



# NEWSLETTER

MONTH OF MARY | ANGELA ABDO | DAMIAN STAYNE | PODCASTS | FEATURED PRODUCTS

**W**elcome to the month of May. This is the month that the Church dedicates to **Mary, Our Mother**. It is fitting that Mother's Day coincides with the month in which we celebrate our Blessed Mother. I pray you all had a special Mother's Day. You will notice throughout the month that we are purposely featuring content related to our Blessed Mother. Each week, we have been finding articles, resources, podcasts and talks related to Mary. Mother Mary, I ask for your intercession for our world today and I ask especially to pray for the supporters and followers of Parousia. Our Lady, help of Christians, pray for us.



We have had a couple of big events this month. The first being in Melbourne, where we attended the first national conference for the exciting new movement called *Mothers Who Pray For Their Children*. The founder, **Angela Abdo**, visited Australia and was the keynote speaker. She briefly stopped in Sydney to visit our office, along with the movement's English coordinator, **Carolina Cetenareski**, to record a podcast with us. Angela started this movement in Brazil and this year alone they had **over 150,000 mothers** attend their conferences. That's right - three zeros! It was a huge turn out here and they are going from strength to strength. Please pray for this important movement, which is in the process of becoming officially recognised by the Vatican.

I look forward to joining the conference next year as a speaker. As you may know, if it wasn't for my own mother's prayers, I personally would not be here today. Parousia is excited to announce the launch of Angela's first book (in English) called **Mothers who Pray for their Children: By God's Inspiration**. As Angela is from Brazil, all books have been available in Portuguese and Spanish, so we are very pleased to now make this book available in English worldwide. **Please grab your copy today as it is a great gift for any mother.**



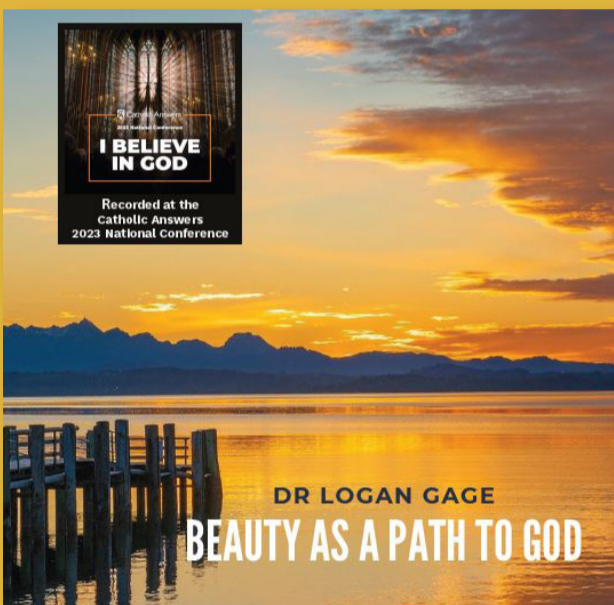
The second major event we were involved with was with **Damian Stayne**, hosted by the *Servants of Jesus*. Damian is from England and is the author of the book **Renew Your Wonders: Spiritual Gifts for Today**. Damian was a fallen-away Catholic in his teens but as a young adult had a powerful experience that transformed his life. He has dedicated his life to serving the Church and has been promoting the gift of healing and prophecy that is available to every baptised person. He reminds us of how God performs miracles today and how we should expect this to continue. He offers a very thorough study in the area of miracles and healings and what the Church has to say about them. Damian's book is available now on our website. I had the privilege of speaking with Damian for our podcast. This discussion will be released in the next month or two. Please pray for his important work.



This year has seen many new books being published. Earlier this year, we published a children's book called *Next To Me* written by **Melissa Shiberras**. It is a simple story of how Jesus is beside us all the time, in the playground, home, church etc. The book relays an important message for our children which we can gently remind them of each day. This book is now available on our website.



Last month we launched the book *God's Love in the Sky* written by **Judi Prasser** and illustrated by our very own **Alejandro Fernandez-Cotta**. This book has been very popular so far and the story is powerful as it illustrates a simple, but very important lesson about the seven colours in God's rainbow. I sat down with Judi for a *Parousia Podcast*, which is now live on our channel and website. I encourage you to listen to the episode and share it among your friends. The book is available in both hardcover and paperback so please look at our website for more details.



## CD OF THE MONTH

**Beauty as a Path to God**  
*Logan Gage*

Not long ago, it was easy to see the world's beauty as strong evidence for a Creator. But some argue that the rise of secular ideologies and the moral horrors of the last two centuries obscure this evidence.

In this talk, Dr. Gage gives four lines of evidence to help us once again see that beauty clearly points to God.



This month I have also had the pleasure of sitting down with **Fr Ben Saliba**, the **Sisters Of Life** who were recently on tour from America, **Fr Yuhanna Azize**. Stay tuned to our channels, as these discussions are released.



As I write this, we are preparing to welcome back **Jason Evert** for his seventh tour of Australia. He will be speaking to highschoolers in both **Sydney Catholic Schools** and **Broken Bay secondary schools**. Jason will also be speaking at public events for parents and young adults. He is the keynote speaker for the launch of **Donum Ministries**, founded by **Tomasz Juszak**. Please pray for the success of this tour.

**DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS & FR JOHN AMSBERRY**

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Unlimited beer, wine & soft drinks

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**Jason Evert**  
IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

*Finding your soulmate without losing your soul*

Wednesday 22 May 2024  
Light of Christ Centre  
Yardley Ave Waitara, NSW  
Food & Activities begin from 6 PM  
Talk begins at 7 PM

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# FEATURED PAROUSIA ON DEMAND

The Woman | St Anthony Communications



In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman". This reference should draw our attention to the woman mentioned in Genesis, as well as in the book of Revelation. But who is this "Woman", and **why is she so central in the history of Salvation?**

This powerful film considers the Catholic teaching about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her important role in the Church and in the lives of Christians today. The dogmas of Mother of God, Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity, and Assumption are explained along with other traditional beliefs and devotions to Mary.

