



# HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION SOCIETY INC

## NEWSLETTER: CHRISTMAS ISSUE 3

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Website: <https://www.hlpstas.com.au>

**The President's Christmas Message:** Christmas for me and most of us, is celebrating the birth of Jesus with family, friends and Church communities. For those who know me, know how much I get excited leading up to Christmas. It's not only about presents and decorating our home, but it is this season, that always gives me hope for the year to come. We at HLPS are also about hope; hope in saving the lives of the most vulnerable, our unborn babies and for those who have reached the end of life. We, at HLPS are also about hope; hope in saving the lives of the most vulnerable, our unborn babies and for those who have reached the end of life.

This year has certainly presented its unique challenges; however, I continue to be inspired by the founders of HLPS and the reason they started this organisation in 1972 and what will assist us in raising awareness for our cause.

Thank you to everyone for your support, especially through your prayers. Your support continues to drive us to push through and to continue to advocate for the unborn against abortion and protecting those that have reached their end of life against euthanasia.

I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Holy Christmas and if you are travelling over the holidays, please stay safe.



# “SAVING OUR UNBORN”

## Conference 2025

The conference was a great success. Thank you to everyone on the day that made that possible. It was a very productive conference with much feedback in the way to move forward.

Some suggestions that have come from the Conference:

- To increase our Prayer opportunities
- To speak out about prolife issues
- Promote the beauty of faithful relationships and parenthood.
- To promote an all-encompassing organisation to increase the effect of the Prolife movement.
- The need to change hearts, A cultural change, regular prayer and education, especially of young people.
- Pregnancy support.

There was a strong attendee experience and we have had great opportunities for Networking since then.

The day was filled with informative and engaging speakers. Each speaker spoke on various parts of the abortion issue; this also included two testimonies. The testimonies spoke of **“Not Having a Choice”** and also, how **“fear and addiction” can control “Choice.”** They showed that choosing abortion isn’t always made from a place of freedom.

We need to remember that abortion doesn’t just kill the innocent unborn baby, but also spiritually kills the woman. I speak from experience, so please go gently, don’t be so quick to judge someone that has had an abortion. None of us can even begin to know what road that woman has walked before that decision was made! Let’s be there to help her or any person that has been touched affected by abortion in their lives.

To watch and listen to these presentations you may go to our website: [www.hlpstas.com.au/news](http://www.hlpstas.com.au/news)

I was so happy to meet so many who attended and the feedback I received was so very positive. A question I was repeatedly being asked was, “When are you having your next conference?” **Well!** I am really happy that the conference had such a great impact on people, however, we can’t do that without your support. We need people with communication and organisational skills. People who are computer savvy and are willing to help us spread the word. If you can think of anything else don’t be backward in coming forward. Please give that some thought and contact me on [president@hlpstas.com.au](mailto:president@hlpstas.com.au) or (M) 0407704539

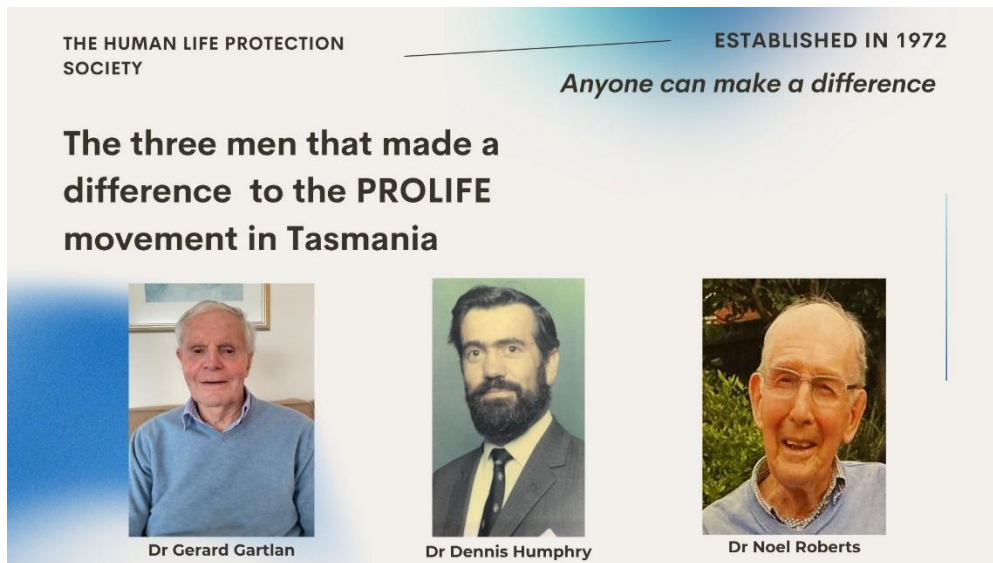
### RUN/WALK 100

Our Run/Walk 100 has been a great success. The message has reached many, as Anita and Jaxon managed to reach their goal of 100kms in the month of November. A few others have also registered and I thank you all for your contribution and support.

