

Broken Branches

“Take courage! God has healing in store for you; so take courage” (Tb. 5:10)

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Man and Woman and Fear

In the physical union of a man and a woman in the natural order it's the man who gives the seed of life and the woman who receives it. He is the Seed. She is the earth. But it's in the woman that the life that is given grows and we learn from the earth that rest, silence, ecstasy almost deep sleep of absence and secrecy are the essential nutrients for the germination and growth of life.

When the light of God is not in the mother we have a psychological and spiritual environment where children cannot grow naturally. No one can take the place of a mother. She is covenanted and attached to her child. Her child hears her voice and recognises it because from the moment of conception the child has rested directly beneath her heart. Has heard her every heartbeat. She who is designed for fertility has also inscribed within her a sense, a bond which immediately knows that she carries within her a beautiful guest in her holy of holies. Her womb, God's workshop. A child created there. As the man is drawn towards and fettered with his wife so the mother (note I have not said the woman) is with the child. Within fecundity is the secret of God hidden in their biological reality. Indeed we can see how much this is true because since Vat II and the diminishing unfairly of the role of Mary the Mother of Jesus has meant that the loss of Mary equalled the loss of babies. As Mary has been demeaned so have women and babies. So have family life and children been demeaned. Mary abandoned as irrelevant...children have become irrelevant.

Our society needs to see that males and females are reconciled if we are ever to destroy and banish the anti life mentality. There is a hatred of children and between man and women which must cease and reconciliation must take place.

Guilt is our self punishment and it is in an action sensed because of the perceived loss of self esteem or the loss of what we see as having acted beneath our very best. It's almost like a threat from the psyche, of punishment which

accounts for guilt. Psychic or spiritual disorders can only be treated/resolved along moral and spiritual thought.

The life principle belongs to God and in the handing over of the life principle to Caesar we have attempted to wrest from God what is essentially His domain. It is therefore not surprising that anguish is the result.

Every jealousy, anger, restlessness, unhappiness are roots of death and murder. The aimless wandering of those who abort is a sign of banishment from the garden of peace. Estrangement from self and others.

With each generation the sacredness of human life has diminished and the darkness which encompasses the earth is sourced profoundly in the heart and mind of the human persons. A darkness I believe because the mother's heart has hardened against her child. And not just a few hearts but millions of hearts annually so that corporately a terror seems to have overcome humanity. The same terror of being discovered naked in the garden, and hiding behind shrubs and trees so the new hiding is behind depression, anxiety, fear, anti depressants, sleep disorders and a restless of heart and mind. And at a more mundane level the woman and man hide from terror behind the technology of selfishness. The man and woman are so terrified that they are afraid of their own child. Of the future.

Death of Charlotte Dawson:

Reading about the death of TV personality and former model, the very beautiful Charlotte Dawson, left me feeling really sad. Indeed when I read of her death I went and immediately bought her autobiography. I'd had heard of it when it first was released but had “not got round to it” and I also knew that in the book “Air Kiss and Tell” she had spoken of her abortion and the fact that she pinpointed to the first time she felt the “bogeyman” depression was immediately following her abortion. So this peaked my interest but with daily work and many articles I have to read I eventually forgot about it. And for this I am sorry because had I read it I might have made an effort to contact her and see if she would speak with me. I would have even travelled to see her and possibly might have been able to help her. For this I am truly sorry. I failed her.

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In her book Charlotte says that she was thrilled when she realised she was pregnant, but her husband was not so happy "I could sense some hesitation in Scott," she says. "My due date would clash with the 2000 Olympic Games and this was very concerning." (p78)

"Everything Scott had done was leading up to this moment and nothing could stand in his way, so it was decided that we would terminate the child and try again later. Who needed a developing foetus when a gold medal was on offer, eh?" She wrote.

Sexual abuse, by a neighbour when she was seven who was reputedly "religious" left Charlotte having difficulties with the "God" question as per an interview, And so abortion and round the same time marriage breakdown and career difficulties left her wounded.

The media have made much of her death blaming cyber bullying because it's easier to speak about cyber bullying and depression, than abortion and depression. Charlotte had made public her battle with depression but sadly no one wanted to link this depression to her abortion. And yet we know that abortion increases the risks of depression and abortion is also linked (155%) to a greater risk of attempting suicide and in this case completed. There is also 110% greater risk of alcohol abuse 22% of substance use/abuse (eg marijuana)

But Dawson could not reconcile the decision to abort with her inner self her turmoil began in abortion facility and continued to the end and this I believe because she couldn't find someone to help her with abortion grief and regret. She didn't want to abort and wanted to have the child but compromised with her inner being.