Insightful commentary is provided by **Fr Marcus Holden, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Sr Mary of the Trinity, Fr Jeff Steel, and Joanna Bogle**, along with a number of young people speaking about their faith and love of Our Blessed Lady.

I also want to mention the special event that took place on the birthday of **St Charbel**. **St Charbel's Monastery** holds a special place in my heart as it was the church where I was baptised, confirmed and married my wife Christine. Christine attended **St Charbel's College** and I first met her at *Guardians* which is held at **St Charbel's Church**. Our first four children were baptised in the Monastery and, as you may know, Parousia has held some of our biggest events there. The Monastery celebrates **50 years in Australia** and to celebrate, the monks from the **Lebanese Maronite Order** organised a porcelain replica of St Charbel in a coffin, matching his tomb in Lebanon. They also have a piece of his bone placed in the heart of the replica and a stained white robe inside the tomb. This is a first class relic of the great saint and the monastery is now an official shrine of St Charbel. Only the second ever outside of Lebanon. Congratulations to the Lebanese Maronite Order and the monks of St Charbel's Monastery. I owe my life to this saint who saved me in my mothers womb and we understand **his miracles have grown to over 40,000** in number. **St Charbel, pray for us.**

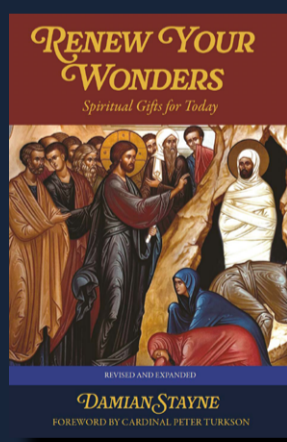


## OTHER FEATURED PRODUCTS



**The Secret Princess:  
A Tale of Hope**  
J.C. Prins

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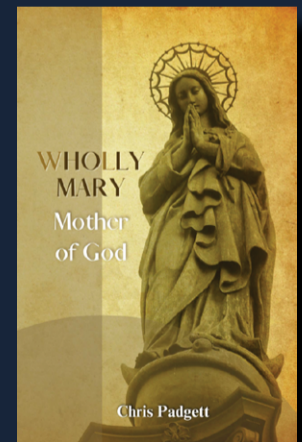
**Renew Your Wonders**  
Damian Stayne

\$29.99



**Mothers Who Pray For  
Their Children**  
Angela Abdo

\$24.99



**Wholly Mary:  
Mother of God**  
Chris Padgett

\$24.99

Our media presence is currently strengthening as our partnership grows with **EWTN**. We have recorded a number of episodes for their 'Bookmark' television show this year. We have more scheduled as well, so please look out for them. We are growing Australian content for the global network. We have also entered into a formal partnership with **Shalom World**, which is another Catholic TV network online. They will be working on some of our Parousia tours with international guest speakers. This is a very exciting partnership as it will help reach more souls across the globe. Please pray for these two partnerships. Check out their respective websites at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) and [www.shalomworld.com](http://www.shalomworld.com).

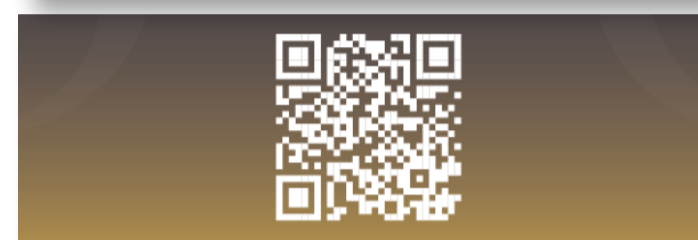


As you can see, this last month has been busy and exciting with events, book launches, podcasts, special visits to our office, new partnerships and more. **God is truly blessing the work of Parousia**. What we do would not be possible without Him and all of your prayers. Please continue to pray for Parousia so we can remain faithful to the Church and the mission of Christ.

If you are able to support us financially in any way, **please consider becoming a monthly donor**.

This wraps up another month at Parousia. Thanks again for all your support and prayers.

Can you help us?



**May God continue to bless you and your family.**  
Charbel Raish  
Director

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### About Robert



**Dr Robert M. Haddad** holds qualifications in law, theology, philosophy and religious education, including a **MA (Theo.), MRelEd, M. Phil.** and a **Ph.D.** Robert has also authored various books, including: *Defend the Faith!*, *Lord of History Series (2 volumes)*, *The Apostles' Creed*, *Law and Life*, *The Family and Human Life*, *The Case for Christianity – St Justin Martyr's Arguments for Religious Liberty and Judicial Justice*, *Answering the Anti-Catholic Challenge (ch. 3)*, *1001 Reasons Why It's Great to be Catholic!*, *Always Be Prepared*, and *Jesus Played Marbles*. Since 1990, Robert has worked at **St Charbel's College**, the **University of Sydney Catholic Chaplaincy**, the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**, the **Catholic Adult Education Centre**, the **Centre for Thomistic Studies**, and **Lumen Verum Apologetics**. In 2014, Robert was awarded an **Australia Day Award** by the **Australia Day Council of New South Wales** for his overall contribution to education and in 2020 the **Dempsey Medal** by **Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP** for his work in evangelisation. Currently, he is the **Manager of Network Catholic Identity** for **Sydney Catholic Schools** with responsibility for staff faith formation, family evangelisation and youth ministry in 152 primary and secondary schools.

### Main Presentations:

- Catholic Apologetics
- Church History
- Church Fathers
- Life Issues
- Culture Wars

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