

Broken Branches

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

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Same Sex Marriage

Well dear friends it seems that same sex marriage has now been deemed as a need for Australians to have available. For the first time in known history “marriage” is to be renamed, re legalised, and rewritten to incorporate all manner of coupling and in due course all manner of numerical (polygamy) and all manner of relationships which were once considered wrong.

I don't quite know what this will mean for the future of our society as slowly more and more nations will seek to change their own laws and ideas on marriage. Fundamental protections, understandings, behaviours are and have been eroded and made déclassé.

What were once considered unthought-of and untouchable laws of God and nature have now become societal “legal” and so called normal. What puzzles me and has me constantly ruminating (my head chattering away) is the ease with which such changes have been demanded and accorded legitimacy. How has it been possible that the smallest minority (homosexual, lesbian and other so called genders) have been able to achieve such enormous changes?

With abortion, mothers who have it written in their design to protect their child, have now legally turned on their own child and can choose to kill their own flesh and blood on demand and what's more have convinced the rest of society not to rise up and rebel against such ignominy. What global sedative has been taken by such a society in order to dull the heart and consciences, especially of men and women? Woman to whom was given the great honour and privilege to ensure the future. What has dulled the emotions of a society to be unable to feel pain of infants whilst being slaughtered and the decimation of whole generations?

Past societies have killed infants (ritual offerings) but to the extent of millions upon millions? Never.

As for same sex marriage, another attack on children. Not an attack on their own relationships (homosexual) but an intended attack on children and the future. Marriage, as much as possible, always meant children. Its primary focus was on shared and intimate love of man and woman and

the offspring of their love. It's a deep human need to see the visage of the loved one in another.

Such intimacy brought forth one like them and whilst the same sex couple may love one another, their intimacy is by design barren. All these couplings are barren and there is a need to look for external/artificial help to bring a child into their life.

A mother is always needed. That is how the design for the mental health and wellbeing of humanity was inscribed. A mother whose 72 heartbeats per minute will become imprinted on her child as a permanent life sound. An echo of earliest protective contact, an echo indelibly imprinted.

The memory of the warmth, the noise, and caress of the fluid which forms in the mother's womb will be the “go to” safe place when life becomes hard. The womb embraces the growing baby, soothes it, gently rocks the child, and with instinctive movements protects the child and if the child ceases to be, for the mother there will be many losses, confusion, and an empty place sacredly reserved for that child.

Through SSM and the need for an external member to help with the conception the child, how will the noises for the imprinting be responded to for a lifetime of attachment? Even the removal of the child from his/her mother at birth means a new type of violence and abandonment. A new type of seeking by both mother and child. A new (dare I say it) stolen generation.

It's my suspicion, and this suspicion is birthed by the SSM and exponential growth of such coupling, that something of a future horror will be unleashed onto an unsuspecting society because society is still under the influence of some global sedative and does not see it. And this I suspect will be extra corporeal womb. Artificial womb. Not only will we in the nearest future see post birth abortion (chatter on this both overseas and here in Australia) but we will be shown where the funding for life matters have led to.

If SSM couples, especially males, want a child and no doubt that is next on the agenda, there will be a call for an artificial womb and an ova bank (just like a sperm bank) so that the child conceived will be conceived with an ovum from unknown donor and sperm of same sex couple, and using an artificial womb to gestate the child so no feminine or mother will be required. Perhaps some would think that

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there is nothing wrong with this idea but so much is so wrong.

The mechanics of such a conception are so cold and so science fiction. If IVF has been able to produce a child, and this we know has happened and now accepted as normal, then the same will happen with an extracorporeal womb (outside of the body). Murmurings of the wrongness of this may be heard for a few moments in time but then these murmurings will quietly recede into the past.

However, I find much horror in this. Yes the artificial 72 heartbeats per minute can be infused into the artificial womb and so can warmth and noise and fluid to surround the child, but something enormous is missing. Something which connects the infant to mother and all past generations. That is a heart to heart dialogue. The dialogue which goes on between mother and child through its 275 days of intimacy. A love dialogue which passes between them. A murmur between them so a voice is ontologically known by both mother and child. That bond where each knows when not all is well with the other. A bond which lasts a lifetime. Cells shared and carried by both for all time.