"Scott accompanied me to a local clinic, but he couldn't cope with the atmosphere so he left me there alone. I was struggling with the decision and trying not to appear emotional or distressed about it so that Scott could maintain his focus. I was trying to train myself to think of my baby as an inconvenience, like a sneeze in a news broadcast. It was difficult." (p79)

"Inside I was in total turmoil. I wanted the baby. How long would we have to wait? Were there even any guarantees that I would fall pregnant again? Of course, I accepted without question that the Olympics was Scott's number-one priority — I had been told that by him and a number of other interested and invested parties." (pp78-79)

After the procedure, Charlotte went home and tried to behave as though nothing had happened, but says something had changed forever.

"I felt a shift," she says. "Maybe it was hormonal, but I felt the early tinges of what I can now identify as my first experience with depression."

That it was in fact her abortion 15 years earlier that introduced her to what she called the "depression bogeyman." This from her autobiography *Air Kiss & Tell* (2012).

"Something had changed forever" (p80). These words have been uttered in my office thousands of times. "I have changed Anne; I can't be the same again" This is what abortion does it changes things forever. It's not a new thing I have heard it's common to hear "nothing has been the same Anne I can't go back to the time before I knew abortion. Will I ever feel good again Anne?"

"I then had to reconcile myself to the personal responsibility of having a termination. Should I be feeling guilt and shame? I was challenging my idea that motherhood was an uncomplicated and blissful time, especially for newlyweds," she wrote.(p83)

"I considered the possibility that I might end up being a childless woman, which was a frustrating and demoralizing prospect for me, as I very much wanted to be a mother. What if I couldn't have another child? What if I'd blown my only chance of motherhood by sacrificing this one?"(pp79-80)

Abortion for Dawson was not the liberating self-fulfilling experience that abortion advocates said it would be. Having lost her baby to abortion, she tried to focus on what she still had. This is called rationalisation.

“It was a horrible, sad time for me, but I had to keep reminding myself of what I had. I had a husband, and we were building a life and a home together.”

“I wanted our baby, but I felt greedy, like I already had too much, that the termination was a compromise I should make,” she wrote.

“As brave as I was trying to be, and as much as I tried to reassure myself that we were doing the right thing, it was still a gut-wrenching time.

It was not until Dawson returned home from the abortion clinic that the gravity of what she had just done came crashing down on her.

“When I got home, I felt that something had changed. I felt a shift. Maybe it was hormonal, but I felt the early tinges of what I can now identify as my first experience with depression.”

“I should have bought a couch especially for the depression bogeyman right then and there. If I had known he was going to visit so often, I would have at least have had somewhere for him to sit, the bastard,” she wrote.

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Dawson’s sacrifice of her only child for the sake of her husband’s Olympic career aspirations did not pay off. Sex tapes emerged around this time of Miller being filmed compromised with a female swimmer and there was also talk of him and drugs.

And the saddest part was that he did not even make the team for the Sydney Olympics. The news of her husband’s betrayal added even more devastation to the already shattered Dawson.

“If I’d started to feel pangs of depression after the termination, the shock of receiving this news barely six months into my marriage was too much to bear. Something inside me completely broke that Sunday, something that is beyond repair, something that has never come back,” she wrote. “I was a broken mess. I had to pretend that nothing was wrong at work and at social functions while people were whispering behind my back...” “It was around this time that I learned the gentle art of drowning sorrow with bucket loads of wine.” (increased risk of overuse of alcohol)

And abortion proponents share the blame. They, of course, insist that abortion is an easy, painless? Uneventful

procedure which rids the woman of an inconveniently attached baby and leaves her unscathed. This is the monumental lie which the father of lies has managed to persuade our society that it (abortion) is a good thing, and in doing so those who believe and promote this continue to push barriers for easier and easier access to abortion until words are now beginning to be disseminated, words like of “4th trimester abortion.” An oxymoron and being introduced into society to slowly take hold and become normal.

