# **Broken Branches**

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

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Dear Friends, here we are at the penultimate newsletter for this year. Time seems to have passed so quickly and probably much has been accomplished but it has always seemed that I was running faster than my poor old legs could manage.

It has been really hard because of our uninvited "guest" in the shape of a pandemic. Never in our wildest imaginings would we have expected such an intruder last year.

This pandemic or as we have heard a million times Corona virus or Covid19 insinuated itself on the whole of society possibly changing forever the lives of all. It has affected up to 4-6 generations and will probably take that many to heal and recover from its effects.

Not only has our society experienced situations as never seen before. social isolation, government forced quarantine, border and world travel closures, forced or limited freedom to visit, see, meet, socialise with friends and family, closure of schools, all places of learning, places of worship, restrictions on even public places, curfews even limited hospital works, mandatory face masks, and wholesale closure of businesses which many won't recover from. loss of jobs and livelihoods, and much more. But the thing which for me has been most interesting is the fact this virus seems to have the elderly, frail, already ill individuals on its radar. We have heard from our heads of state and "experts" in our daily "Corona Virus" reports for months on end, the number of new cases, the number of deaths from day to day and possible further restrictions or easing of restrictions.

We have moved from "going to work" to isolating at home to work. Meetings and networking and interaction to Zoom. Such isolation! Indeed, even for me it has proven to be so difficult not being able to interact with my colleagues and share our ideas on counselling. It has affected me in counselling sessions because whilst zoom seems an improvement from 10-15 years ago methods, zoom does not lend itself to counselling sessions. There is a barrier, a distance and counselling is all about reconnection

In my office I have been able to see clients in person because its spacious enough to sit client on one chair and myself at a different end of room and of course much hand sanitiser. However, my interstate clients have been more difficult because I have been unable to go to Melbourne and the person to person

sessions. With these clients I have conducted phone sessions and several zoom. I must admit I haven't been happy with this method.

Five of these clients I have had to maintain close relationship because of their living alone and the restrictions imposed by their state government, loneliness became a big problem and of course time to think and rethink and rethink issues which cause pain. I felt so frustrated that I couldn't do more for these lovely young people.

Hopefully soon we will return to some kind of normal. I'm not sure what kind of normal it will be, though possibly not as before but some kind of what we might understand as normality.

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Dear friends, recently in one of my daily news feeds this headline stood out.

#### **Satanic Abortions**

This story sent shivers down my spine and I wondered for the umpteenth time why we are surprised with all the horrors which seem to be covering our world. Millions of abortions, death culture in all manner (euthanasia, assisted suicide, gender issues, human trafficking, wars, natural disasters and even a pandemic).

The story said that a satanic temple (I didn't know they existed) offers a religious ritual to cover abortion and affirm a woman (mother) in the decision to kill her child.

The Satanic Temple is appealing to the Religious Freedom to assert its religious right to facilitate abortions unburdened by legal restrictions. This "temple" is now openly campaigning for religious abortions which they deem should be protected by the religious freedom laws.

Abortion, their website says, is a satanic religious practice: Indeed, they would say abortion is the offering of child sacrifice to dark lord

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There is a satanic abortion ritual which they promote as providing "spiritual?" comfort and affirms a woman's "own body", (words we have heard over many many years "it's my body I'll do with it as I want). This ritual is supposed to "sanctify?" the abortion process by instilling confidence in the decision made and protecting bodily rights when undergoing the safe and scientific procedure.

Laws will not be tolerated which violate the satanic right to kill one's offspring in the womb including amendments like cooling off periods, pre abortion counselling, the respectful burial of foetal remains, offers of help pre abortion, or other helps offered so that the a woman can choose not to go through procedure which will change her whole life and emotions and including reminding her of her baby's very real humanity. Her new mantra to assist her to decide for abortion is "by my body, my blood, by my will it is done.".

We know of another human person who just over 2000 years ago said the reverse of these words." My body I give for you"

The satanic temple even provides mantras to chant during each type of abortion. E.g. medical, surgical.

