

Broken Branches

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

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“Woman”

The loss of any child even through abortion means that what we (individuals and society) mourn is the life of a child whose history remains incomplete and like a bud unopened. The vision of seeing the future of the child fulfil its mandate of growing, laughing, creating, and begetting remains unfinished. Dreaming dreams of futures yet to unfold are aborted in every single act of abortion.

A doorway and space was opened into our lives by the new conception which will never be closed, and this speaks of an unspeakable grief, loss and confusion.

It has been said that mourning a child who never was or was even a “potential” child is of no use; however, this can never be because the breath of God is not imaginary or even a “potential” breath. This breath breathed a new life designed in His own image and His very spark is not a potential image.

Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women and it’s a reflection of a society which has failed women. Has demanded of women to change their design as life bearer.

And further abortion is a failure of love and an absence of hope and children who survive abortion vicariously take on the burden of living with the knowledge that other children have been intentionally killed and by some fluke they have been permitted to live. And left feeling a sense of insecurity.

Women imbued with the self-knowledge of who they really are can do much for humanity in understanding the enormity of life. And we can rise to the challenge of returning to our original design, that is, to be above wickedness. To exercise our collective mission to carry out our mission which is to be Godlike and fully humane.

Parenthood is realised in the woman. Motherhood is an external vision or presentation of the communion which is the mystery of life. Women are strong because God entrusts the future and humanity into their care.

The gift of God is entrusted to every woman whether it is a physical birth and protection and nurturance or spiritual birth care and nurturance.

Creating a healing journey for the client who is deeply wounded so that at the end of the journey a new person emerges, not forgetting...never forgetting but remembering with love and honour the life story of the other, the child that is not, is a must if our mandate is to be realised and imbue the wounded with “shalom” which means completeness and wholeness.

The dignity of the human being is present in its totality from the moment of its conception. Not sometime after birth, because it’s the same creature before birth, from the beginning until its end. The conception has created and brought into being a new icon of God and written in this icon is seen “dignity” which God has conferred on the child as a sign of being His son or daughter.

Family is the key to the new “good news” which must be attempted to protect, and the family is whole with life flowing through it. The family, life, love, can renew and give birth to each generation and with each generation God speaks a language of continuance. God speaks a language of Life and not death and shows great faith and Mercy in His creation.

To announce loudly “life” is to announce “life” in its truth and not manacled by modernism, hedonism, nihilism, materialism, culture of death and all the new isms of this weakened society. This new calling out means the retelling of the “Good News” of Jesus Christ and his Love and suffering death and resurrection to new hearers, new young ears and must be in truth.

This evangelisation cannot be spoken and heard unless the evangelisation speaks of life. It is difficult to hear the “Good News” by a generation which has been nourished by the spirit of death and anti-Gospel or culture of death. Therefore the new evangelisation. A new announcement, must speak first to the heart of humanity (woman) and speak in the language of the heart. She must hear and remember the truth of her design and take back even forcefully the right to her design, that is, to safeguard her design and the child, and the future.

Unless woman is willing to change her heart, be healed, reclaim her design no amount of laws will help us win the abortion war and the culture of death. Woman must fight for the child entrusted in her care.

In Evangelium Vitae 21 we find the heart of tragedy, and loss of God, because loss of God always means loss of sense of awe in

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the creation of another human being. In our day there is a loss of “awe” that is life and through this loss is the loss of God, loss of truth, loss of way. (morality) and by God on to each Human being because of the human’s relationship to Him.
(Rms 1:21. Gen.1:27.)

The child whose birthday is celebrated December 25th was entrusted into the care of “woman” She responded with a mighty “Yes” and so a humble woman and her baby changed and continued to change humanity.

“Man is capable of beautiful love because he is a created in the image and likeness of God” (St John Paul II) and he placed Himself in the care of one who knew beautiful love.

The new story needs/must be told about the kind of love which reveals the creator God/Father who continues against all sorrow to re-give the loss of the dignity conferred, and ensure a future. This we know because every child means a future. It is in this role which God created and spoke, through sexuality, that he intended for the creature to continue His work. He chose the way to continue his work. “Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth (Ge.1:28) that is the mandate of man and woman and as woman is called the mother of all living, then into her care he entrusted “life.” That mandate of woman has never changed.