The deemphasizing of abortion’s painful effects has been successful because of strategic and methodical workers in death industry whose only vision (under the guise of good for women) has been slow death of the relationship and intimacy between mother and her infant. It’s a huge lie. Abortion changes the woman. When aborting she goes completely against her design. It is contra to all that she is. Woman says bearer of life. Softness, gentleness. Future. Intentional abortion says woman bearer of death. That a

woman suffers depression, post



abortion is not surprising and is a well known side effect. Some will experience grief even pre abortion as Charlotte Dawson did, as I did, and thousands others I have spoken with did. Some almost immediately following, begin a life of self defeating behaviours. Some may suppress for a time feelings of anguish, pain, loss, fears. This in order to continue. However, suppression usually ends up with manifestation of other pains which further incapacitate those actually living through it, Depression is a big dark hole which beckons the one

staring into it, to climb in and not ever get out.

For Charlotte Dawson not only the abortion was undealt with but also sexual abuse she experienced as a child and was also undealt with led her to the precipice, to the edge from which she could not draw back. Had she been able to be helped with her abortion depression and grief she would have been stronger and been able to deal with the cyber bullying.

This from her autobiography Air Kiss & Tell (2012).

RIP beautiful lady. I am sorry for your pain. Rest and be with your baby.

Salt of the earth Matt. 5:13

This past week this term “salt of the earth” seemed to have floated past my ears and past my vision (read it) and had it quoted to me so often that I had to stop and listen or see if it was trying to say something to me. I looked it up.

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its taste, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing and can only be thrown out to be trampled under people’s feet.”

It seems that salt is so important that it holds the earth or makes the earth better, but if it loses its flavour then it’s useless and suitable for throwing out.

What does this mean?

Well to start with, salt is a white sandy type of substance which is found both in sea water and on land and is a substance which is required by both human species and the animal species as part of their life and diet. For us human people who cook and preserve we need salt to flavour and to preserve at least olives, and peperoni and aubergines and sardines etc. Salt is a preservative which prevents undesirable things happening to what we are trying to preserve. Flavour our food. Imagine trying to eat pasta and meatballs without putting salt in the boiling water which cooks the pasta. Not an option! And I am sure it has many other uses. So salt is naturally available and a very much needed substance.

So it must be important and Jesus must have known this because he used a known and valuable substance in order to illustrate a point. That was his style. His parables clearly show this. He used what his listeners understood, wheat, flour, vineyard, wine, fish, bread, water, labour, so it should not come as a surprise that he used salt to explain a very important point and it must have been a very important point because salt was once considered more precious than gold. A golden lesson!!!

So what was Jesus saying and why was it speaking to me “salt of the earth” this week?

The only thing that I can think of is that as a believer in Him and a lover of Him I have to endure. I have to help make the way of the other better. I have to be stable and not run after other voices. I have to “flavour” those who come into or are in my life. I have to be that “thing” which makes my life and the life of others in my care “taste” good. And those who come into that life know, experience, feel that taste. Otherwise if this is not what I do then all the words and works are tasteless and useless.

It’s a hard saying because we are all sinners. Thank you for prayers for me.

Pro Life Movement

The pro life movement, in the scheme of things, is new. It is infant in its understanding though it is strongly gathering momentum and so each new step is a step of learning.

Whilst by its nature the pro life movement has been one of exactly as its name says, pro life, it has made many steps some would say good and others perhaps not so good.

In the first instance the pro life movement sought to fight abortion by highlighting the fate of the child in the womb. There were and are many horror images and yes these in some cases helped. The movement sought sincerely to show what happens to an infant in the womb during the abortion. And it is a truth.

The second wave of the movement has been to promote the cause of the woman first and again whilst this is good and is what I have also done, perhaps this also falls short of the ideal because this says that if there was no wound or damage to the woman then it would be okay to proceed with the abortion.

It’s my humble opinion that there is a third and more important way of fighting abortion and that is defending both the right of the mother and her child and to do this we need to appeal to her feminine self and within that feminine self the instruction to hold, nurture defend her child and where necessary to mourn the loss of her child.

As long as we separate the woman from her child then abortion will continue because there is a rupture of the original covenant. This is why with abortion there is an ambiguous or disenfranchised loss grieved for. This is a loss where the one who has died is absent but psychologically still very much present and influencing the life of the woman, the father, siblings, society.

Or perhaps even a type of non finite loss, that is a loss which is never ended or resolved. A complicated type of loss because there was a presence, there was something new and then there was nothing. Emptiness. Loss.

This loss cannot be grieved for because there was a separation or rupture of the covenant and further where the woman was told that her grief is invalid and her “mother love” is denied or dismissed.