We almost reached our goal and raised \$1000. Thank you to everyone who made a donation, for your generosity. Your contributions will go to helping us continue to helping mothers in need and the babies from abortion.



# The Founders of the Human Life Protection Society



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## SOCIAL MEDIA

**WEBSITE:** The website continues to be updated. We now provide international news on the three main areas of focus for the Human Life Protection Society with links that are published each day so that readers can keep up with the latest pro-life news from around the world. Please go to this link: <https://www.hlpstas.com.au/pro-life-news-from-around-the-world/>



**FACEBOOK** and Social Media platforms continue to gain interest. This is always a good sign that our message is getting out there. We continue to bring you the current Pro-life issues through Facebook and Instagram. Like our page by going to <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BpMvKWmEh/>








*Our Lady of Victories Church, Lutana*

**MASS FOR THE UNBORN:** We continue to have the Mass for the Unborn, every 3 months at the Shrine in Lutana, **Our Lady of Victories Church, 12 Ashbolt Cres, Lutana, Tasmania 7009.**

We are greater in numbers, so, I encourage all of us to attend if at all possible. We need to keep pushing on and the only way to do this is through prayer and action. The Masses will be celebrated three monthly. Our first Mass for 2026 will be March 21<sup>st</sup>, then they will follow on, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2026.

  
Archdiocese  
of Hobart





To celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Office of Life, Marriage & Family, along with the Human Life Protection Society, invites you to join us for the annual

**MASS FOR THE**  
*unborn*

to pray for the protection of human life in the womb

**Friday 12 December**  
6pm Rosary  
6:30pm Mass

**Our Lady of Victories Shrine, Lutana**  
(light supper to follow Mass)

For more information, contact Mark Griffin on:  
**mark.griffin@aohtas.org.au**  
(Director, Office of Life Marriage & Family)  
or contact the Human Life Protection Society  
**info@hlpstas.com.au**

*All priests and religious are invited to attend*

# SOCIETY at WORK

There have been a few enquiries since the conference about the abortion laws in Tasmania, so I thought I would list the Abortion Laws in Australia for all of us. Please find the links below for each State.

## Full term abortion laws Australia

In Australia, fullterm abortions are legal and can be performed at any stage of pregnancy, provided there is a medical necessity. However, the laws governing the timing and circumstances of these procedures vary by State and Territory.

Here are some key points regarding Full-Term abortion Laws in Australia:

- [South Australia: Abortion is legal at any stage of pregnancy, and the procedure is performed by registered medical professionals.](#)
- [New South Wales: Abortion is legal at any stage of pregnancy, and the procedure is performed by registered medical professionals.](#)
- [Victoria: Abortion is legal at any stage of pregnancy, and the procedure is performed by registered medical professionals.](#)
- [Northern Territory: Abortion is legal at any stage of pregnancy, and the procedure is performed by registered medical professionals.](#)
- [Western Australia: Abortion is legal at any stage of pregnancy, but the procedure requires approval from two medical professionals.](#)

## Tasmanian abortion laws:

It is legal to have an abortion up to 16 weeks of pregnancy in Tasmania. You do not need anyone else's consent for this procedure.

Between 16 to 20 weeks of pregnancy, you can choose to have an abortion, however, two doctors must agree that the abortion is necessary. There are less services in Tasmania that provide an abortion after 16 weeks in Tasmania.

After 20 weeks you can still get an abortion in Tasmania, however, you will need approval from a panel of specialists.

[It is important to note that while abortion is legal in Australia, there are still some restrictions and requirements that may apply depending on the state or territory. For more detailed information, individuals can refer to the specific laws in their state or territory or consult with a healthcare provider.](#)

**The Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation:** A review of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation is being conducted over the next 12 months. A panel is being selected and will take submissions early next year. The HLPS is registered as a participant in the review. The Society will be contacted early 2026.

Can we ask each of you to think about the review especially those whose background is in the Law. It is an opportunity to have the prolife objectives of the HLPS presented to the Review Panel.

Please email Anne Sherston [president@hlpstas.com.au](mailto:president@hlpstas.com.au)

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Monaco Chooses Life – Stormont Must Do the Same**

Precious Life welcomes the courageous decision of Prince Albert II of Monaco, who has refused to sign a bill that would have legalised the killing of unborn babies in abortion up to 12 weeks. By blocking this legislation, he has defended the unborn while urging greater support for vulnerable women, proving that true leadership means choosing life, not ending it. [https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/prince-albert-of-monaco-vetoes-bill-to-expand-abortion/?utm\\_source=FB](https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/prince-albert-of-monaco-vetoes-bill-to-expand-abortion/?utm_source=FB)

- **BRITAIN:** A British rapper and reality-tv star has spoken out against the practise of aborting babies due to a Down Syndrome diagnosis. Harrison James Armstrong, known as “Aitch,” has a sister with Down Syndrome and has dedicated a song to her. [https://www.liveaction.org/news/british-reality-star-against-eugenic-down-syndrome?utm\\_content=buffer8b8d&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://www.liveaction.org/news/british-reality-star-against-eugenic-down-syndrome?utm_content=buffer8b8d&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=buffer)

- **CANADA:** A quadriplegic man requested assisted suicide in 2024 after developing bedsores in hospital. A Quebec coroner has criticised the hospital for failing to provide a special mattress for the patient, and for leaving his for four days on a stretcher. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/norman-meunier-coroner-recommendations-9.6991339>

- **UK:** A new hotel in Brighton will be home to a programme which trains staff living with learning disabilities and autism. The niece of celebrity chef Nigella Lawson is among those who have successfully completed the programme. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1lq0eqgqr8o>

To read more on International News and local news you may go to our website: <https://www.hlpstas.com.au/news>

Unexpected pregnancies can also bring so much unexpected happiness and joy.

