

Life and Family Issues

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Dear Friends

Welcome to the May 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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Can Surrogacy be Ethical?

Renate Klein: Ever since the upsetting story of Baby Gammy came to light - a baby boy abandoned in Thailand by his commissioning parents because he was born with Down Syndrome - the pro-surrogacy lobby in Australia has been very busy. (ABC Religion and Ethics)

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Supreme Court Debates Meaning of Marriage and Consequences of Judicial Redefinition

Ryan T. Anderson: Rather than rush to a fifty-state "solution" on marriage policy for the entire country, the Supreme Court should allow the laboratories of democracy the time and space to see how redefining marriage will impact society as a whole. (The Public Discourse)

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A "revolution" in IVF technology?

Michael Cook: A new IVF technique is being touted as the "next big thing" in fertility after it apparently contributed to the birth of a baby in Canada. (BioEdge)

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Palliative Care - Putting Patients Back in the Driver's Seat

Debra Vermeer: A diagnosis of terminal cancer or other life-limiting illness is a distressing experience for anyone, but more recent advances in Palliative and Supportive Care are putting patients back into the driver's seat when it comes to deciding how their treatment will unfold and how they and their family will experience the journey ahead of them. (mnews.today)

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Canadian bioethicist questions value of Down syndrome detection

Michael Cook: Do we really need ever-more accurate tests to detect Down syndrome in unborn children? (BioEdge)

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Save the earth, one woman at a time

Gerard Migeon: In the 1970's and 1980's, Paul Ehrlich's book, *The Population Bomb*, successfully galvanized the general fear that population growth meant doom for our planet. (Mercatornet)

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Hands off my DNA!

Xavier Symons: A New Orleans man has accused police of an invasion of privacy after he was arrested in relation to a 'cold' homicide case. (BioEdge)

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Boston bomber sentence shows death penalty is always political

Frank Brennan: The lesson from the trials of the Boston Bomber and the Bali nine is that the death penalty is always political and macabre. (Eureka Street)

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Germline tinkering sparks more controversy

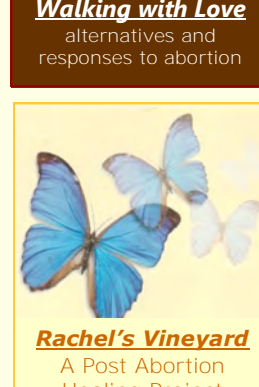
Michael Cook: Chinese attempts to modify the human genome using new gene editing technology are still stirring the pot of ethical controversy. (BioEdge)

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Capturing the wonder of motherhood

Shannon Roberts: While yes this is an ad for Huggies, it is also a joyful true story which captures at least a part of the absolute wonder every woman feels for her baby. (Mercatornet)

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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

menALIVE in the City

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

menALIVE MAX15 Friday 17 July - Sunday 19 July

menALIVE for Christ 11th Annual National Catholic Men's Weekend.

St Leo's Catholic College, University of Queensland Campus, St Lucia in Brisbane.

For more information see the [menALIVE MAX15](#)

Centacare CFRS Pre-Marriage Education Group Programme

Friday May 29 - Saturday May 30 or Friday June 12 - Saturday June 13 or Friday June 26 - Saturday June 27.

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

Vespers and a Concert of Liturgical Music

Tuesday June 2, 2015 at 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm St Stephen's Cathedral, Elizabeth St, Brisbane

Visiting Australia for the first time, the University of Notre Dame's renowned Folk Choir from the United States of America, brings with it a rich tradition of music from all over the world.

The 50-member choir will celebrate Vespers with Brisbane's Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

For more information contact Elizabeth Harrington on Ph 07 3336 9442

or email harrington@liturgybrisbane.net.au or [Download the flyer](#)

Truth & Charity Formation in the Christian Faith 2015 Series 2

Acting Justly: Living the Mercy of Jesus Lecture 3 Tuesday June 30, 2015 at 7.30 pm -9.00 pm

"Living with Gratitude, Hope and Passion - Celebrating Consecrated Life" presented by Sr Carol Zinn SJJ (Philadelphia). Venue: Good Samaritan Centre, Lourdes Hill College, 86 Hawthorne Rd, Hawthorne, QLD. For enquiries about series lectures contact Email: pblom@bne.catholic.edu.au or go to www.facebook.com/TruthCharity or [Download flyer](#)

Women of the Way Annual Retreat

Friday 28 August - Sunday 30 August 2015

Theme: Blessed by the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war (Ps 144:1)

Presenters: Jan Heath & Katherine Ruonala

Venue: Watson Park, Old Gympie Rd Dakabin

Contact: Julie Smith (Mob 0402 316 288/Ph 07 3482 3250) or email wowqld@gmail.com

Mothers Prayers

Wednesdays at 9.00am and Thursdays 9.30am

Mothers, grandmothers and spiritual mothers are invited to Mothers Prayers at St Rita's Parish, 37 Benfer Road, Victoria Point. Contact: Parish Office 07 32079177 or email

pa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au



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