie Snow



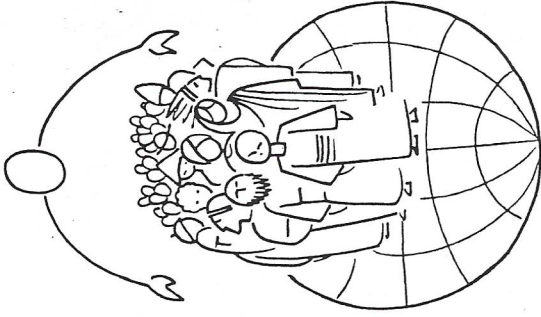
From the Gillan's Desk of Wisdom

Communication and tons of it have made our Family Group a wonderful success. From dearest Nana Mary to Sweetest baby Keirin, we all have our uniqueness that we can share with each other. Love and friends beyond measure has been the best thing for all of us.

In the past four years we have been together we have had tons of laughter, tears, great birthdays and even put up with each others camping. Hidden talents have come out, more the longer we are together.

Thank you family for being unique and making our lives complete.

Jude & Ron Gillan



You are all one in union with Christ
 Jesus. (3.28) GALATIANS

A Reflection on Family Groups

For us it was a chance to put something back into the church, rather than taking from it all the time.
 For us it was an extension of family life, a natural thing to do.

Since Family Groups have been in the Parish we have noticed a real feeling of community.

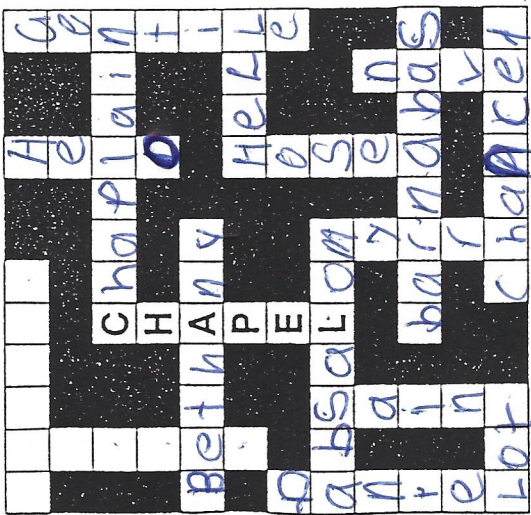
Having been involved as leaders has provided us with a lot of new friends and fun times

We consider Family Groups to be faith in action.

We'd like to thank all our members for their friendship, love and support over the time.

Kevin & Carolyn Murphy

CHILDREN'S WORD-FIT



See if you can fit these words into their correct positions in the diagram. CHAPEL has been written in to help start the puzzle.

3 letters

Lot

5 letters

Hosea
Myrrh
Saint

7 letters

Absalom
Bethany
Chancel
Gentile

4 letters

Halo
Hell
Mary
Nave

6 letters

Anthem
-Ghapel-
Daniel
Easter

8 letters

Barnabas
Chaplain

Children's Corner

CHILDREN'S SEARCHWORD

'ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE'

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Word List

- Ass
- Bear
- Camel
- Gazelle
- Deer
- Donkey
- Fox
- Goats
- Horse
- Jackal
- Mule
- Oxen
- Rock
- Badger
- Lion
- Sheep
- Wolf
- Cattle

HOW DO FAMILY GROUPS HELP THE PARISH?

The networking of families has immediate effects on parish liturgy and within a few months more people are keen to become involved in the life of the parish.

Many pastoral needs, such as people visiting one another, or helping each other in practical ways during special times of need, build parish life and help people understand what belonging to a church really means.

Family Groups do a great deal to support and encourage the life of the family as well as provide an important sense of family belonging for the many who have lost it, through death or marriage breakdown.

IS IT SOCIAL OR RELIGIOUS?

It is doubtful that Jesus could have comprehended such a distinction! When people learn to accept others who are different from them, and offer love and care, and enjoy doing it, then God is right there in the middle of it. Many people believe that faith is 'caught' rather than 'taught', and there is a lot of faith 'catching' in Family Groups.

IS IT A LAY MOVEMENT?

Family groups offer an opportunity for priests, religious and laity to work together. There are significant opportunities for lay leadership, with an emphasis on strengthening marriage and family life.

A Family for All With Jesus

The question has often been asked, what it is for me to be a member of Family Group?

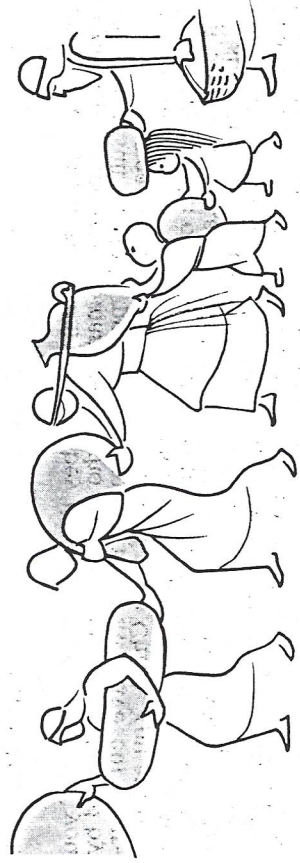
Christianity you say! hows that? Surely you develop Christianity by being a member of a church. Well, yes indeed, of course you do, but a Family Group I feel, gives you the opportunity to act out much of what you learn during each three year cycle of Gospels and Homily's'. One is therefore a compliment to the other.