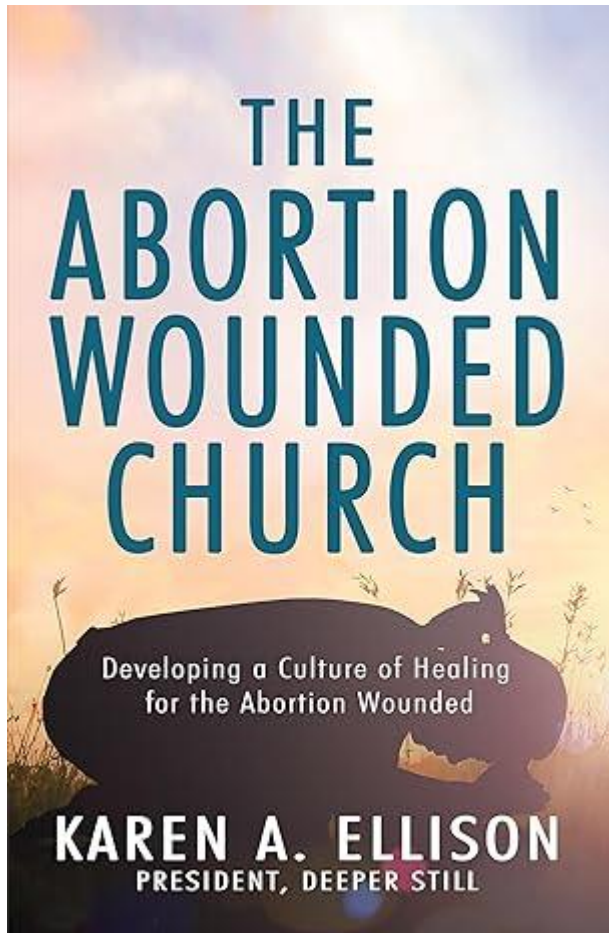


**LOBBYING POLITICIANS:** Considering the information we have just read about regarding abortion in Australia; we continue to lobby the politicians in State and Federal governments political parties.

We can't continue to wait for things to change, unless we all get behind protecting our most vulnerable in our society, nothing will ever change. I urge each and every one of us to write to our politicians and continue to advocate for the most vulnerable in our society.

## RESOURCES

A book that was recommended to me soon after the conference, was, 'The Abortion Wounded Church'. I found this to be a very insightful read. It will help our Priests, religious and all of us to tap into the "hidden sin" that so many are afraid to speak of. I highly recommend this book to everyone. It is a very short book and easy but not confronting reading.



“A study released by LifeWay Research in November 2015 revealed that 70% of American women who have abortions identify themselves as Christian.

What does that mean for you and your church? How many women sitting in your pews, joining in your small groups, or serving on your hospitality team fit into that statistic? And what about the men who helped get them there?

These are the abortion-wounded. And Karen Ellison was one of them. But thanks to the grace of God and the healing power of the blood of Jesus, Karen now walks in freedom, healed from shame and self-hatred.

In The Abortion-Wounded Church, Karen seeks to equip and empower pastors and church leaders to help bring freedom to others like her. In this easy-to-read booklet, you will:

- Discover how often abortions occur within the Church
- Define abortion fatigue
- Learn about the value of teaching a theology of life
- Receive steps to change silence and apathy into action
- Be encouraged about your role as a shepherd

The abortion-wounded are everywhere in churches. Are you prepared to help walk them into healing and freedom?”

Available through **AMAZON**

“REMOVE THE STIGMA OF FEAR  
THAT WOULD PREVENT SOMEONE  
FROM TALKING WITH YOU”

## MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS

We have had an influx of new members over the past year and that is so great to see. We would like to invite anyone with the same views as the Human Life Protection Society to join us by going to our website, [www.hlpstas.com.au/memberships](http://www.hlpstas.com.au/memberships) If you would prefer, contact our President, Anne Sherston, directly, please call 0407704539.

If you wish to make a one-off donation or you would like to make a regular donation please go to our website, [www.hlpstas.com.au/support](http://www.hlpstas.com.au/support)

We resume our committee meetings on Monday Feb 2nd 2026.

*Wishing you and your families a very Holy Christmas and New Year*

*May the divine peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart and home with serenity and love this Christmas season. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may His light guide you, His love envelop you, and His joy uplift your spirit.*

*Corrie Ten Boom*