This new story telling must speak of the body not in prudishness but with respect and honour because it is the way God deemed mystery to be seen.

A return to the understanding of how God desired life must needs be the new evangelisation which must speak again to woman and speak to her of her precious vocation of motherhood which is not to be used and abused, discarded and the infant of her body also discarded, but she is to hear her true story which is that she is the one created for life “mother of all living” (Gen 3:20).

Mother which means “love.”

The new Evangelisation must be aimed at speaking truth which has been lost. It must needs speak of life because it now serves the culture of death. It must speak again loudly of Holiness and speak the word importantly to “Woman.”

1 Baby 3 Parents.

In a recent report it was claimed that the world’s first three parent child had been born. Children born through the 3 person IVF would have some genetic material from the people involved. The reason given for this exercise is to bypass mitochondrial diseases passed on to child. It is said that there are no cures for this kind of disease.

It all sounds fabulous. A wanted child, much desired, to be free from severe illness and whose life would be severely challenged. Again it all sounds wonderful. But...

The reason given behind creating “designer babies” with three parents is to eliminate such diseases. Wonderful sentiment. But...

Dr. Peter Saunders, a pro-life physician in England, has commented on the ethical issues with three-parent embryos: This is not about finding a cure. It is about preventing people with MCD being born.

A new form of contraception but more diabolical because it is absolutely playing with generation of “life”

How safe is this procedure. What are the ramifications for the child and his/her future? This is still an unknown.

Each technique involves fertilizing both the mother’s egg and a donor egg with the father’s sperm. Then before the fertilized eggs start diving into embryos the nucleus is removed then the nucleus from the donor’s fertilized egg is discarded and replaced with the mother’s fertilized egg. Cloning by nuclear transfer has been shown to be ineffective in humans and unsafe in other mammals with a large number of cloned individuals spontaneously miscarriage and others suffering from physical abnormalities and/or limited lifespans.

Is this procedure ethical? No. Because a large number of human eggs will be needed for the research, involving ‘harvesting’ which is dangerous and invasive for women donors. How many desperate infertile women or even very poor will be exploited by being offered money for their eggs? And how many thousands of human embryos will be destroyed with these procedures? And what will happen to the surviving child and his or her emotional,

psychological, spiritual and identity issues? Whose child is it? The woman carrying the child, the woman whose mitochondria the child carries? Who is the mother of the child with the three genetic parents?

It has been said that this work is “revolutionary” Indeed it is more than that. It is tragic. That slippery slope is getting more and more slippery.

Fifty million abortions per year of healthy babies aborted mainly for social reasons and scientists are playing with the material of life. There is lunacy afoot and a going again for that “fruit” of the garden.

Life, whose generator is it? Does it belong to the Scientists who casually manipulate the tiny cells to begin the cell division processes thus putting in motion a human being with a soul? Does it belong to the doctor/scientist who tell pregnant mothers that her child has a disability and best decision to stop the child from being pain is to abort and perhaps try again after a little time has passed? Is she supposed to forget this aborted one? Just so easy

according to the bearer of such news. To whom does this disabled child belong to? Perhaps even the parents who have it within their control the power to end this so called disfigured life. Or finally could it possibly belong to God who has had a huge say in its conception

I wonder if these questions ever cross the minds of scientists.

I wonder if we have become such a society which feels “entitled” to our every want and need. Even a designer baby. Is this the most selfish of societies which demands everything according to specification? What’s happened to the “Me and Thou” (Martin Buber). Has a disabled and disfigured person no Image of God? Is this what is being said? Is this the false compassion? Is this the utilitarian society which says that unless a person is of use then there is no place for them?

Is this the reason for the manipulation of genetic material, to create a child so that if it is found un- useful it can be disposed of?

The creation of the three parent child ostensibly sounds good but is it? Does that slippery slope get steeper with each new manipulation?