For those who may be interested to read (though I wouldn't advise it) here is a link

https://www.lifenews.com/2020/08/05/satanic-temple-claimskilling-babies-in-abortions-is-a-protected-religious-ceremony/

Just after having read about the satanic temple and its offerings this other email came through and for a time, I just sat my desk and didn't know what to do, think, just shake my head and the tears dropped unbidden. It seems unending

I would just now like to ask the reader of this newsletter to say out loud several times the words that this woman said publicly in microphones

#### "it's an injustice if women can't kill their babies in abortions"

Say this out loud just see/hear what it sounds like.

She calls it an injustice if a woman can't kill her baby. No longer even using euphemisms like "tissue" "bunch of cells" "product of conception" even the technical term foetus but openly "kill baby?" Wickedness is upfront now. Doesn't even bother to hide its face.

#### Kamala Harris: It's an "Injustice" if women Can't 'kill their babies in abortions.

These words by a woman (Democratic nominee for VP of USA) who could become the Vice President of America.

The world has seen many, many injustices over time. Whether it's slavery, the denial of civil rights or the genocide of Jewish people during World War II, other genocides, and people of good will have risen up to fight injustice wherever and whenever it arose. But an "injustice" if women aren't free to kill their babies? And this spoken loudly and without fear of scandal or reprimand. Don't babies lives matter?

Over 60 million babies killed by abortions in America since 1973 (Roe v Wade) and this isn't considered an injustice? And these figures are only for America. What about the millions and millions globally even since 1973? In the billions might be the figure and surely humanity's greatest injustice.

I wonder, would Ms Harris stand in front of media and declare that men and women have legally a right to slaughter bald eagles? Millions of them? and it would be an injustice if they were not permitted to do so.

She wouldn't do that because the national guard would visit her before she finished the sentence.

During her Democrat convention speech Ms Harris talked about the ramification of the coronavirus and slammed pro-life governors who sought to include abortions among the list of non-urgent surgical procedures to be stopped in order to conserve medical resources to be able to deal with the CvD19 pandemic. She called the efforts to stop abortions in order to be able to better utilise medical staff and facilities an "injustice." She went further to say,

"This is not a coincidence," she said. "It is the effect of structural racism. Of inequities in education and technology, health care and housing, job security and transportation. The injustice in reproductive and maternal health care." In short Ms Harris put the desire to fight CvD19 before the killing of babies an injustice and protecting frontline workers as racist.

And this is the woman chosen by the Democrat Party to be the second in charge if Biden (abortion to full birth promoter) wins the November election.

Please my readers and friends pray that this does not happen for these two nominees, the lives of unborn babies of whatever gestation and colour do not matter for them and indeed she insists that all women have a right to kill them and if they can't have that right it's an injustice and the right to be able to kill their own baby must be defended. For Harris it's not the killing of the baby which is an injustice but the removal of woman's right to be able to do so is the

Do we remember reading in scripture "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil" (Is 5:20) well these are the days.

These words of Ms Harris also remind me of the conference I attended in Rome many years ago where another delegate

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told me that there was a movement afoot to enact laws which gives a woman the "right" to a dead baby. This was about 10-12 years ago. It didn't take long did it?

Melbourne man accused of cruelty to native reptile

In August, a Melbourne man was charged with cruelty to animals for allegedly hurting an Australian lizard

and illegally importing the reptiles across state borders. The man is alleged to have said to have illegally possessed, disposed of and caused "unreasonable pain or suffering" to more than a dozen lizards, western blue-tongued lizards, and eastern blue-tongue lizards.

The 34-year-old man was previously (2018) accused of illegally importing four eastern blue-tongued lizards from NSW to Victoria and is further accused of dealing with proceeds worth almost \$500,000 in March 2019. In total he is accused of 26 charges.

Dear friends the reason I have brought this to attention is especially because of my highlighted sentence "disposed of and caused unreasonable pain or suffering" Of course we don't want to hear that any living creature is caused pain or suffering, but what about a living in utero baby? What about its pain as it is dismembered? What about its pain as it is cut into pieces and disposed of into a bucket or other demonic ways? What about its pain and suffering as it tries to escape the weapons of its pain? Or pain involved in abortion with saline solution? Burning.

How is it possible that there are crimes recorded, charges, penalties, even jail when a bird is thought to be hurt, or even a lizard thought to have suffered but when a living human baby is attacked/hacked violently and killed there is not even a whisper from the law. Indeed, the laws approve of such violence?

Again, the day of evil good and good evil.