Abortion also means that her loss cannot ever be treated as a “normal” kind of loss because we have deemphasised her pain and reasons for her pain to the exclusion of the pain of the one she is grieving for. Added to this deemphasizing has been the diminishing of the dignity of her child and thus resulting in a loss for her which is untenable because her

baby has been ignored. And the question of “why did I do this” (grieve) cannot be answered whilst the baby is left behind.

Grief and bereavement is unpredictable we don't know how we will react and whether we like it or not grief changes us. It is like love we don't know how “love” feels until we love. So too with grief and abortion grief more so because abortion grief has many factors inscribed into it. e.g. guilt, shame, blame, abandonment. Abortion grief is the kind which grief practitioners need to stand back from the brouhaha and political correctness about its existence and take stock of its signs.

To look for manifestations of its presence. That the very presence of the woman in their offices means that the abortion has had negative effect on them. To develop new empathy for this kind of pain. To learn slowly to understand that for the abortive woman the world will be different, and for the abortive woman it means first the regathering of her infant, processing its existence, rehumanizing, those in the life of the child and the child him/herself and then finally releasing the child from her shoulder to live in his/her reality and she to carry the memory of its presence in her own history not as a pain in her heart but as a memory of her beautiful child who stopped by for a moment to change her life and world forever.

Grief is a normal sadness, normal emotion. It's a way of holding onto attachment, memories, images, spiritual beliefs. It's a way of holding on to the life story (even when short) of the other and ensuring that the passing by of the other is remembered and kept holy.

The pro life movement has raised awareness of what abortion means to humanity, society, man, woman, child. It continues to bring before the eyes of the world the horror of abortion and works to ensure that we never forget. Each charism (group) entrusted with this work does so in the manner that the Lord urges them. There is the political much needed, spiritual much needed, counselling much needed, sidewalk prayers and counsellors much needed, and various charisms offering post



REDEEMING GRIEF

ABORTION AND ITS PAIN

ANNE R. LASTMAN

REVISED EDITION

FOREWORD BY HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BARRY J. HICKEY

NEW REVISED EDITION!

REDEEMING GRIEF is a reflection of over 17 years of counselling and study of abortion grief, which is experienced by some women who choose to undergo this elective procedure. These reflections are the result of listening to over 1500 personal stories and listening to the expressions used by the women as they speak about their decision to abort the life of their child. These reflections then attempt to reconstruct the meaning that this procedure has had for the aborting woman and how this one procedure has been the catalyst for life changes.

REDEEMING GRIEF looks at abortion trauma and grief from the spiritual and the psychological perspective, and its influences on the individuals involved and society. It is hoped that the language used is reader friendly and the concepts (both spiritual and psychological) are also reader friendly.

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abortive support all much needed.

With 50,000,000 abortions per year worldwide (about 100,000 in Australia) there is work for all the only thing more which is needed is more “labourers for the vineyard.”

Pro life work is perhaps the most important and challenging work in our day and the days ahead and it behoves those of us called into this vineyard to be each other’s keepers and carers and supporters so that together we form a mighty army for the Lord.

Euthanasia in Belgium:

Dear friends since the last issue of the newsletter was posted out and emailed out, news has come through that Belgium that once strongly Catholic country passed a Bill that allows the euthanizing of children. On February 14th, (St Valentine’s Day) the Bill passed through parliament allowing this monstrosity to be accepted. It is posited that the law permits the euthanasia of children who are terminally ill and even have the capacity to understand what their decision might mean.

This sets a dangerous precedent because for children (and most adults) death is nebulous concept and even non permanent so this new law even suggesting that children as young as 14 years of age and maybe in much pain can make an informed decision is sheer lunacy and is even monstrous for a group (pro euthanasia advocates) who promotes this.

It should not have come as a surprise though, because if we can now speak about “post birth abortion” (read euthanasia of after birth babies) and “fourth trimester abortion” (read post birth euthanasia) then the other had to come sometime.

Having now legalised euthanasia for children who are terminally ill, how long will it be before the slippery slope of euthanasia in Belgium becomes more steep to add more than the terminally ill children, terminally ill adults, disabled adults and children, and God knows where else.

As I read this in one of our daily papers it saddened me that the culture of death is so rampant. Why it is that death is so much courted and wooed?