The work of these new scientists reminds me of Prof Ian Donald of ultra sound fame. His work/invention (ultrasound) was to assist in utero babies, today it is used to identify gender and terminate or identify disability and terminate. Indeed to use the words of Prof. Donald the use of ultra sound machine technology for this purpose is “unfortunate and worrying.”

Australia and other nations often boast and are proud of their “diversity.” Is this diversity just colour of skin and nationality or does it also include those who cannot contribute financially to society but contribute to growth in empathy, love, compassion, inclusion?

Has society become so sterilised that it cannot accommodate the non-blond haired blue eyed child/society demanded by Hitler? Is this all we have learned from that despot? Are the new death camps the abortion room buckets and exploitation of infants and women?

The scientists who are playing with genetic material to create the kind of child demanded are playing into the hands of evil because it becomes too difficult once created to stop.

Now it’s three parents child. What next? human and beast?


This story about three parent child can be found in New Scientist October 1, 2016 Vol 232 No. 3093.

Dear friends following on from last issue about grieving grandparent herewith:

The child I grieve

By Mary Price

Our dear great grand child
So tiny meek and mild
Dear little one, I heard of your existence
on the internet
Sorrowfully it was destined that we
never met,
Your mother only a 14 year old child
herself
Because of family circumstances of
suffering
Your grandparents thought they
couldn’t cope
It’s a pity that they had no hope!
Thinking it’s the only thing to do,
My great grandchild they chose abortion
for you.
I wish that we didn’t have to part,



...fifty millions abortions
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material of life...

There is such a great sadness deep inside my heart
Know dear little one you died that way
Never seeing the light of day.
But in that short time you existed on earth
Although you died before your birth,
Your memory remains,
In our hearts and our brains.
As tiny as you were when you died
My sorrow inside I cannot hide.

We know you’re with our heavenly father above
Who is full of Mercy and eternal love.
We know that God and you forgive,
Although you weren’t given a chance to live,
And God understands the reason why,
Your grandparents thought it best you die.
He only asks them to have a repentant heart
Then He’ll give them the chance to make a new start.
Pray little one your father and mother will learn to forgive,
When you weren’t given a chance to live. I know little one you’re
sharing “joy with all heavens hearts” Please know there will
always be a place for you in our hearts.

Prayer for Grandparents of aborted Babies

Lord when a woman chooses to allow her baby to be aborted, oftentimes the grandparents are not informed, or when they are told, they are not given the opportunity to have any input. These little ones, precious in your sight, are also precious to their grandparents. We pray for grieving grandparents, who have been denied the chance to love and support the mother, so that she will continue with the pregnancy. They have been denied the joy of holding their little grandchild, and watching them grow, and sharing stories with them, and seeing the milestones, as they learn to talk, walk, run, climb, learn, or mature into adults and marry and have children of their own. Many grandparents mourn, but don't receive the recognition that grandparents whose grandbabies are miscarried, or are still born, or die at any time before their parents/grandparents.

Lord we pray that you will send ministering Angels to comfort these sad grandparents and assure them that their little ones are close to God, and they will be reunited with them in Heaven. Please place others in their lives, who will understand, or provide counselling for them. Help them to forgive their daughters/sons who have tragically paid for their children's lives to be ended. Bring healing to the whole family, including aunts and uncles and cousins or siblings.

Lord please heal these fractured families and bring peace, through forgiveness and conversion of hearts. We ask this in the Holy Name of Jesus. Amen.

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Thank you Rose.

The Year that's been

Dear friends it's the end of the year again and how quickly it has passed.
I must admit to end of year exhaustion and tired and weary bones.

What did Anne do this year?

I don't often remember as one day rolls into another and it's as I review my diary that sometimes I am amazed too.

Six more issues of newsletter, that is, bi monthly which I hope has been of interest to you my supporters and readers. Though I must admit that at times I found it hard to write because for the most part I write it all myself. This year I *cheated a bit* because a couple of times I asked someone to help me with an article. It must be old age, I think.

The newsletters are my way of keeping in touch with you all and bringing some information to you and even my thoughts about this work. I hope I have succeeded in this.

This year I have attended many conferences both as speaker and for my added learning.

