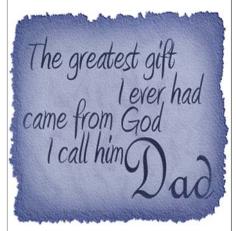
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The due date for the next Wag is: **Sunday September 29th.**

Happy Father's Day

Today, the first Sunday of September is Father's Day. This day celebrates and honours fathers: All sorts of fathers; natural, foster, adopting, step, God-fathers, grand, great grandfathers, and even the priest who gives supernatural life.

Mother's Day was officially celebrated in 1914. It was the President of the USA, Woodrow Wilson who issued a proclamation declaring Mother's Day as a special day of celebration and gratitude for the second Sunday in May. Father's Day did not become official in the USA for a further 50 years in 1966; under President Lyndon Johnston. In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September, which is the first Sunday of Spring, but it is not a public holiday. YMCA Victoria continues the tradition of honouring the role fathers, and father figures play in parenting through the annual awarding of Local Community Father of the Year in 32 municipalities in Victoria. Since 1956, the Father's Day Council of Victoria has named a Victorian Father of the Year, to celebrate and recognise the important role of fathers in family life. The Father's Day Council annually recognise fathers in the Father of the Year Award. Many countries around the world now fittingly celebrate those whom we call Dad, or in some countries, Abba! Jesus instructed all to call God; Abba, Father (Mk 14:36). St Paul wrote: 'because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

But who thought of Father's Day? A woman of course! Men don't like too much acclaim. While there are at least two or three different people with that honour

attributed to them, most historians consider that Mrs Sonora Smart Dodd, of Washington State, USA, was the first person to think up the holiday in 1910. Sonora Dodd's father was a civil war veteran named William Smart. Dodd's mother died giving birth to her sixth child. That left William Smart a widower with five children to raise on his own.

When Sonora Dodd

married and had her own children, she realized what a tremendous job her father had done in raising her and her siblings as a single parent. After hearing her Pastor give a sermon about the early and yet unofficial proclamation of what would become Mother's Day, Sonora Dodd suggested to her Pastor that there should also be a Father's Day.

It is fitting to celebrate our father from who we receive our biological existence. It is so important that God enshrined that we honour our fathers in the Third Commandment. While acknowledging God the Father from whom all life comes, Jesus says; 'call no one of earth Father, for you have only one Father and he is in heaven' (Mt 23:9). Hence as important as our earthly father is, and he is very important, we have only one true Father and he is in heaven. St Paul said it quite frankly when he wrote; 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all'. (Eph 4.6) Honouring the heavenly Father is not just once a year but a weekly event. That is clear from the fact that the Third Commandment precedes the Fourth. Jesus wanted all to call on our heavenly Father and so he taught; 'Our Father, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy kingdom come...'

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their misdeeds and corrects accordingly; with a teaching, a warning, and only if really necessary a whack on the bottom (but this is only during the first seven formative years).

2- He is patient and allows his kids to make some mistakes: A good father realizes that his children to grow appropriately in freedom making mistakes is part of growing up. However, he makes it clear that repeated irresponsibility can't be tolerated.

3- He's open-minded: A good father understands that times, people and tastes change over the years, but he shows his kids that everything has its value and that some things have clear and objective value which is not based on emotional whim or the count of hands!

4- He teaches his children to appreciate things: A good father payer late his children take

father never lets his children take what they have for granted. A good father will make his children see the value in everything they have, and require them to contribute when and as they can.

5- He accepts that his kids aren't exactly like him: Everyone is different and a father knows this well. He enables his kids and doesn't frustrate them.

6- He gives quality attention to his children in the little time available to both: He takes the time to listen to his kids and have a good, easy chat with them. He also makes time to help them with their homework, every night if necessary.

7- He leads by example: A good father will not smoke if he doesn't want his kids to do it. If he is virtuous they have the lead from him. He is firm but reasonable at the same time. He's fiercely loyal to his God, his wife and his family.

8- He's supportive & loyal: not always insisting on his own way but encouraging others

in their personal pursuits.**9- He challenges his kids:** A father wants the best for his children and trusts their God given abilities. This means giving them some liberty to face setbacks and resolve

conflicts on their

own.

10- He teaches his children lessons: A father figure is the prime source of knowledge in the ways of men, and teaches his kids accordingly. A great father knows he must sacrifice his own comfort for his fatherly duties. From being courageous, a father moulds his kids into well-rounded members of society. He especially instructs them in proper etiquette, on being honest and keeping their word, and on being thankful.

11- He protects his family at all costs: As the main provider of security and necessities, a father will do whatever he can for his family. A father instils in his children the importance of personal sacrifice.