#### **Abortion Grief**

"Lord you have joined an innocent heart to A penitent's sorrow." (Life of St Aloysius Gonzaga, office of Readings June 21st)

The late St. Pope John Paul II said in his homily 5th Sunday of Lent 1981:

...Lord you have joined an innocent heart to a penitent's sorrow...

"If a society concedes the right to kill a human being when still in the womb, then that society starts down a slope with incalculable consequences in the moral order. If it becomes licit to take a human life when it is weakest, wholly dependent on its mother, on its parents, on the strength of human consciences, then what dies is not only an innocent human being but also human conscience itself. And who knows how widely and quickly the cancer of this destruction of conscience will spread."

Why this type of grief? Because of the law written on the human heart (Jer. 31-31-33) or even because written on the heart of "woman" is the desire, instruction, command to protect her baby and abortion violates that inscription. It's the response that "life" has been killed unjustly. A life which God had authored.

What is it which causes this type of grief? A conscience wounded. A conscience which knows that what has died "is not only a human being but also human conscience" (Pope JPII)

The conscience is a special locus of the human being where God whispers. Only a human being, as far as we know, possesses a conscience. That faculty which is a barometer for an internal "knowing" of right and wrong. It has written within it instruction and learning about right and wrong so that even a non-believer, in any God, who lives by the dictates of a wellformed conscience and dictates written on the heart can know right from wrong and feel wounded when he/she makes a wrong decision which went against their own moral barometer.

The conscience alerts to error, alerts to an un ease in a given situation and may even be continually in dis- ease when its imprints or dictates are violated and disturbed. "Thou shalt not kill" is written deeply within every human being's conscience and causes restlessness even by those who do not acknowledge God and this includes when that death is by abortion and perhaps, we will soon start to see effects on conscience that euthanasia and assisted suicide evoke. And there will be negative painful effects.

Abortion is a state legislated procedure and lawful but the conscience is not governed by state legislation but divine law even though at times rejected or unknown law but written within the template/ conscience of every human and it reacts to violence imposed on it.

Abortion is a death/killing procedure and therefore against the laws written on the human heart (Jer. 31:31-33). That is, every human heart. This law is meant to protect against one human being causing harm to another human being. We are reminded of Gen.4:1-16. A law against the killing of a "brother."

The effect of abortion on the conscience is tremendous, leading to anxiety and sadness and an unknown sense of loss of something. Indeed, the Psalmist said it well when he said "my soul is struck with terror" (Ps6:3).

Human beings, especially women, were not designed to want or to take their children to be killed but were imprinted with a desire to have children and bring them to birth and protect them against all danger, so taking her own child to die confuses her own sense of being. Like the Psalmist her "soul is struck with terror" and she cannot rest in that fear.

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## Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg R I P.

#### 15/3/1933-18/9/2020

The panegyrics surrounding the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg since her death on September 18, 2020 have been many.

Whilst she was a figure of power and control and an icon of the feminist movement this jurist appears to have been even loved and respected for her "integrity" if it's possible to be put in this way.

I start this with first of all we pray for her soul and we pray that God will be merciful to her as we hope he is with us, and of course we extend our sympathy to her family and friends. However, we also have to say that this does not in any way condone her views on abortion and her part in the death of millions of babies.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will be remembered in legal history as a woman of power and reputation who played a very important and pivotal role in paving the way for the advancement of women and their careers especially in the American legal profession resulting in their present positions of power and influence. \

She is said to have been extraordinarily gifted, and dedicated in her contribution to the legal profession and social reforms that brought about enormous progress and changes over the many decades of her labours and even those who disagreed with her about abortion rights, had a respect for her legal contribution to her country and mourn her passing.

Justice Bader Ginsberg is said and recognised to be a champion of women's rights and a swath of other rights but perhaps for me her ideas on abortion rights went really too far to be respected. Her "rights" ideas seem to me to be stubbornness and almost a "get even" with past events because had she thought through what those rights would have meant then maybe she may not have gone down the road she did.

I wonder if she ever thought that the woman who could now abort freely would usually be left to grieve alone. Neither she nor other would be present to the woman in her grief. If wonder if she ever thought that those being aborted were children like her own. I wonder if she ever looked at the doorways to destruction of life that she opened. And of course, as a Jewish woman who would have understood the violent deaths that her people had experienced, she would have been able to translate that knowledge to her working life.