An extra corporeal child will be deprived of this essence for life. The swaying and soothing of the child by soft mother recalls for the child and later adult the imprinted memory of love whilst in the womb.

How interesting it is to note that mothers soothe their distressed child by resting its head on left breast so that a child will again hear the heartbeat and is comforted by the noise of its mother's sounds and is reassured and calms down. With an extracorporeal womb how will the dialogue happen? I can't think of a way because it's a thinking which should have never even have to be contemplated.

The fruit of a second tree is being eaten.

Post Abortion Grief/Conscience Pain

Dear Friends it's been said to me that I now speak less about PAS and more about sexual abuse of children within the family.

Perhaps others of my readership feel the same and so I thought I will deal with this here.

I have spoken, written, and counselled on abortion grief for many years. I've even written a book, many many articles written and published. I face this grief daily and daily I learn a bit more and am confirmed in what I already know and do.

One such comment from a reader of my newsletter was "...but Anne post abortion pain is the most important pain in our day" and I agree with this but I also have to respond to the reality that sexual abuse grief is as endemic and as proliferate as abortion grief. I encounter this in daily work.

I have read every study put out by various researchers into abortion grief, and yes I know all about, guilt, shame, fear, anxiety, suicide thinking, depression, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, panic attacks, fear of decision making, flash backs, relationship difficulties and a self-destructive desire. I know and have seen these almost every day since I began. Indeed today I am able to identify someone who is not truly post abortive but a plant (yes these happen).

I have recently worked through something which no other researcher has yet mentioned, and this because the client herself spoke the words. "I'm angry, Anne, with my baby for coming to me. She knew I couldn't manage, I couldn't have a baby. She knew I was afraid. Why did she make me make such a decision? I didn't want to make such a decision. I've always wanted a family and never believed in abortion. So why did she come to me when I couldn't manage so I had to make such a decision? I *feel evil for even thinking this way* but I am angry because I know I shouldn't have done it. I want to blame her but I know I'm being irrational." (Kate-once off so far I expect her back)

These are words I have heard not once (similar others) but many times throughout the years. An anger with the baby for implanting in her womb. She and they know it's irrational but feels this anger. Why? I have to ask the question and then try and work out the answer so I can help my client. It's all well and good to read research, and studies but unless we can come up with answers then we won't be able to work out how to help.

I have to admit that years back when I first noticed this anger (and since then) it had me baffled. Blaming a tiniest baby for implanting in its natural home? Why? And over much thought and even waking up during the night and thinking about it, I've slowly come to some sort of answer. An answer that helps me to be able to apply strategies to help and overcome this pain. At the core of abortion grief

is soul pain. And it's the soul pain which needs to be addressed. We might even call it conscience pain. Conscience knowing of the wrong done. Blaming the other is a running away from the conscience pain, but also the doubling of the pain because of the blame of the child and forcing conscience to accept such thought. Two violations.

The anger is not really at the child because she is grieving her infant deeply (otherwise she wouldn't be seeking help from me or others) but at her failure to recognise the attachment and bonding which began at the moment when the baby reached his/her home, the womb.

A mother has it written in her being to welcome her child home, her home and not remove her child in violence like an intruder. Indeed some feminists called it a "parasite," and her anger is the realisation that she also treated her baby like an intruder and had him/her violently removed and in that decision which has gone against all which is her design she now (after abortion) is angry at herself for aborting and her child for implanting.

The flippancy of some who say that "I had 3, 2, 5, etc. abortions and I'm ok" is just that. Flippancy. A self-protective device so as not to be angry about the decision. A temporary and necessary blindness so as not to feel pain. A soul sedative. Though in due course it must be acknowledged and addressed and sedative stopped or addiction to pain becomes normal.

Acknowledging the anger, helping her to feel that it's an anger she needs to feel and express, many times if needs be, but then to let it go is important. Acknowledging that the embryo implanted because first of all God said YES to this new

perfect creation according to His design, but at a rational level the soil in the garden was ready to receive the seed and so began the work of growth of new flower.

Acknowledging that her anger is directed at the baby because she is unable to think that she would naturally make such a decision. This needs exploration and time. What is behind this thinking? Why be afraid of being punished?

Once this is acknowledged and spoken out loud and not in any way feeling judged or rejected because of her feeling this anger then in time the work of healing can really begin.