Belgium now has legal abortion of pre born babies, legal euthanasia of ill children and legalised SS unions. What is it with this once strongly catholic and religious country to court so strongly the culture of death? I read somewhere that the former King of Belgium Baudouin, the brother of the present King Phillip, had to step back for a day because he couldn’t in conscience sign the Bill to introduce abortion to 12 weeks.

Where the heroes like him to stop euthanasia? and always it has been my opinion that the pro euthanasia lobby will come in through side door using sick children as an excuse. If you remember dear friends, abortion was fought for in the

first place not as a “right” as it is touted today but was

fought for to “save” women from backyard abortions and coat hanger abortions. And to save “millions?” of women from death through infections? Yeah right!

It was brought in for the hard cases e.g. rape and incest and not as a “right” or even as a “choice” but it was introduced as a “need.” In less than a generation it has become a “right” and a “choice” of women and legal to full term.

It’s happening again in the same way with euthanasia for the terminally ill first and then within whisper of time for others. And of course after birth euthanasia of babies who “aren’t quite right.”

I think dear friends we do need some heavy duty divine help please ask incessantly for it. Be like the woman who wouldn’t stop pestering the Judge. (Hi John!!) Lk 18:1-8.

Controversy.

Dear friends, the last issue of my newsletter caused a tsunami of emails, normal mail, phone calls and cancellations of newsletters. I have placed just several in letters page. It also brought in some really supportive responses which I am always grateful for.

The cause of the angst was my writing on abortion for rape and my insistence that it shouldn’t be permitted. Abortion for such an event, grotesque as it is, because the innocence of the child is taken away from it and the guilt of the father (rape) is meted out to the child.

I did try and explain why I thought and think as I do and that I can’t try and save some and not others. Why some babies are innocent and some aren’t. I have even had what was a really heated (on his side, annoyingly calm, though not inside, on my side) discussion with one of my former supporters about death penalty (yes even this came up as a result of that short piece) and that I can’t work for the life of a preborn and disagree with abortion and then agree with the death penalty, irrespective who says it’s right.

As I have said in the short writing (Feb 2014) I accept that it is something huge to ask of a woman who has conceived in such a manner (rape) to carry the child to full time and give birth to it but it may be that from this horrific incidence a beautiful good may come from it.

However, I do understand where this thinking comes from because it has become so normal to abort “normally” conceived babies, even up to full term, and dispose of them so readily and so easily that the mere idea of carrying a conception through rape to full term seems an outrage. But as I have said in my writing about this we may not be selective. I don’t know of any preborn which deserves to be killed, do you? Is the child guilty of anything? And if it is not wanted surely there are hundreds of thousands who would love a baby to hold and to treasure.

I was even accused both in letter and on phone of

Letters

Dear Anne.

My friend forwarded your latest newsletter to me. I got quite touched by it. The beautiful description of the first beginnings of life....

I have had 6 babies in 7 years and I thank God for each of them.

The article on pregnancy resulting from rape gave me such a good perspective on that whole issue.

As to the use of contraceptives, not sure about that.

(Some very personal information) I am now 80 years of age and keeping well.

One lady I knew, her husband did not believe in contraceptives, she finished up having many babies, had many nervous break downs, the church had to carry that family for many years.

So I do question about using some kind of preventative.

Never the pill....I never felt I could go on that.

(more personal info)

So I really thank God that there are some things available in cases like that, not for selfish reasons but for the good of the whole family.

I pray for your total healing and a blessing on the wonderful work you do..

I did meet you when you spoke at Geelong venue last year M.

Thank you for your kind words M. I appreciate them. I think I might get lambasted for the last newsletter but I have to speak it as I see it.

Can I suggest you think and pray more about the contraceptive thought? It's the contraceptive mentality which has led to abortion mentality and soon post birth abortion (euthanasia of children) and then euthanasia of sickly, elderly etc.

And remember the Church does not demand that we women become machines for production; God asks that we remain open to life and not thwart what He might have in mind.

When couples are lovingly thoughtful and knowledgeable of their fertility, and for good and important reason they can abstain from intercourse during the fertile period without in any way damaging their intimate relations and without thwarting God's plans then they are not contravening God's law. Contraception puts a barrier in the couple's intimacy and makes intimacy a thing almost like satisfaction thing only. Intimacy is a union which brings together one whole self to be given to the beloved who receives it and does beautiful work with it. Each of the couple brings to that moment of ecstasy something which they have created solely for that moment and never to be repeated. We have become too complacent with what intimacy means. Because "sex" is always before our eyes selling something we have lost the meaning of its worth.