Whilst Justice Ginsberg has been lauded for her staunch legal stands and her loyalty to the "law" I wonder if she made "the law" her god. Her idol. To be so unbending there had to be idolatry.

Perhaps reading a little about her I may have understood a little why she became unmovable on women's rights. Could this have because of her early career experiences of not being accepted within the legal profession because as she said she was "woman" "Jewish" and "a mother" and when she became powerful enough she doubled down and began her task of changing this scenario so that no other woman would be refused her career options because she was female, religion and mother.

And yet.... This is where I come unstuck. I would have thought that with her experiences of refusal and rejection because she was female and mother these would be the qualities, she would seek to protect most of all. Instead it seems that her experiences led her sterilize her belief. She got rid of the perceived cause. Baby. which led her to not protect the babies whilst still fighting for their mothers to be regarded as equal and dominant.

I would have thought that with her experiences she would have softened and found ways created that ensured no more inequality between men and women and certainly no more rejection of a woman's right to honourable labour because she was a mother.

As a post script to this story about the death of Justice Ginsberg another email was sent to me which spoke of a story which literarily made my skin crawl and really frightened me.

The story is about another attorney (lawyer in Australian language) who is also a mother and at first sight appears to have a normal life of career, children, family, life of normality, but on hearing of the death of Justice Ginsberg her first reaction was one of fear. A fear that Americans "are inching closer to living in a theocracy or dictatorship and with the loss of Ginsberg all common sense and decency have put our civil and reproductive rights in danger like never before. And so, I joined satanism"

It appears that satanism and the satanic temple is much in vogue in USA. And further it appears that this attorney found that her ideals and beliefs match those of members of the satanic temple who use "the devil" as a symbol of rebellion.

According to this attorney members of this temple have code of beliefs or seven fundamental tenets one of which is that "one's body is inviolable, subject to one's own will alone." Reading through those tenets this woman realised that she had been a satanist without even knowing it. And now because of the crisis brought on by Justice Ginsberg's death both she and the members of her new friendship club, the Satanist temple must fight to safeguard their rights. E.g. Reproductive rights. This is the organisation that this woman wants to belong to and to fight for her rights and the rights of her daughters. I quote her words

"we need creative, resolute thinker who are willing to stand up for what they believe in and take concrete action to do so, and the satanic temple is full of those kinds of people. I am proud to now count myself among their ranks"

This female (and mother) believes that the satanic temple and its members represents the last defence for true freedom and by becoming a member she can safeguard her family's rights. Story here: Though I probably wouldn't advise reading it.

https://www.dailywire.com/news/huffpo-op-ed-ginsburgs-deathpushed-me-to-join-the-satanic-temple

I have written about this because of the fear that I have because the enemy of life seems to have taken hold of society and no longer hidden and subtle but with pride, open and almost taunting.

I think the need for doubling our efforts in all pro-life activities including much much prayer has come. Just like abortion was once a topic of whispers in recent past times, today its shouted from rooftops and worn as a badge of honour, so too the father of lies once slithered quietly but today has found a society ready for his advances.

As I said at the beginning of these pieces, I feel frightened for us, our times and for our young and for their future. I saw these pieces of writings sent to me, as something wicked and violent. A violence of the same nature as the wickedness they espouse.

Please let's pray for our babies, their mothers, their fathers, siblings, society. Let's not be found sleeping in a time of need.

After having read the above, several stories of the beautiful variety emerged

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On the September 23, 2020 we heard that USA President Mr Donald Trump announced "Born Alive" executive order which deals with the issue of babies born alive and prior to this left to die without assistance. These infant survivors.no matter circumstances of their birth, he decreed should be assisted and have rights and protections the same as other American citizens. The executive order would require medical care be given to infants who are born alive after failed abortion attempts.

This proposed new law does not demand restrictions or access to abortion, but would require that infants born alive after an attempted abortion be given medical care the same as any other child born the same gestational age but a "wanted" child and therefore assisted to live and all efforts made to ensure that as much as possible this would occur. To date babies born alive after the failed abortion have been left to die alone. In Australia we have our own case stories and this because late term abortion has become acceptable.

Again, this is a reminder of the words "a woman has a right to a dead baby" Even when born alive, because the baby had been an intended abortion, had to be left to die.