12- He shows unconditional love: This is the greatest quality of a good

father. Even though he gets upset at his children's faults and may lament that they did not attain what he hoped for them, a father loves his children no less for it. He prays for his children. He prays with his children; he blesses his children by laying a loving hand on them prayerfully and often. For Father's Day forget about snazzy ties, cologne, or car parts, here is what surveys say fathers really want. According to a Fox News report, "About 87 percent of dads would rather have dinner with the family". They want time with their family and them with him. In the Old Testament, God the Father revealed an astonishing message about the coming of Christian Times.

'Behold, I will send you the prophet Elijah (i.e. John the Baptist) before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. He (Jesus) will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse' (Mal 4:5).

The role of Father's is that important – but they need Jesus' help. Pray for your Dad, living or dead, today.







Fathering... In truth any mature male who is fertile can provide the anatomical matter that gives life, but as we well know it can take much more to earn the title "father". Increasingly Western society has discovered the great gaps left in a daughter's and son's personality when the man they call father is not up to the challenge. Conversely, we all find beautiful, even extraordinary, examples of men who step in to the role of father (even surrogate father) who give great witness to those whom they mentor and raise to life. There are many examples of men who have been or who have become 'significant others' to youth.

What is it then that makes the difference, where natural fathers who are best placed to give emotional and spiritual life to their offspring yet fail and other men who have no biological connection, responsibility or duty of care yet have the young person they mentor nurtured into the fullness of physical, emotional, mental and spiritual life? It comes down to one word, "love"! For love is willing the good of the beloved. It is reasonable for all to presume that a normal father could and would do this; that is, that they are given to love their child by way of nature and of nurture. Of course, like most things in life there are a great number of interferences and impediments that can get in the way of a father's nurturing love; and not all of these are of the father's making or doing.

A good father makes all the difference in a child's life. He's a pillar of strength, support and discipline. His work is endless and, oftentimes, thankless. But in the end, it shows in the sound, well-adjusted children he raises. On Father's Day, much of the world will take the time to appreciate the work of good fathers. While you show your admiration for your own dad, take the time to see if you yourself have what it takes to be a great father, whether you have children or plan to.

September Jokes

A father and son went fishing one day. After a couple hours in the boat, the boy suddenly became curious about the world around him. He asked his father, "How does this boat float?"

The father thought for a moment, then replied, "Don't rightly know, son."

The boy returned to his

contemplation, then turned back to his father, "How do fish breathe underwater?"

Once again the father replied, "Don't rightly know, son."

A little later the boy asked his father, "Why is the sky blue?"

Again, the father replied. "Don't rightly know, son."

Worried he was going to annoy his father, he says, "Dad, do you mind my asking you all of these questions?"

"Of course not, son. If you don't ask questions, you'll never learn anything!"

Q: What do you call a sleeping bull? A: A bulldozer!

Q: Why did the banana go to the Doctor? A: Because it was not peeling well

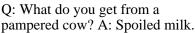
Q: Why is England the wettest country? A: Because the queen has reigned there for years!

Q: What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish? A: Every morning you'll rise and shine!

Q: "What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?" A: "You can't tuna fish."

Q: How do you organize a space party? A: You planet!

Today, I saw that my ironing board cover was wrinkled. I laughed at the irony. Then I laughed again because irony has the word iron in it.



A pregnant woman from Washington, D.C. gets in a car accident and falls into a deep coma. Asleep for nearly 6 months, when

Asteep for hearly 6 months, when she wakes up she sees that she is no longer pregnant and frantically asks the doctor about her baby. The doctor replies, "Ma'am you had twins! a boy and a girl. Your brother from Maryland came in and named them."

The woman thinks to herself, "No, not my brother... he's an idiot!" She asks the doctor, "Well, what's the girl's name?"

"Denise."

"Wow, that's not a bad name, I like it! What's the boy's name?" "Denephew."

Q: What did the leopard say after eating his owner? A: Man, that hit the "spot."

Q. What do you get when you cross a cow and a duck? A. Milk and quackers!

I have a friend who filled his car with petrol. After he had paid and driven away, he realized that he had left the cap on top of his car. He stopped and looked and, sure enough, it was lost. Well, he thought for a second and realized that other people must have done the same thing, and that it was worth going back to look by the side of the road since even if he couldn't find his own petrol cap, he might be able to find one that fit. Sure enough, he hadn't been searching long when he found a cap. He tried it on, and it went into place with a satisfying click. "Great," he thought, "I lost my petrol cap, but I found another one that fits. And this one's even better because it locks ... "

Q: What's the first bet that most people make in their lives? A: the alpha bet.

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest? A: An Investigator

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Q: Did you hear about that new broom? A: It's sweeping the nation!

Q: What do lawyers wear to court? A: Lawsuits!