We speak about all the symptoms associated with abortion grief and perhaps even run off the list of known symptoms that we know and have read about many times but sometimes I believe that we have depended too much on the rational in order to receive acceptance or even to "prove" to the medical, mental health communities, and society, of the reality of abortion grief, and failed to recognise what really, deeply, is the cause of the pain of the post abortive woman who mourns in a complicated manner. Soul pain accepted or not.

For me the longer I am involved in this work (together with sexual abuse grief which has very similar symptoms and the same violence is committed) the more I am convinced that abortion grief occurs as a result of the disrupted and violated conscience or soul of woman. Her design is such that she always sacrifices for her planted flower which has sprouted from the perfect seed.

There is a knowing embedded in her which is absent from the man, though he too knows and feels the loss of a flower from the garden and mourns the end of a species (or generations that might have been).

I believe that today there is a knowledge that abortion causes deep grief in the woman and we know that there is a finding of 81% of women who had an abortion are at higher risk of mental health problems of any type, compared to women who have not had an abortion. Over all mental health problems of women 10% are due to abortion (Coleman- Meta analysis 1995-2009). When we think even 10% of the global feminine population then we

have much grief and are horrified at the loss of life. And we can be assured it's written in the design of woman because otherwise it would not be a global reaction but limited to an area. Localised.

Whilst it's good to read old studies and new studies, what I believe is necessary is to begin to insist that abortion grief is given the same attention as any other neonatal loss grief. Indeed it has to be recognised as a neonatal death and not whispered about so that it remains silent.

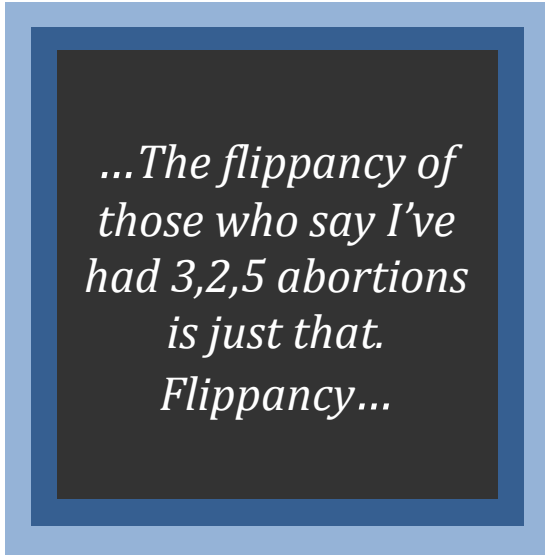
What we need is the medical profession to recognise that behind depression, self-harm, addictions,

etc. there might be a pain which a pill won't fix. Questions need to be asked before writing prescriptions.

We have a need for the mental health professions not to be intimidated by the feminist movement, billionaires who give money to destroy life, politicians, who have given up on morality, counsellors who don't allow their own pro-abortion understanding to try and invalidate the pain of the other. We need psychiatry to acknowledge post abortion grief so that other mental health and general health practitioners listen.

We need universities who teach grief studies to teach prospective practitioners, about abortion and the management of such grief, and we need programmes to manage such a different and complicated grief. We need rituals which human beings need to conclude life stories. We need the DSM to acknowledge such grief. (Diagnostic and statistical Manual- of mental disorders).

I believe that after nearly 60 years of studies there are not too many who would say abortion doesn't hurt ("my friend had an abortion 47 yrs. ago and she's never got over it"- (Sally recently). Abortion today is recognised as deeply wounding but what is not recognised or even not fought



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against is the fact that the response to this grief is tainted by politics and not by genuine concern for woman.

Even most of the studies we read avoid mentioning the pain of the dying baby (late term). Studies speak of pain of the woman and self-destructive behaviours and change of personality, but not the fundamental reason for this imprint of this pain, the death of her real baby. This is tended to with a prescription or platitudes.

The rational would have us try and explain the behaviours and changes in personality but not the wound on the essence of life. Such an explanation is considered "religious," and out of rigidity of belief. The irony of this is that non-religious experience the same internal, unknown heart pain. Conscience pain. "I have written my laws on your heart, you are my people and I am your God. Jer. 31: 31-33) the laws are written on all hearts not just the hearts of religious and hence abortion pain even those who do not have a religious belief.