I spoke on both topics of post abortion grief and sexual abuse grief. I have tried to highlight these two horrors and bring attention to the need for all of us to become involved. These are the new leprosy. No one seems to want to touch them.

The conferences were here in Australia and two overseas. I, at times, found it amazing that people would come to hear me speak, but I know that it's the Lords work, both topics, so in humility I keep going.

I have given talks to young and not so young.

I have attended pro-life meetings and have attended seminars on bereavement and trauma for ongoing learning.

I have spoken to pregnancy centre staff (loved it!) and even Church evenings. I have given workshops and attended workshops.

I have attended AGMs

I have attended the screening of Humble Hope (Sydney) a documentary on childhood sexual abuse in which I was a participant as a professional who works with clients who have been sexually abused.

I have tried to write third book but it's going very slow because I haven't got enough hours and I am tired. But we'll get there.

I have written many articles for publishing.

I have done a radio interview.

And helped (together with Helpers of God's Precious Infants) to save two more babies making it 23 since I started this work.

Welcome to the world babies **William and Roman**. This because I was able to speak with the mothers and other family members. So happy. It feels good to know that 23 children are living because I was able to help.

And of course the hundreds of hours of counselling both post abortion issues and sexual abuse issues.

I have seen many new clients both short term and long term. Many one off clients who needed a place and someone to speak with and to. Some of these I believe need longer term work but are not ready for this yet. I have left door open for them to return.

I have attended Counselling supervision hours in order to maintain my professional registration. It is a requirement of belonging to professional associations.

I have now been raised to Level 4 Counselling qualification (yeah highest and the title Clinical Counsellor) and have spoken with counselling colleagues whenever I could so that others may start doing this work and mostly my comments have been well received.

As part of “life” groups I have attended many meetings and hope have I contributed to them. I am proud of the fact that I am slowly introducing post abortion grief to the professional mental health world, and the medical field, about the counselling which is being slowly taken on board. I have so much wanted for this to happen. I hope that next year much more of this will happen.

As I have said in past and have said to counsellors the first port of call of someone who is depressed or grieving is not usually a “post abortion grief counsellor” because the patient may not even know that they are grieving as a result of their recent or past abortion, but if counsellors, psychologists, mental health professionals, medical professionals are aware of the ramifications of abortion then they may be able to see the symptoms and discuss gently this possibility with their clients/patient. It is important to see if this is part of their clients/patients history, especially where clients who are persistently showing complicated grief symptoms, anxiety, and depression may be suffering from abortion grief issues without being aware that this is the cause of their symptoms.

It is my hope that next year I may be able to reach more and more counsellors and as they pick up the baton of abortion grief I would like to raise awareness of childhood sexual abuse and make that known as a life issue. Because it is very much a life issue.

Childhood abuse destroys life just as much as abortion with the same cruel methods as the abortionist uses. I recently spoke with a Medical Doctor at a conference and we discussed sexual abuse and she agreed with me that sexual abuse is endemic in society and mostly happens within families. She sees this on a regular basis. She has seen that family members usually know but is/are afraid to say anything. When she tries to do something (like reporting) then it is denied in order to save family name.

In some cultures this is considered norm and thus unable to be spoken about. Changing cultures is a much much bigger task.

So if the Lord permits I would like to do more of this, and further refine the type of counselling for this type of PTSD.

Dear friends, we know that at the core of all grief is to hold the life story of the other, the one lost, in existence and in life. Not to forget as is often the advice by well-meaning friends and family this is because no one is supposed to pass by un remembered and un noticed and I know and I can even dare to believe that we all (me in this job, you in whatever way you can) can make a difference.

When we help someone to recover we help him/her to return to the person who was intended to be before the wound with a renewed energy knowing that we are imperfect vessels but walking and being helped to walk towards towards perfection.

This need for perfection causes a restlessness which leads to a regathering of what was lost (baby) but still shines because God is always, always on our side and wants well for us, and esteems us as his children.

Everything we do we do because we have inscribed in our beings a message from our Creator, that is, to live the mystery of life through each other. Again this is why the guilt and the grief when we harm “another.”