To Tell the weather, Go to your back door and look for the dog. If the is at the door and he is hot and thirsty, it's probably hot and sunny.

If the dog is wet, it's probably raining. But if the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it is probably raining really hard. If the dog's fur looks like it's been rubbed the wrong way, it's probably windy.

If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing.

Of course, to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave Rover outside all the time, especially if you expect bad weather. Sincerely,

The Snuggles the Cat

Q: What do you call a three-footed aardvark? A: a yardvark!

Q: What do you get when you cross fish and an elephant? A: Swimming trunks.

An optimist is someone who goes after Moby Dick in a rowboat and takes the tartar sauce with him. Q: Why do fish live in salt water? A: Because pepper makes them sneeze!

Q: Why did the man put his money in the freezer? A: He wanted cold hard cash!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? A: Frostbite.

The Vinnie's Counsellor

I sit at the desk in the morning to greet the parade of the poor to try and find homes for the homeless

and give hope where there was no hope before.

There's a young lass on Austudy with her toddler beside her her boyfriend has left for another & she's brought all her troubles to me.

She has rings down her ears and in her eyebrow

Tattoos can be seen through her clothes

her bare midriff reveals a stud in her navel

she has another on the side of her nose.

The money for tattoos and the jewellery

would help to buy food, had she sense.

She says they're for luck and her ego

she wants us to share the expense she's left with the rent & the light

bill

and has payments on a car and TV. She has the cost of a dog and owes Telstra

so she's asking assistance from me. Cigarettes make a hole in her welfare She probably drinks and does drugs Perhaps even now she's addicted on the one way street of the mugs.

Her mother and de facto have disowned her

She's had to find a house on her own If we don't pay her rent by

tomorrow

She'll be back again seeking a home

She needs soya bean drinks for her toddler

But hasn't a bean to her name She needs babywear, cot and stroller for she tells me she's pregnant again.

She's the victim of her own wilful notions

But she blames the guy up above She needs bread, milk and potatoes But her greatest need is for love.

Her dog, me and her toddler I could tell as her story unfurled, Were her only reasons for living Her last few friends in the world.

There are many prepared to help her if she'd only change her ways. The tone of her voice tell she's desperate

And she threatens to bring an end to her days.

I pause and consider her problem



And try to sort the truth from the lies

I know this one's fair dinkum By the lost, haunted look in her eyes.

I write all this down on two pages As I ponder her case and her grief. And with the wisdom that comes as one ages

I lift through her pleas to my heavenly chief.

God comes to us disguised as a wafer

Each time we attend Mass Could he now be sitting before me disguised as this unfortunate lass?

We have needs for bricks and for mortar.

In the name of St Vincent de Paul But in our needs for more assets We must not forget the greatest needs of all.



Holy Trinity Raffle Supporting Volunteers to Vietnam!

The Confraternity of Christ the Priest has 6 young men in Vietnam preparing to come to Australia and train for the priesthood here.

This raffle will support volunteers from Australia who will travel to Vietnam to help teach the candidates Australian English.

Prize - beautiful mother of pearl decoupage artwork of the Holy Trinity & Holy Family handmade in Vietnam -

Approx. 51 x 36 cm Ticket price—\$2 per ticket, or 3 for \$5 Draw date—to be announced

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This summary of the positions of major parties on issues of concern to Christians is provided as a service to the Christian community. In the 2011 Census 61% of Australians identified themselves as Christian. On many welfare and social justice issues the party policies are very similar. Our aim is to deal with the moral and ethical issues that are rarely, if ever, discussed publically in an election campaign but which are important issues that affect the very foundation of our society. We deal with other issues on our website. The team that compiles the checklist make independent assessments and are not members of any political party. This checklist has been compiled after an exhaustive search of party websites, voting history and public statements. Space has not permitted the inclusion of other minor parties. Positions are often difficult to summarise in a format of this kind, and parties have not always made definitive statements. Therefore a '?' indicates in some instances a conscience vote, or a less than conclusive opinion on the party's position on some of the issues. Tick equals YES