It is for sure, God made us for each other, to be community people of one kind or another, each with an individual talent for something that compliments the rest of the group or community. others with different and differing degrees of talent to share. For some odd reason, within the framework of a church routine, much of the talent of its members does not get properly utilised, and what is probably more tragic, many of its members, considered frail perhaps, or in some way not the norm, distressed, separated, solo parent or any other way a lesser person not normally accepted in a circle of friends, gets left out, unable to share in the circle of love which Christ is supposed to be able to emanate through the very people he has fed and confirmed to provide that service.

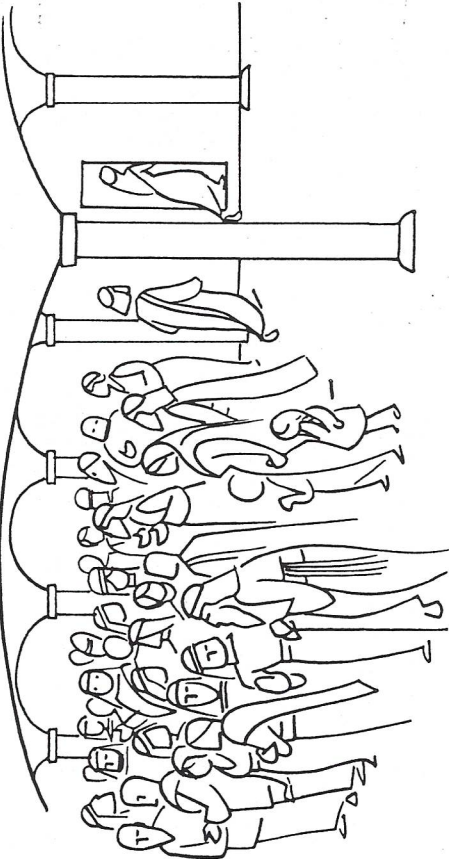
In our group we are blessed to be able to share with all of those above and some of those who profess no particular faith and that I feel is what Christ expects us to be doing. In our daily lives we are supposed to be Christlike and offer consideration, refuge, love and assistance to all burdened souls without discrimination.

In short for me our Family Group extends to us the opportunity to outreach in our community and become better Christians.

Gerry Smy



Help carry one another's burdens. (6.2) GALATIANS



Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. (10.25) HE BREWS

Our family has been part of the Glenfield Parish for five years now. Shortly after settling in we were asked if we would like to join a Family Group and as we knew very few people in the community, we saw this as an opportunity to make new friends. Through meeting people within the parish and Family Groups we now have a greater sense of belonging and it is always nice to go to church and know other parishioners.

At present we have nine families in our group, the majority with very young children. We get together on a monthly basis, with a family outing for the children and then a more adult orientated occasion. We really enjoy exploring places of interest with a group of friends and value the friendship within the members of our Family Group and the wider parish network.

Ian & Janet Langdon



*Greet one another with a brotherly kiss.
(16:16) ROMANS*

Wullings Family Group

Father Peter McGrath C.P. (founder of the passionate Family Group movement) has said that "most people are willing to help each other, but if you don't know the other person how can you help?". I feel that is what Family Groups is all about. Family Groups has helped me to help other people. Through Family Groups I feel I am living my faith. It is a lot like Jesus lived with his mates and how the early Christians lived.

In our church we don't know all the people. In church people do walk past each other and have no clue what is going on in other peoples lives. Family Groups have helped breakdown a large Parish community into smaller groups. It has been effective. Maybe not so for all the people, but effective because everyone is welcome whether they wish to sit on the sideline, whether they need help or maybe want to help. That is their choice and that is ok. Not everybody is able to give, we go through stages in our life of giving and of taking.

Through Family Groups I have learnt to accept people where they are at, to be more understanding and more tolerant.

Jenny Wullings

Friendship

Friendship buds and blossoms
like summer in full dress
Friendship brings a harvest of joy
and happiness
Friendship is sustaining
through winter and snows
Friendship can't be hoarded
by being shared, it grows

Lloyd and I came to New Zealand in March 1993. A very adventurous move to make. Quit our jobs, sold our house and said goodbye to family and all our friends. It was a difficult time with an ill mother, settling Calvin into kindy and then school and Lloyd settling into a new job. There was no time to meet new friends. By Christmas I was very lonely and homesick, missing the familiar faces and places. While holidaying at Waihi Beach we ran into some old Family Group friends from Australia. We were introduced to a lovely couple from Glenfield Parish.

Once we were back in Auckland we were invited to join a Family Group. We chose to come to Glenfield Parish because when we walked into Sunday Mass the church felt alive. The people of the community smiled and talked to each other. It had a nice feeling, a friendly atmosphere. We were asked to be leaders, while we had been in Family Groups in Queensland for eight years we had never served in this ministry. After thinking long and hard we decided to say yes. Our feelings are those of privilege and humbleness. Families are strong and fragile at the same time. For all who are part of bringing new families together, to create friendship and support, it requires courage to reach out, understanding of each other and acceptance of peoples differences

As we celebrate the fourth birthday of Family Groups in the Glenfield Parish I pray that the Lord will help us and our group members in this ministry and may we go with love in our hearts.

Patty Hayward