

Life and Family Issues

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Dear Friends

Welcome to the April issue of *Life and Family Issues*, a collaboration between the [Queensland Bioethics Centre](#) and [JPPII Centre for Family and Life](#), agencies of the [Archdiocese of Brisbane](#).

Articles are selected from information we receive and which we hope are of interest to you.

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The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a pamphlet addressing the question of euthanasia

Real care, love and compassion – the alternative to euthanasia

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Is conscience really an illusion?

J. Budziszewski: No. We are made to find meaning in our behaviour.

A loyal dog displays something that looks like shame at its master's reprimand.

Its ears droop, and its tail seeks the shelter of its legs. Is this conscience? No.

The dog is merely signaling submission. (CERC)

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Want women's equality? Don't downplay 'feminine genius,' Holy See tells UN

Adelaide Mena: The recognition of women's special and integral role in human progress cannot overlook the dignity of women as wives, mothers and a voice for the vulnerable, a Vatican official told the United Nations this month. (CNA)

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Interview: Francoise Baylis on the ethics of social egg freezing

Xavier Symons: Professor Françoise Baylis is Canada Research Chair in Bioethics and Philosophy at Dalhousie University. She recently urged women not to freeze their eggs in order to focus on a career. BioEdge asked her to expand upon her advice..(BioEdge)

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We are "Synthetic Children" and we Agree With Dolce & Gabbana

Hattie Hart and Alana Newman: This past week has seen the outrage generated by parents of donor and invitro-fertilization children following a now-infamous *Panorama* magazine interview conducted with the fashion designers Dolce & Gabbana, wherein Domenico Dolce proclaimed, "You are born to a mother and a father – or at least that's how it should be. I call children of chemistry, synthetic children." (The Federalist)

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Hearts, parts, and minds: the truth comes out

Douglas Mainwaring: "If the hearts fit, the parts fit." These words were emblazoned on t-shirts during Washington, DC's gay pride celebration several years ago. Back then I thought: "What a great message! It's so simple, even out of touch conservative *straights* will finally be able to 'get it.'" I was so taken with the slogan that I spread the shirt out on a table, snapped a picture, and sent it around to friends. (Mercatornet)

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China ignites debate over genetic engineering

Michael Cook: Chinese scientists have been editing the genome of human embryos, a world first which has set off an debate over genetic engineering. (BioEdge)

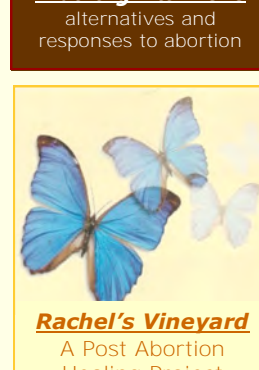
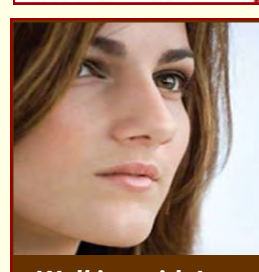
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The psychology of wartime trauma

Elizabeth Roberts-Pedersen: 2015 marks several important First World War anniversaries: the centenary of the first use of poison gas in January; the centenary of the Gallipoli landings and the Armenian genocide in April. It is also 100 years since The Lancet published Charles S. Myers' article, A Contribution to the Study of Shell Shock. (Mercatornet)

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With the approach of World Down Syndrome Day, March 21, The Jerome Lejeune Foundation launched a video for you to enjoy and share: "[Being different, it's normal.](#)"



Date Claimers

Aria Angels

Music, art, hospitality and prayer! These 90 minute sessions are an excellent opportunity to develop the social, emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual domains of children through music, art, hospitality and prayer. For children birth - 5 years with parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends. Cost: \$5.00 per family each week, see dates and locations below. **Please phone to enrol:**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish: 9.30-11.00am Wednesdays during school term

121 Mains Road, Sunnybank. Contact: Parish Office: 3345 3766

St Matthew's Parish: 9.00-10.30am Thursdays during school term

180 Bryants Road, Loganholme. Contact: Parish Office: 38011 626

St Rita's Parish: 9.00-10.30am Wednesdays during school term

37 Benfer Road, Victoria Point. Contact: Parish Office: 3207 9177 or email

pa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Pastoral Council Commissioning Mass

Sunday May 3, 2015 at 2.30 pm

Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, Annual Commissioning Mass for Pastoral Councils. For more information contact the [Office for Pastoral Councils](#)

Cherish Life "Hope for the Future" Conference - Brisbane Saturday, 16 May 2015

Great speakers include international keynote speaker Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schiavo (terrisfight.org) and head of the Life & Hope Network (lifeandhope.com) who will be speaking twice at the Conference, Dr Terry Kent - "RU-486: It can be reversed!", Teresa Streckfuss - mother of two babies born with Anencephaly, and other quality presenters. For more info Ph 3871 2445 or Email

info@cherishlife.org.au. Or go to www.cherishlife.org.au

Centacare CFRS Pre-Marriage Education Group Programme

Friday May 15 - Saturday May 16 2015

Friday 6.30 pm to 8.45 pm. Saturday 9.00 am to 4.15 pm

Programme to be held at Centacare CFRS Fortitude Valley, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley, Qld.

Centacare Family and Relationship Service provides group courses in Pre-Marriage Education which are facilitated by trained relationship educators. The program provides couples with an opportunity to explore their relationship and plan for their future.

For information contact Ph: (07) 3252 4371 Email: cfrs.fvadmin@bne.centacare.net.au

[Pre-Marriage Education Dates](#) and centacarebrisbane.net.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings - away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date: 15th - 17th May 2015

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane's bayside)

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456,

dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wvme.org.au

Truth & Charity Formation in the Christian Faith

2015 Series Two Acting Justly: Living the Mercy of Jesus

Topic 2: "Mercy and Life Issues" Tuesday 26 May 2015

This talk to be presented by Dr Ray Campbell, Director Queensland Bioethics Centre/JPPII Centre for Family & Life. Presentation to be held at Francis Rush Centre, Elizabeth Street Brisbane at 7.30 pm–

9.00 pm. For enquiries about series lectures contact Email: pblom@bne.catholic.edu.au or go to

www.facebook.com/TruthCharity

MenAlive in the City

Thursday 28th May 5:45pm - 7:30pm

Francis Rush Centre, Elizabeth St Brisbane CBD. MenALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church. For more information visit www.menalive.org.au

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