Following the announcement Mr Trump also added that his administration would be "increasing federal funding for neonatal research, to ensure that every child has the very best chance to thrive and to grow."

The second announcement of great news was the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett a mother of seven children, pro-life, to replace the position left vacant by the death of Justice Bader Ginsberg.

The nomination of Amy Garrett, Professor of Law at Notre Dame University, is an announcement for change from the Ginsberg years of anti-life ideologies to hopefully a justice whose own ideologies honour and respect the letter of the law of their land but honours God's law above that.

What now needs to occur is for us to pray deeply that she is appointed and that the babies have a voice through her voice.

Whilst I am delighted with this nomination, I will pray but hold my breath and watch and hope. Can I please ask the same of you my dear readers please?

As I look at these two very positive steps, I hope and hope that this is an answer to the prayers of all prolifers and to the cry of the voices of the babes whose blood has stained our society.

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#### What is Grief

A question posed to me recently was "Anne why would I grieve and hurt so much especially as I thought I made a good decision for myself when I agreed to the abortion. Why do I cry so much now?" (Helen)

I was not surprised with this question it is asked many many times and indeed using the same words "I thought I did the right thing"

I think I may have one of many answers to this "Lord you have joined an innocent heart to a penitent's sorrow" (St Aloysius Gonzaga).



Dear Anne,

Just a short note to say thank you for sending me your little magazine. I really appreciate it very much and thank you for what you are doing. I pray that you are getting better. You have suffered much. But God sees all and takes your suffering for your clients. He loves you very much! I Hope and pray that the borders open soon so you can visit your family and clients in Melbourne. I believe this is a "plandemic" not what we are being told. I hope this donation helps you a little with your work. God bless you forever Coral. (NSW)

Dear Coral, thank you for your kind words and donation. I understand your meaning "plandemic" I think huge amount of people are beginning to see through the "Pandemic" but problem we have is that no one knows what to do. *In Australia we've never had to defend anything and powers* that be have discovered control works well here. Again, thank you for everything. Keep safe Anne

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Dear Anne,

I hope you are coping with all the traumas we are going through at this time. I agree with you about the lockdowns and the mental health battering that is occurring. We in Victoria and NZ have allowed abortion and I believe we are seeing spiritual consequences for our actions. We are praying and may the Immaculate Mother hold you

Love, Bridget.

Dear Bridget, first please note that I have removed just a few of the personal stuff hope it's OK. I agree with you entirely regarding the spiritual battle we are going through and we shouldn't be surprised. This Morning (Tues) I read in one of my emails that the "possible" vice president of USA (if Trump loses) said "we must keep fighting to defend the killing of babies" *Imagine a woman who is supposed to be the bearer of life* saying that we must defend the right to kill human babies!!! Its insanity which seems to have taken over "womanhood" And so, we shouldn't be surprised with anything we get. In my world I see so much suffering and words like this leave me cold, frustrated, angry and helpless. Thank you, dear Bridget, for your kind donation it helped me so much during these "famine" times. Keep safe..... Anne

Dear Anne,

Recently over lunch with my friend Lyn..... she started talking about you and your marvellous work over many years. I have to admit that I vaguely remember hearing about you some years back but I didn't take much notice. I'm now sorry that I didn't.

My friend gave me your last two issues of your Broken Branches (love the name) and suggested that I might like to join your newsletter list. And yes, I would very much love to join your list and my friend said you don't ask for subscription but donation. So, enclosed I send donation and details and could I please ask you for some back issues if you have any. I would appreciate it very much. And if you have any information about your work and fees and office.

God bless,

Marie K. (Vic)

Dear Marie,

Thank you for your letter and details. I have now put you on hard copy list and will post out to you a few back issues of newsletter. Thank you for donation.

God bless and keep safe......

Anne

Dear friends, I recently received a beautiful and so encouraging letter from one of my precious readers at Vatican (Cardinal). A letter which arrived at a time when things looked bleak and helped me to pick myself up and say to myself "keep going Anne, it's all good" His words:

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"A recent edition of Broken Branches addressed many of the painful realities that our culture is facing, such as abortion, challenges to traditional marriage, child grief, and the difficulties we have experienced with the global pandemic. Wherever the body of Christ is, there is hope for healing. I appreciate what you are doing to extend the healing touch of Christ to those who suffer"

Thank you, dear Eminence and God bless, you abundantly.