To this end creating a healing journey for the client so that at the end of the journey a new person emerges, not forgetting...never forgetting, but remembering with love and honour and holding strongly and permanently the life story of the other. Her baby. The baby who is still her child is imperative.

Creating a healing journey so that one abused maybe led to “Shalom” is also a must.

The aborted baby still makes a woman a mother even if the child is now gone. She is always a mother. This can never change. This healing journey is slow and gentle so that by the time we finish this we have reached a new understanding and love of the “me” who did a wicked act but is now forgiven and the wound is now a scar.

This occurs when the dignity of the human being (her child) is acknowledged in its totality from the moment of its conception to its death and beyond. Somehow society seems to have forgotten this. The conception has created and brought into being a new icon of God and written in this icon is seen “dignity” which God has conferred simply by being His creation and desire.

There has been a loss of knowledge of the dignity conferred by God on to each human being because of the human’s relationship to Him. (Rms 1:21: Gn 1:27).

“Man is capable of beautiful love,” said St John Paul II, because he is a created in the image and likeness of God, and nothing will ever change that.

Appeal Letter

Dear friends,

In this issue I enclose my annual appeal for help. I only do one appeal per year because I know you have many calls on your generosity, so I try and manage. However, I really do hope that you can help. In the past I had someone who I could turn to in case of emergency but that person stopped so it has been difficult since. I leave the matter of \$\$\$\$ in your care. The Tim Tam biscuit tin is rattling with coins but that’s where we are at.

As I come to end of this newsletter, can I ask that you please keep me in prayer together with my girls and several guys. This past year I’ve continued with my cancer treatments and ongoing tests and epilepsy tests and treatments etc. Apart from Lymph oedema (an awful business and result of the cancer) I’m doing OK. But I really do need prayers mainly because I’m tired now and this year has been extra difficult because I haven’t been driving for six months due to the Petit Mals (seizures) and the medications involved. My poor husband (Andrew) has had to add chauffeuring to his already really busy work life. So I hope that sometime soon I will be given go ahead to drive.(Ps today Nov 24th told no driving for another six months-by law 12 months after last seizure). Public transport (though I’m grateful) has been a hardship. Getting to a train station by 6.30AM (Andrew drives me to that place) is not funny!

Letters

Dear Anne

Thanks for posting the book Anne. Am looking forward to reading your perceptive insights.

Thanks for yet another thought provoking newsletter. The research studies are powerful – hopefully the medical profession will start to factor in this information in their advice to women. Of course I would imagine there are the unreported mental health issues associated with abortion too, that would not have been included in these studies. I am thinking of women whose grief / trauma is “diverted” because they are convinced ideologically that abortion is the right decision. But grief has a way of bubbling up in other ways such as physical illness, relationship difficulties, addiction to busyness etc. or even grief that may erupt at menopause or in elder years after retirement with more time for reflection. These studies are really showing the tip of the iceberg- but it is a start. And imagine one coming from China.

I want to share a story with you. After years of my involvement with the pro-life cause, I found myself thrust into my own battle with the culture of death

My father was very ill in hospital after an accident- unconscious at the time but breathing on his own. In other words death was not imminent. To my horror, the staff suggested that the best course of action was that we end his life by removal of food and water- with morphine administered to ease any suffering he may endure. We fought that and I think the staff thought we were crazy. I didn't think that they would be so blatant in suggesting we end his life. He did in fact emerge from his coma, very disabled but able to do some simple things such as feed himself with supervision - and he was definitely aware of us. He lived for 18 months. And it was a difficult 18 months for all of us- but it was what God had given him. We walked with him in that difficult journey. And even in that challenge, there were moments of joy as well.

I reflect now that one of the most difficult and traumatising things in the last 18 months was those early discussions with the hospital staff wanting us to euthanize. It added to the trauma of an already difficult situation. With the pressure from the hospital staff, I did have moments of thinking was I being cruel to prolong his suffering – even though I am well grounded in the truths of the value of life, even for someone who is very disabled. It is amazing how the deceit of the culture of death can be persuasive, even to me, in such moments of stress. I am convinced it was supernatural grace that carried us through to the decision not to prematurely end my father's life. My siblings do not share my faith so it really was a grace that ended up uniting us in that decision. Please understand, that I am not saying we must use extreme measures to keep someone alive when the treatment carries consequences that are too heavy to carry for the minimal benefit. However in my father's case it wasn't medical treatment that was proposed for withdrawal- but nutrition which all of us- well or ill- require for survival.