We know that grief is the result of loss. Loss of love of someone or something important to our lives. Grief speaks of the need to embed into memory the story of the one lost. Grief ensures that one lost had a meaning and is never forgotten. Knowing this, it's so dishonest not to have available the knowledge about abortion grief and then the wherewithal to deal with the issue. Today loss of a pet, loss of job, any loss and its grief is acknowledged, but not loss of one's own baby by intention.

I have spoken to medical profession, to counselling, and to other professionals but still abortion and its grief is a "forbidden" subject because of its political powerbase.

This is what needs to change. This is what is not understood. This is the insincerity and falsity which is attached to availability and legal abortion, that it passes as concern for "reproductive health" when in fact it's a lie which deeply damages women's health and kills her own baby.

The Year That's Been.

Dear friends another year has come and gone and it seems to have flown faster than last year. I always say that don't I? As I looked through my diary I have been amazed at what I have done because thinking about the work on a day to day basis it doesn't seem like I have done much. It feels like I get up in the morning and do the usuals and go into office in city, and do the usuals (counselling) and coming home and doing the usuals.

Time in my home office is busy with writing of articles for publishing. A few this year. Writing letters to editor even under different aliases and only occasionally, very occasionally getting one printed. Writing to politicians dozens and only 3 response. The letters are always abortion, euthanasia, same sex marriage related.

I have found that when I write something mundane or sarcastic it always gets published under whatever alias but anything on serious topics. Forget it. I think the Letters Editors in our dailies must know my "voice" and tone of writing and put it in the nutter file (not to be used) section.

Apart from writing articles I have also produced another six newsletters. Some having been lauded and praised whilst others saw many requests to be deleted from newsletter list.

Indeed the last issue (119) saw 17 requests to be deleted because I "should stick to abortion things and leave SSM and euthanasia alone. It's not in your brief."

Oh dear! I didn't realise I had a brief to follow. My understanding of my work is that I work in life area which includes all life matters, post abortion matters, pre abortion matters. One more baby saved since last newsletter because I, together with others from the helpers of God's Precious Infants, helped the mother to find the courage and help needed to keep her baby. This for me personally makes 23 babies saved because I cared and at times worked with the mother right through to birth of baby.

My brief also involves helping the public to know more about post abortion grief and societal impact of post abortion after effects and to know that abortion means the killing of a young child and not an "embryo" a "foetus" a "product of conception" a "bunch of tissue" and a new one I heard this year was "cells fused together which will potentially become a baby." If its fused cells which will "potentially" become a baby surely it must mean that it is a baby and the confusion about this is in the language and accents put on the language. If these fused cells are "potential baby" then surely it's a baby now. By the way, this "fused cell" was 13 weeks. The huge lie.

This year, as usual, I have given talks on PAS and seems more on sexual abuse of children, not by priests (which is the flavour of the moment) but in the family. The place where it's meant to be sacrosanct and safest.

There is a feeling that there is a need to hide the abuse of the children in family or friendships circles. I don't know why this need because abusers/molesters come from families and what has led to them going from innocence to abuser? This needs to be looked at. Children abused in family suffer as much as or more than those outside.

It is always touted that celibacy within the Catholic Church is responsible for the figure quoted by the Royal Commission was told of a total 4444 clergy alleged to have abused and since 1960-2010, 1265 priests were the subject of sexual abuse claims, but what about hundreds of thousands of children abused and removed from homes because of abuse including sexual abuse. Don't these children matter? It seems to me that a child abused by a parent, uncle, brother, grandfather, sister, mother, aunt, is also betrayed and wounded and hurts as much as victims the media has fostered.

The church abuse is touted as a celibacy issue but if this was so, it would not be found in other religions, and other Christian denominations or organisations. Or largest number. Family.

In the household a husband has intimacy with his wife and so why abuse his son or daughter/s.? Anglican, Jewish, Salvation Army, teachers, professionals, are not bound to celibacy yet with these is also found massive abuse.

I refuse to stay silent because in my dealings with sexual abuse clients I have found that all, except one, have presented with abuse within family and by a really loved and trusted person. Even mothers and aunts and sisters abuse their young one. Sad and awful as it sounds.

In all my nearly 22 years of experience as a professional counsellor I have only encountered one individual who said he was abused once by a training member of the catholic church but he didn't remain long with me. I think about 3-4 sessions. I guess he didn't like my type of counselling - for recovery and not maintaining the rage.

