

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER 2016



Scripture and the Church's history give us many examples of the great impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together.

Join us for a month of prayer and fasting to be held in parishes, schools and homes across the nation during the month of October 2016.

We hope that in this time of national conversation on the subject of marriage we can encourage all to pray for the well-being of marriages and families, and in a particular way for people who are same-sex attracted or gender questioning. We also pray for a respectful national discussion on marriage.

MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES

Sunday 2nd

For the flourishing of marriages and families in Australia

Sunday 9th

For the strengthening of marriages and families in distress

Sunday 16th

Today and throughout this week we pray for all persons who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty and their families

Sunday 23rd

For a respectful and fair national discussion on marriage and an outcome that preserves God's plan for marriage



PRAYERS

Sunday 2nd October

Today and throughout this week we pray for all marriages and families in Australia.

Heavenly Father, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.

Sunday 16th October

Today and throughout this week we pray for all persons who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty and their families.

Heavenly Father, grant true peace and joy to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and supportive especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.

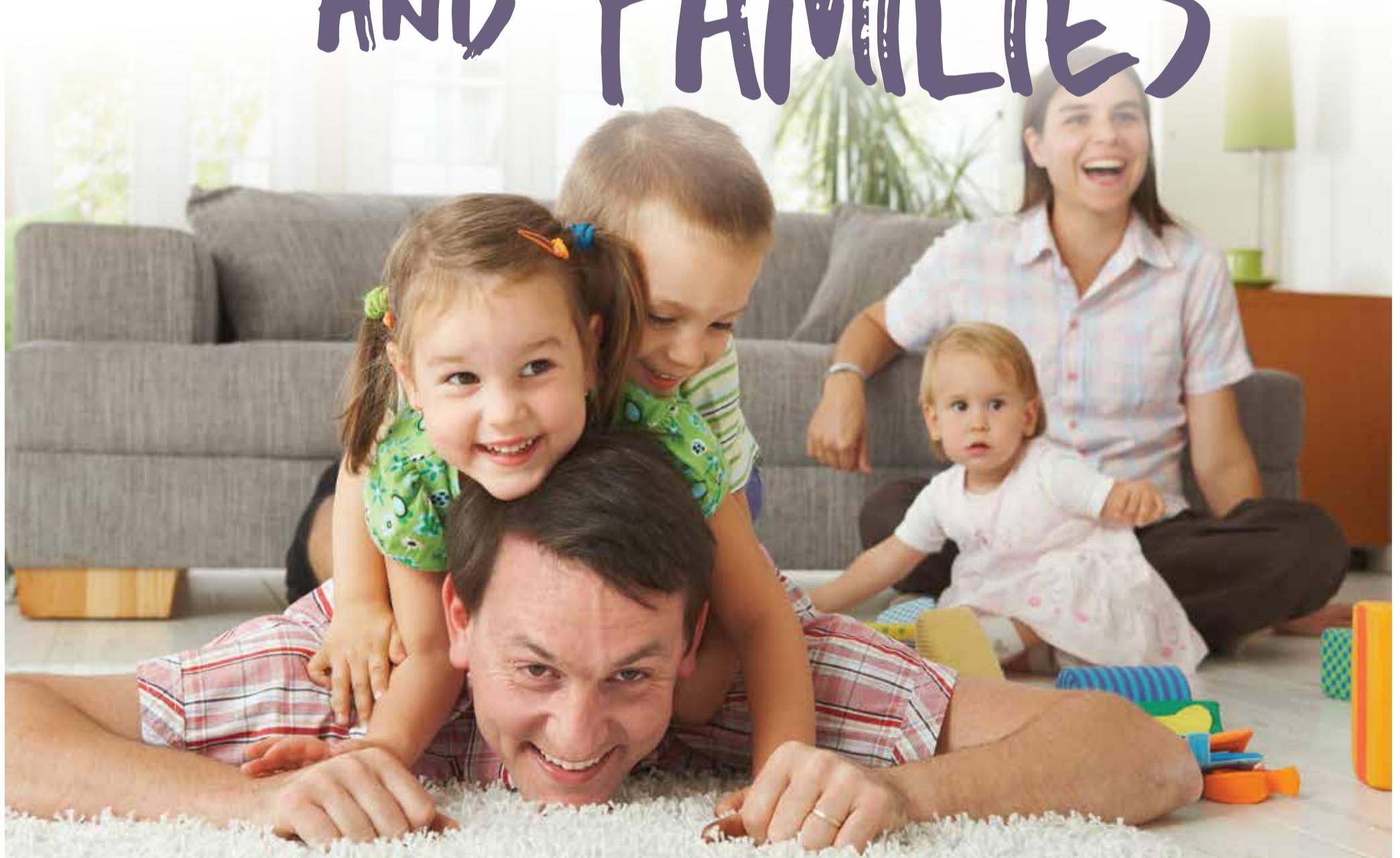
Sunday 9th October

Today and throughout this week we pray for all families in distress. Heavenly Father, grant healing to all families in distress, especially those burdened with strained relationships. Draw close to all families who have experienced violence, upheaval, illness or division: May all who have been wounded find ready comfort and healing.

Sunday 23rd October

Today and throughout this week we pray for the national discussion on marriage. Holy Heavenly Father, grant that all Australians may show mutual respect for one another as we prepare for a national people's vote. Guide the hearts and minds of all who vote so that our nation may uphold your plan for marriage and families.

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY



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the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Heavenly Father,
grant that our families too
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and prayer,
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Heavenly Father,
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may all who have been hurt
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