

The Gift of Children

An Afternoon for Couples Hoping to Conceive



When a couple are hoping for the gift of child, difficulties in conceiving can be a source of anxiety and confusion. The Life, Marriage & Family Centre of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering an afternoon on 28 March 2009 for married couples (Catholic or otherwise), who are trying to have children, or, who desire to learn more about the various options available to assist fertility, which are in harmony with the dignity of married love.

2:00pm ~ Welcome

2:05pm ~ The Gift of Children ~ *Bishop Anthony Fisher OP* ~ Bishop Fisher is the Episcopal Vicar for Life and Health and is a world-renowned bioethicist and moral theologian. He is a gifted speaker and will share the Church's understanding of fertility, parenthood and the ethical difference between various methods of fertility treatment.

2:50pm ~ Know Thyself ~ *Natural Fertility Services* ~ The most valuable tool for a couple is knowing their own fertility; it is the key to planning their family and welcoming children but also to loving one another more deeply. It is an accurate science and not mere guess work. This presentation will share the basic principles and benefits of natural fertility awareness.

3:20pm ~ New Perspectives on Reproductive Health ~ *FertilityCare* ~ Learn about 'Napro-Technology'; an emerging medical science that works cooperatively with the body's natural procreative cycles, offering ethical, well researched solutions for couples experiencing fertility difficulties and miscarriages.

3:50pm ~ A Couple Speaks ~ A young couple will share their experience of married love, and the struggles and joys they had in starting a family.

4:10pm ~ Order of Blessing of Couples Imploring the Gift of Children ~ Bishop Fisher will offer to all couples present the Church's official rite of blessing, asking the Lord to bless them with the gift of children.

4:30pm ~ Afternoon tea and an opportunity to meet other couples.

(Leaflets and books related to the themes discussed will be available to take and to purchase).

Saturday 28 March 2009

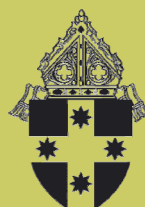
**St Joachim's Parish Hall,
2 Mills Street, Lidcombe**

Parking is available in the parish grounds and Lidcombe train station is a very short walk.

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