As per usual I have attended seminars for my own learning and requirement for ongoing professional development in order to remain registered with Australian Counselling Association and Insurance purposes. (I need 25 hours per Annum to stay registered.

I have given talks which were really well received and I attended conferences. I even attended two conferences overseas one in particular I liked very much, at Oxford, on the topic of Abortion for disability. And a counselling conference in Singapore. (Thanks Tom for help to get me there).

I attended many meetings (locally and interstate) and of course the biggest area of my work counselling. I have seen many short term clients who were not ready to face the hurt. The door was left opened for a time when ready.

At one stage I was seeing 23 people per week which is a lot for grief matters. It's very wearing of me. At one stage I had to take time out because I was starting to cry and that spells burnout. So time out doing absolutely nothing but walking, sleeping, coffee-ing and talking about everyday things and not grief. I think I need to really start to be aware when getting tired, and as my ever suffering husband says "if you burnout you can't help anybody." Oh dear why does he always have to make sense and be right. It's not fair! As you can see I think I have done much and I'm sure there are things I have forgotten.

Christmas Appeal 2017

Dear friends

As we come towards another Christmas, I am again going to ask for your help to ensure the continuation of the work of Victims of Abortion in 2018. As you know dear friends I don't do regular appeals as I realise, from the appeals that are made to me how stretched our resources can become. So I have decided that one per year needs to be able to me keep going and the rest of the time I leave my finances in God's care and your care. As I have promised you and the Lord, when the help and support stops it must be time for me to (play golf-don't know how though) or sit on beach and watch the water and think, or even go to a fashion parade. I used to do catwalk work and brochure work myself in another lifetime and I loved it.

Since Victims of Abortion was established nearly 22 years ago to provide counselling, information, support, at no cost, to women suffering post-abortion grief, the work has expanded to include mothers contemplating abortion, (23

babies saved in this time) men who suffer post-abortion grief as a result of decisions made, and assisting victims of sexual abuse whose abuse is discovered during counselling and multiple abortions are admitted.

As a result of these experiences, I wrote *Redeeming Grief, Abortion and Its Pain* and *Hidden Pain an Insight into Childhood Sexual Abuse* so that I could reach a wider community on these issues, and to let those who are suffering know that help is available and that they don't have to walk through this type of deep pain alone.

From time to time, I receive invitations from churches, Life organisations, community organisations and conference organisers to speak about the issues of abortion grief and sexual and emotional abuse grief and I always try to respond to such requests. At these meetings, I meet people suffering from these two types of grief, and am able to offer not only personal support, but also where possible help them find ongoing assistance near (especially if far from me) them to ensure their recovery is not hindered by distance.

One area which requires expanding is to raise awareness of professional counsellors, psychologists, and medical profession about these issues. There is no doubt that abortion grief is not yet fully understood or even accepted by the health professions; so that when patients with symptoms such as depression, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, drug abuse and/or anxiety disorders, the role that abortion plays in these symptoms is not usually considered as a possible cause of the woman's condition and perhaps even because of counsellor's own beliefs about abortion, the managing of such grief is at times found wanting. This is a disenfranchised grief and needs to be treated as such. And to understand that no life rituals have been done with this life which passed by for a brief time. Life rituals speak to our innermost being.

As a member of the Australian Counselling Association, (Level 4, Clinical counsellor) and of Counsellors Victoria (full member), and Psychotherapist and Counsellors Association, (Singapore) I have spoken to my colleagues at our meetings and annual conferences and I do hope that I have slowly spread the word or my knowledge.

I do not receive any income from Victims of Abortion, as the donation amount cannot support a salary, (have an understanding and generous husband) nor do I charge those who need assistance because generally this work is not covered by medical funds (unless going to a psychologist or Psychiatrist) and it is usually a long term work thus leading to possible cessation of counselling due to lack of funds.

The continuation of this work has been due totally to the support of a very small but dedicated number of kind benefactors. Thank you to those of you who have continued to journey with me and support me and this work. I send out over 700 hard copy newsletters to Australian addresses, plus 38 overseas, and 670 by email for each issue).