And just as there are people walking about carrying abortion guilt and grief, there must also be people carrying the guilt and grief and euthanizing a loved one and wondering if they made the right decision. There seems to be public support for this end of life “intervention” and so consequently little validation of people

traumatised by their decision to euthanize or even having to have the discussion about ending their loved one's life prematurely.

Certainly, when I have mentioned the mystery to people, I have often received a silence, as though they think we wasted medical and health resources on an old man. I have stopped talking about it to avoid this reaction from people. I rest assured that we participated in God's will – mysterious as it is- and seek comfort in that.

It is the ultimate in a consumerist society- discarding what is perceived as not useful.

I am convinced that our years of acceptance of abortion has permitted opened the door for hospital staff to now be participating in euthanasia. I pray for those staff that they will be enlightened

One memory that comes to me is that on the night of my father's accident while we sat beside his bed as he was in a coma his complexion was yellow from blood loss. He did not have his hearing aids in, would not have been able to recognise our voices, even if he could hear in his unconscious state. In an attempt to connect, I placed my hands on his arm and within 2 minutes my sibling and I noticed a colour change in his face from the sick yellow to a slightly pink, more normal complexion. It wasn't just touch that did this - he was being touched by hospital staff do their procedures. Somehow, in the fog of his coma, his spirit sensed a presence that was familiar. There is so much to our human “being-ness” that we do not understand. Who are we to suggest annihilating the mysterious amazing gift of life of someone prematurely? Happy for you to print all / part of this letter. Praying for your ongoing strength, consolation and health.

God bless

Dee.

Dear Dee, first thank you for sharing this story of life and for letting me print it. Many years ago Fr Paul Marx said that opening the door to abortion leads to euthanasia. And of course he has been proven to be prophetic. It's the culture of death needing to keep feeding on itself. If today we can, as a society, carry out late term abortions on babies who are no doubt able to survive if given a chance and given to someone who would love a baby, then euthanizing someone who will cost to keep alive is what the world thinks as right just as the world thinks killing of an infant is right. The value of a “life” is not the consideration, but the cost is. This is what we call the utilitarian society. “being-ness” is not considered by this society but “usefulness” is. As (remember first the idea, then talk, then action) you know we have now reached the stage where there is “talk” of post birth abortion. Euthanizing a live child after birth.

Every change must begin with persuasion by talk. We are seeing it now. Again thank you for sharing.

Anne

Change of address

Dear friends again I ask please let me know if you are changing address or if you do not want to receive newsletter anymore. Please advise any change of address. At the moment I receive over a dozen or so RTS newsletters (each issue) which means wasted stamps etc. So if changing address and you still want the newsletter I'm really happy to send it or if you do not want to receive further just let me know. Thank you.

I would really appreciate your assistance with this because the postage has increased to \$1 each within Australia and over \$2.75 overseas. I am really happy to send newsletter so please don't think I am not, but if you can receive it by email or especially if you don't want it or change address just please let me know.

I would also appreciate your help in spreading the newsletter further and getting new subscribers. This usually helps very very much.

We have put (I think) about six new plaques up this year. These happen when mothers want a place to publically acknowledge their baby. Not all want a plaque to say goodbye. Some want a memorial by planting an Australian native tree which grows forever. Some want a saying goodbye ceremony by flowing water. Others want to remember with a private ceremony by creating an Album with thoughts, words, and bits of history we have created for the babe. But each saying goodbye ceremony is very intimate and personal to the woman and sometimes father of the baby.

Dear friends please consider buying a copy of either book (see back cover) I am happy to let them go at \$20 each. Both of the books have rave reviews but *Hidden Pain* has been difficult to sell. I realise it's an awful topic but it's a topic which affects nearly all of us. It's a topic which still remains hidden and the victims remain alone.