Thank you for your kind and encouraging words. Please keep safe during this awful pandemic..... Anne Because the innocent heart of an infant was united to the now penitent's sorrow.

This I find beautiful and when explained well opens the door to a gentle recognition of motherhood and loss of that motherhood. Grief, we understand, is a different form of love but love it is. It is the other side of coin and all grief and its response is a witness that the one who has gone has been a pivotal member of "my life" Hass been important and not to be forgotten.

And the longer I work with grief the more I understand its many faces and the many ways it chooses to manifest itself. Its not a type of depression though if grief becomes complicated as it may, then it can become depression.

Love resides within the confines of grief and takes its form, at least for a time or until we can come to a point where the reality and finality of the loss and indeed the permanence of such a loss and perhaps even that the grief is an emotion which like love remains with us for our lifetime.

We can accommodate it. We can learn to accept it but cannot ever expect that it will disappear. Grief like true love cannot disappear but it remains to help us remember.

As I will often say to my clients "I don't want you to forget your baby ever, but what I hope we can achieve is a time the memory no longer causes pain. Never forget the baby. Always remember but without pain.

Grief is such a huge world of emotions and its my hope that my answers (individually according to the person in front me) help. Not to promise that all pain will be gone is memory of death of her baby is suppressed but that she remembers with love so that the grief has been changed to love.

Dear friends as I come to the end of this newsletter Please continue to support this work. It has been struggling to keep going for want of support.

My office has been a blessing because it's big enough for me to be able to say to clients "yes we can practice social distancing and there is enough hand sanitiser"

I have given two talks since we last met and I find I enjoy these very much. I have also been able to assist with the issue of sexual abuse (as a child now adult) of an older lady who wanted to speak to someone who understood the pain of sexual abuse of a child.

This lady (in her late 60's) has carried the abuse, without speaking about it, for over 60 years. She was referred to me by someone who knows me and knows that I have written a book on this topic.

She said upfront that she only wanted to come once not to be "fixed" but just to tell someone her story.

I am always glad to accommodate this but I suspect that she will be back because when she left she was "light" and not tense and demanding as she had been when she arrived.

I must admit that sometimes I have to smile inwardly at the dour and almost angry behaviour as if I had asked her to come instead of her making the appointment. But I know that this is a self-protective measure, a mask, and once made to feel at ease and comfortable then the unfriendly demeanour is gone.

Please continue to support this work. As I have said in past newsletters, I don't draw salary for myself but there are office expenses to deal with.

I need to say that support has dwindled to almost a stop. I know that Covid19 has been the culprit but I have kept going.

Thank you, Christopher S. Thank you Charles L., Thank you, dear Mary P., Thank you, Coral. Thank you, precious friend Frances M., thank you Laurie H., Thank you, Tim, Paul C., thank you Margaret G.

Please continue to pray for me and also for my clients. Most especially Barbara, Sharyn, Matt (lots) Bec, Belle, Helen, Fran., Pat. Trish, Marie.

Till we meet again, May the Lord bless and keep you safe.

PS. Could I please encourage those who can to purchase one of the two books Hidden Pain or Redeeming Grief. It would help me enormously. Thanks

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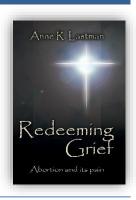
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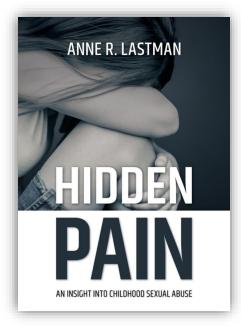
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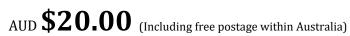
HIDDEN PAIN is written about memories which are hidden and cannot be spoken out loud. It is a book about shame, pain, sorrow and lives which have gone wrong both for victims, families, and perpetrators. Sexual abuse of children is common in all communities, in all societies, and yet it's still one of 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.

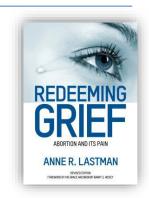
This is not a step by step guide to dealing with abuse. It is the result of my engagement with those who have come to me originally for post abortion counselling and on further investigation it was found that abuse (especially in cases of multiple abortions) existed in their history. It is my hope that 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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