Thank you to those who have helped this past year. It has been several times difficult but those times that I have had

Letters

Dear Anne,
Congratulations on a wonderful newsletter.
You have put into words what I hope many people are thinking “rights” and “equality”. What a mess!
The world has certainly gone haywire and I fear we have not experienced the worst yet.
May God bless you and give you much good health and may your courage, strength and “right knowledge” continue.
Love
Maureen (Vic)

Thank you lovely Maureen I always appreciate your kindness. Anne

Dear Anne,
Thank you so much for all the research and heartache you go through, and of course another wonderful spiritual “boost” with your “Broken Branches”. I will keep praying for your intentions. God love you always keep well.
Love and prayers,
Trudi.

*Dear Trudi, thank you for your kind words, prayers and donation. Much needed. So glad you like BB.
Anne*

Dear Anne,
Thank you for Broken Branches your writing is blessed by the Holy Spirit.
God Bless you,

Thank you Mirko. (QLD.)

Dear Christopher S.

My constant friend and treasure.
Thank you as always. Anne

Dear Mary P, (Vic),
Thank you for your ongoing kindness and donations. Glad you liked the few past issues however as you can see from several I printed. A few who were not pleased.
Regards, Anne

Dear Anne,

I was so disappointed with your last newsletter that I no longer wish to receive it.
I have watched you slowly move from what appeared to me an excellent post abortion grief counsellor to someone who gets politically involved in matters that are not in your brief of work. Your writing on rights and equality is nonsense. Your writing on SSM is utter nonsense and it's not your business how we vote on the matter. And you are wrong in advising your readers how to vote on the Yes/No campaign. The only bit of writing that was worth reading in issue 119 was the poem “The Lord was in the Breeze”
So please delete my name from your list.

Yours sincerely.

Kate M (Vic)

*Dear Kate,
I am sorry that you didn't like my last newsletter but in these newsletters I express an opinion, I hope to educate. I bring to attention things that otherwise might pass by (like the rights and equality matters). I speak about my life and work and ask for help and prayers. As I said I'm sorry you didn't like it.*

As for deleting your name. DONE!!

As I said in the body of the newsletter there were 17 requests for cancellations because of my words re SSM. I don't want to be silenced.

Dear Anne,

Please delete me from your bulletin, I don't feel I can support your work any longer as you seem to have moved away from your real work and entered into murky waters.

Regards,

Peter K. (Sydney).

Peter removed. Thank you for past support.

The other requests for deletion similar words. Anne.

a need to call upon someone they have responded with love and kindness. I have appreciated you.

If you are able to help with this appeal it would be gratefully appreciated and I can stop stressing at least for a time. So I thank you in advance and I also thank those who pray for me and my clients all the time. I really do believe that it is with the prayers of so many that I keep going. I also guess a bit of my Italian stubbornness not to give in to cancer and epilepsy and a few other "issues" which we females are asked to endure. Sometime I think "*Lord that apple must have been really good*" I refuse to sit at home and watch whatever day television shows are on offer.

And of course I really do believe I make a difference to those I can help and every time I can save or help save a baby from abortion I hope the Lord forgives me my two moments of insanity. (Miriam and Joseph and Gioia (miscarriage).

I have been called upon to see some extra clients who have been sexually abused and this particular work is really tiring but so important because wounded sexuality damages the Life principle, the soul, and from this all manner of self-sabotage ensues. I want to make known like I've done with abortion grief, the pain which is sexual abuse and harm done with this type of abuse. It's my project which also brings with this project needs to manage this wound.

Dear friends, I have this year incorporated this appeal in newsletter rather than an extra print page in order to reduce costs. I hope you understand.

If you feel you can help with this matter you can send in through Post Office number (on this newsletter) or direct to Victims of Abortion Account.

Details of this account just here below.

I thank you and wish for you many blessings.

**Commonwealth Bank,
Victims of Abortion,**

**BSB no. 063 888
Account No. 1011 0168**

Dear friends as I come to end of this last issue of Broken Branches for 2017 could I please ask that you might consider purchasing either one or both copies of the books I really would like to have them moved from my lounge room. My husband would really love it too.

Please continue to pray for me and health issues and those in my care (same ones as last issue) especially during the Christmas season. These times are difficult for the many whose losses become more painful at this time. "There should be more children and grandchildren sitting at my Christmas table, if only I...)