Remember we had in the past spoken about abortion and those suffering abortion grief thought they were going crazy and were deeply alone, today we have place and people (like me) who walk with them and their pain.

Sexual abuse victims are also deeply wounded and afraid and very "lonely" This is the comment I hear from all the people I counsel with this issue. The loneliness is profound.

So please help me by purchasing or even asking others to purchase either or both books. I'm even letting go of postage which is sizeable in order to move them from home. Thank you.

As I conclude please keep my girls and guys and me in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for, Katherine, Frances, Steve, Viola, Rebecca (very much please) Bernadette (please much) Cameron (much please) Patricia, Bette, Maria, Joanne, Anna, Eve, Christine, Pamela, Allison, Margaret, Zee (very much –New) Jade (new) Christopher (new)

And please pray for a little boy (10 years old) who is totally disabled and his Mum and Dad take full care of him. Please pray much for **Nathan**. His parents don't want any more children because they don't want outside care for him and fear "maybe another one will be born the same." So please pray much for **Nathan** and his parents. All the religious on my newsletter list please keep them perpetually in your prayers.

Finally thank you to Tim, Collins family, Kathy H, Giacomo and family, Fr John C (Sydney) Fr Leo G. Fran & husband Frances M (Wagga) Carol H husband. Thank you Maureen W. and a massive thank you to and blessings all those who have contributed to this office continuing. You indeed are a blessing to me and my people.

Without you I can't do it. Thank you also for much prayer for me and health and this work.

As of the third week in December I hope to take 4 weeks off. I would like to see my grandchildren in Perth but I don't know if health will permit it because I am tired and need down time.

I wish you all my precious friends a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year.

Take care when driving please so we can all meet again in early February when I write next time.



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Broken Branches – By email!

Dear Friends,

Please email me at anne@victimsofabortion.com.au to be added to the email list.



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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

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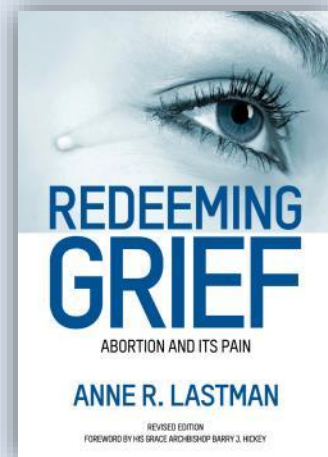
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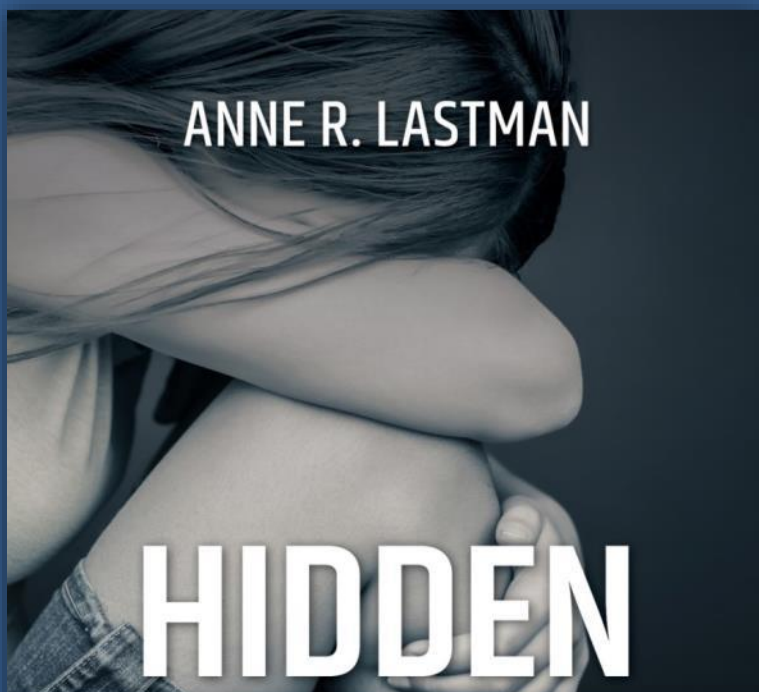
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