

Dear Friends

Welcome to the August 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. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Queensland Bioethics Centre or the JPPII Centre.

Same-Sex 'Marriage': Evolution or Deconstruction of Marriage and the Family?

Archbishop Anthony Fisher: The campaign to redefine marriage has recently gained such momentum - with now three and soon four bills before the Commonwealth Parliament - that many think it is inevitable. This can leave those with misgivings feeling that they are already losers in a done deal. (Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney)

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Rebuilding Marriage Culture: A Fourfold Mission for the Church

Ryan T. Anderson: The Supreme Court's ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, redefining marriage everywhere in the United States, has left many of us wondering: What do we do now? (ABC Religion & Ethics)

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Father's Day: The difference a dad makes

Carolyn Moynihan: An article in the Wall Street Journal this week reviewing research on the way fathers bond with their children drew the following exchange in the comments section: Richard McDermott: Can these lab researchers figure out where my Dad put my nose after he stole it some 40 years ago? (Mercatornet)

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I Want to Hold Your Hand: New Frontiers in Dating

Michael P. Murphy: We have known for a while now that young people are as likely as not to begin any friendship via text; with apps like Tinder, we see this development in full bloom, or as one of Sales's subjects muses: "It's texting someone, or multiple girls, maybe getting very sexual with them, 99 percent of the time before you've even met them." (America)

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Sperm donor children want answers, says Australian doco

Xavier Symons: A new Australian documentary has given voice to a small group of donor conceived Australians now trying to find their fathers. (BioEdge)

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Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia: A Guide to the Evidence

A resource guide compiled by Professor David Albert Jones Director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford. (Anscombe Bioethics Centre)

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Today's Slaves

Nicholas D. Sawicki: ...Human trafficking can happen anywhere. There is no sector of our economy, no faction of our world that is wholly untouched. According to the most recent report released in December 2014 by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, trafficking has been identified in 124 countries and affects individuals of 152 nationalities. (America)

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Side Effects of the Pill 102: death

Carolyn Moynihan: Where would you expect to find a film about the oral contraceptive pill which begins with the comment that this is "the first medical drug made specifically to treat people who aren't sick"? (Mercatornet)

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Family violence more complex than sexual abuse

Andrew Hamilton: Childhood experience of violence is associated with many other aspects of disadvantage which, as a recent study shows, interact with and intensify one another. (Eureka Street)

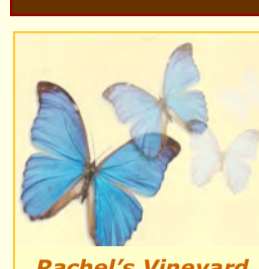
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My Dear Dad

A short video from Jerome Lejeune Foundation USA honouring the special relationship between fathers and their children with Down syndrome. [Watch](#)



Walking with Love
alternatives and responses to abortion



Rachel's Vineyard
A Post Abortion Healing Project

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

Multicultural Mass Sunday 30 August 2.30 pm

Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, QLD
Multicultural Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by food and cultural presentations on Cathedral grounds. For more information contact the [Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care](#).

menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Thursday 3 September 7.00 am

Breakfast at Tattersalls Club, 215 Queen Street, Brisbane. The menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. The breakfasts feature dynamic speakers and an opportunity to discuss important issues with other men who are seeking to make a difference to their lives and in our world today. For more info [Catholic Man Breakfast Series](#)

Centacare CFRS Pre-Marriage Education Group Programme

Friday 4 September - Saturday 5 September or Friday 18 September - Saturday 19 September

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

Friday 4 September - Sunday 6 September 2015

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!
Watch our new video - [YouTube](#)

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

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

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

Ignite Conference

Thursday 24 September - Sunday 27 September 2015

Mueller Performing Arts Centre, 75 Morris Rd, Rothwell, QLD
Ignite is a dynamic & contemporary Catholic conference for young people. Every year it draws over 1000 adults, teenagers, children, youth ministers, teachers, priests and religious. It's about gathering young people from across this corner of the world, connecting them with Jesus Christ and the Church, forming them for living the Christian life and empowering them to impact the Church and the world. [Ignite Conference](#)

menALIVE in the City

Thursday 24 September

Held between 5.45pm and 7.30pm at Francis Rush Centre, (Beside the Cathedral of St Stephen). Mass available in the Cathedral at 5.10pm. 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.
menALIVE supported event - Fathering Adventures
Improving Father Son relationships For all men aged 13+ and their Dad or other significant father figure. 5 Night Father and Son Adventures
This is so much more than a camp, and so much more than a retreat.
WHEN: Saturday 26th September to Thursday 1st October
WHERE: North Queensland For more details see the [Fathering Adventures website](#)

Truth & Charity Formation in the Christian Faith 2015 Series 2

Lecture 7 "Mercy: Part of God's Plan" Tuesday 29 September 7 pm - 9 pm

The final lecture of a seven part series - The presenter for this lecture is Dr Joel Hodge from ACU, Melbourne. Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street Brisbane. For enquiries about series lectures contact Email: pblom@bne.catholic.edu.au or go to www.facebook.com/TruthCharity or [Download flyer](#)

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday October 3, 2015 10.00 am

Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, QLD. Couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage together with family and friends are invited to attend.
RSVP cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3030 by Friday 25 September 2015.

Parish Workshops for Parish Clergy, Pastoral Council members, Lay Pastoral ministers & other Leadership group members

Evangelisation Brisbane is offering 4 gatherings in October 2015 at different parishes in the Archdiocese following on from the Pastoral Council Development Day held in March this year. There will be three workshops at each venue which will explore Strategies for Mission. A light supper will be provided at each venue. These gatherings are free of charge. For more information about PPC Workshops go to [Evangelisation Brisbane](#) or phone or email Mary-Anne Cullen on 3324 3443 Email: cullenm@bne.catholic.net.au

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 3207 9177 or email pa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

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