Write to me again love hearing ideas.

Anne

Dear Anne,

I have received and read your Feb/March newsletter today and as always you come up with something original-a different slant n what abortion means and the lifelong effects of it.

Your description of conception is quite poetic and some may consider that it is over the top to refer to the attraction of the sperm to the ovum as "love" but God put in train the whole reproductive process and meant it to be the fulfilment of the love of husband and wife.

You gave little away on how you are coping with the breast cancer treatment except for a reference to pain. I hope you are managing with it.

Enclosed is a donation for your wonder work.

Congratulations on your additional qualification.

God Bless....Fr Leo.

Dear Fr Leo thank you for all you do for me. Re the cancer I just keep on keeping on, there are days which are better than others. I need lots and lots of prayers though because seizures have resurfaced, after an absence of them for months probably working a bit too much. Need to manage Anne better.

Dear Anne,

Anne maybe my age (now much over 50 years) won't allow me to recall all past editions I've consumed of *Broken Branches*, but this last one Feb/march 2014 tops the list by a country mile.

Thank you for the effort, excellent.

God's love and mine

Fr Paul.

Thank you dear Fr Paul, I have read the article by Fr Richard Rohr and also like it very much and thank you for your always uplifting and encouraging words to me.

Below is a sample of the negative ones as a result of Feb/Mar issue

Anne,

Please delete me from newsletter list you have lost the plot. your rape/abortion idiocy was the last straw.

C.K. (Vic)

OK done!

Thank you Margaret G.

Thank you Maureen W.

condoning rape, and as I am a hard headed Italian I do not regret what I wrote because someone has to stand up for that child too and perhaps even for its mother because one day that same mother, in the evening of life, will remember not only the rape but what she did as a result of that rape. And further we want to be rid of all abortion and not just certain ones otherwise we pro lifers begin our own slippery slope where we will fight for the life of some and not others.

To those who were upset I am sorry if you were but I have to speak and write as I see it.

Country Retreats Available:

Frid 4th -Monday 7th April (Retreat Master Fr Bernie McGrath)

Frid 23rd -Mon 26th May (Retreat Master Fr Manuel Adami MSSP)

These retreats are in beautiful surroundings Bushlands, beaches, Shrine to the unborn, Rosary path. Beautiful accommodation and meals provided and fees by your kindness.

Information: Willie: 9557 6098

I am sorry I won't be able to make it for first one am in Launceston (speaker conference of Emily's Voice) and second one also in Tasmania (Hobart) again for Emily's Voice as speaker. A magnificent pro life organisation whose charism is to change culture of death. Please pray for their work it's lovely.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Also keep free June 14th 2014 for Pro Life Dinner. It's a later date than last year. Hope to see you sitting at my table! Cost \$80 pp So start saving now and come and sit with me please. Venue is at Moonlight Receptions, 622 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy, and magnificent speaker is our very own Dr David Van Gend from Qld. Very openly pro life doctor. Please support this fund raiser even for me.

Dear friends as I come to the end of this issue of newsletter I continue to *ask for your prayer support and \$\$\$ support as I need both of them to continue.*

I have started this New Year with three people from interstate, who visit me every three weeks for one and every 4 weeks for other two. With these I block out a whole day each and I give about 3-4 hrs counselling but also breaks in between and lunch together (maccas) without speaking about issues so that there is a break from intensity. And the good thing is that there is a little improvement even though have only seen twice. Lots and lots of prayers needed please for me and them.

Please also continue to pray for my ongoing people, Chris, Christine, Kerry (new) Anne M, Anna, Marlene, Chloe, Greg, Jayne, Jessica, Susan, Amy, Melissa, Sarah, Tendi, Jade, Marilyn, Barry (new) Tara. Please continue praying for Andrew whose story you have read in October newsletter he needs prayer, and pray for a very special person called "Joe" more on him later .

And finally, I would wish all my friends and readers a happy, safe and Holy Easter and if you are travelling please be safe.

In your Mercy please pray for and remember H.E Bishop Michael Putney a supporter who passed away from cancer on March 28th 2014 after just over a year of battling this awful disease. He was so heroic. He was Chief Shepherd of Townsville for 13 years. *Eternal rest grant unto him Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him and may he rest in peace. Amen*



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