I would like to thank all who have supported me especially, Carole H., Tim H, Collins family, Margaret G, Fr John C (Sydney), Fr John D my PP, James H, Fr Leo, Maureen W, Laurie H, Fr Anthony G. and to all my precious, very precious and beautiful supporters. Thank you to the few people who help with the newsletter needs and thank you to my family who support the work I do and at times put up with my "moods"

From third week in December I hope to have 4 weeks off and if possible go to see grandchildren, Perth, and just time out.

Again thank you and please please be careful over Christmas. Drive carefully and be blessed with God's choicest blessings. And if it pleases the Lord we'll meet again early February with next issue of newsletter.

A blessed and Holy Christmas is wished for all of you.



Handwritten signature of Anne Lastman.

Anne Lastman

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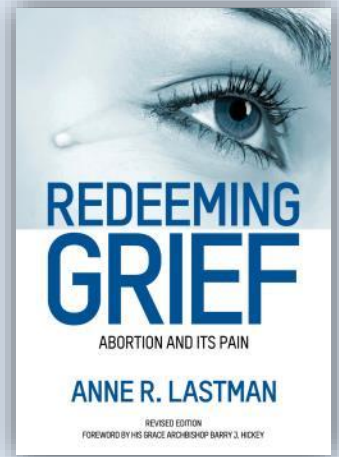
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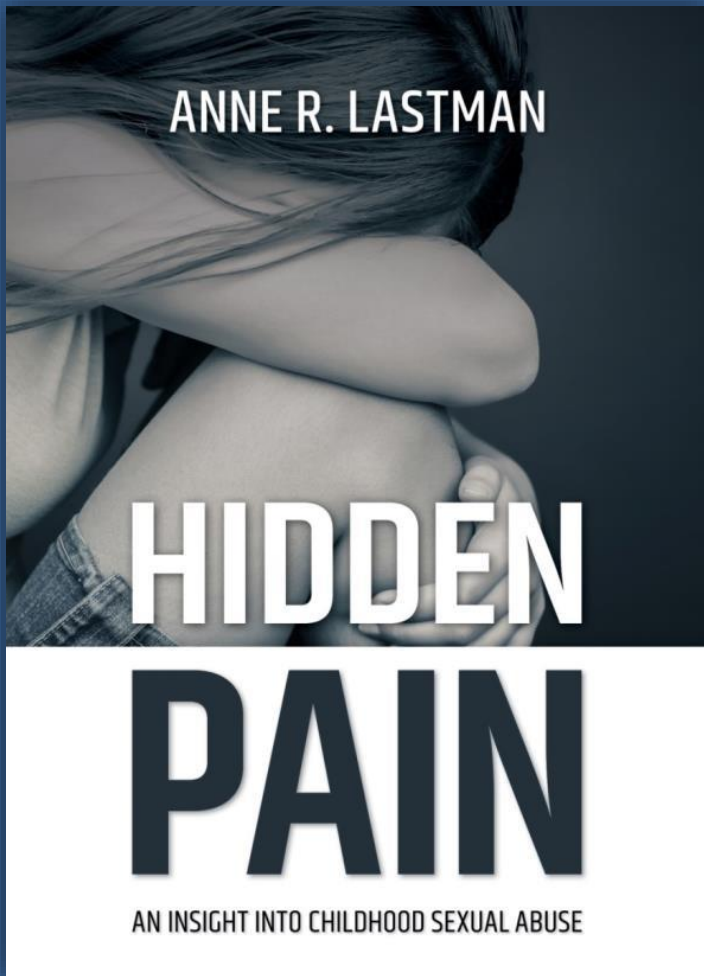
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NEW BOOK – HIDDEN PAIN



HIDDEN PAIN is written about memories which are hidden and cannot be spoken out loud. It is a book about shame, pain, sorrow and lives which have gone wrong both for victims, families, and perpetrators. Sexual abuse of children is common in all communities, in all societies, and yet it's still one of the last remaining taboos. It is something which cannot be spoken about because it's so awful, so inappropriate that it cannot be discussed. Yet discussed it must be, because the children are crying and pleading to be helped.

This is not a step by step guide to dealing with abuse. It is the result of my engagement with those who have come to me originally for post abortion counselling and on further investigation it was found that abuse (especially in cases of multiple abortions) existed in their history. It is my hope that *HIDDEN PAIN* can be of help to those who read it and more so be vigilant and not to turn away when a child is suffering.

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