Christian Values Checklist	Australian Christians	DLP	Family First	Rise Up Australia	National	Liberal	Labor	Greens
1. Continue to open parliament each day with Christian prayer	\checkmark	\checkmark	1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	×
2. Support traditional family values and teach our Christian heritage in schools	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	1	√?	√?	× ?	×
3. Support equitable funding for Christian and Private schools	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	√?	×
4. Family impact statement on bills tabled publically before vote in parliament	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	?	?	?	×	×
5. Reduce divorce - provide free pre-marriage education for couples	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	√?	√?	×	×
6. Help children - promote and support marriage over de facto co-habitation	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	-	?	?	?	×
7. Help children - support presumption of equal parenting after divorce	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	√?	√?	×?	×
8. Protect vulnerable people - euthanasia to remain illegal	\checkmark	1	\checkmark	1	?	?	?	×
9. Life is precious - oppose overseas aid for abortion	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	?	?	×	×
10. Oppose Medicare funding for gender selected abortion	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	√?	?	×	×
11. Protect marriage & the future of our children - reject 'homosexual marriage'	\checkmark	~	1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	× ?	×
12. Support marriage - oppose homosexual civil unions & relationship registers	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	√?	√?	×?	×
13. Protect children - no overseas adoption by homosexual couples	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	1	\checkmark	×?	×
14. Protect free speech - oppose vilification laws - they limit free speech	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	-	\checkmark	~	X ?	×
15. Keep liberty - allow religious bodies the freedom to choose their employees	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	√?	√?	X ?	×
16. Increased funding for drug harm prevention & abstinence based programs	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	√?	√?	×	×
17. Extend States ban on X-rated pornography to ACT & NT	\checkmark	1	-	1	?	?	×	×
18. Protect our children - support ISP opt-out Internet filtering of pornography	1	~	1	1	X	×	× ?	×
19. Stop the deaths of refugees at sea - support legitimate orderly immigration	\checkmark	~	1	1	\checkmark	\checkmark	√?	×
20. Reject carbon pricing - no benefit to families or environment	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	×
21. Support greater care of God's environment	\checkmark	1	1	1	1	1	~	1

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Ronald Reagan's Humorous Realism

When Ronald Reagan was first elected President of the US, the media and other elites described him as a B-Grade movie star. By the time he died he was one of the most popular Presidents the US ever had, and credited with helping to neutralise Communism in the Soviet Union.

Here are some of his sayings:

"Socialism only works in two places: Heaven where they don't need it and hell where they already have it."

"Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose."

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

"Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the US was too strong. "I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress.

"Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other".

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program." "It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first" "Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it' "Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; and if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book."

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

"Fight organized crime ... re-elect no one!"



Man Forced to Live in a Hospital for 45 Years Absolutely Loves His Life

by Lauren Enriquez | LifeNews.com

An entire life of hospitalization: how could that possibly be a happy or fulfilling experience? The BBC answered that question when it shared the inspiring story of Paulo Henrique Machado of Brazil, who has been hooked up to an artificial respirator full-time since he was an infant.

Losing his mother when he was only 2 days old, & contracting polio shortly thereafter, Paulo was dealt a tough hand early-on. The polio outbreak that infected Paulo also affected many other infants and children who were also hospitalized their entire lives. 7 of these children grew up with Paulo in his homehospital. The children were given a projected lifespan of only 10 years. As he grew up, Paulo lost his friends 1 by 1 due to the effects of the disease. "It was difficult," says Machado. "Each loss was like a dismembering, you know, physical... like a mutilation," he said. However, he & his friend and roommate Eliana dramatically defied the odds. Paulo is 45 years old."I explored up and down the corridors, going into the rooms of

other children that were here – that is how I discovered my 'universe,'" Paulo said about his childhood. Despite his limitations, Paulo has spent his forty-five years of hospitalization (including only about fifty ventures outside of the hospital in total) with a productive and optimistic outlook.

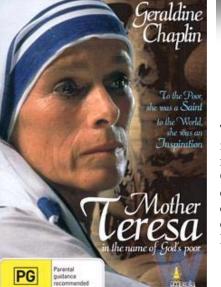
He wakes up every day near Eliana, whom he considers a sister. He credits their relationship with giving him strength: "Every day, when I wake up I have the certainty that my strength is over there – Eliana. And it's reciprocated. I trust her and she trusts me."

Although the pair has limited mobility and spends all of their time hooked up to machines, both Eliana and Paulo have accomplished unimaginable feats. Eliana is a published author, & a painter (using her mouth). Paulo, a movie fanatic, is a computer animator. He raised \$65,000 in an online campaign to be able to animate a series based on one of Eliana's books. It will be called "The Adventures of Leca & her Friends," and it chronicles the growing-up adventure that the children in his ward shared in the hospital. Paulo believes that being disabled gives him a unique ability to portray a strong sense of reality in his film series.

Visitors marvel at the tranquillity of Paulo's quarters compared to the hectic atmosphere in the rest of the hospital. "You are in an environment where there are patients in a critical state, worried family members, doctors and nurses running around. But when I went into their room, it seemed like a world apart," Paulo's friend said.

Ligia Marcia Fizeto, who has been on Paulo's nursing staff since his childhood, concluded: "My heart is full of happiness that he could achieve one of his objectives, which is to make a film. "It's amazing where they've got to isn't it?"





Free Ho.T FILM NIGHT



Friday September 13th, 7.30 pm - Join together to watch: *Mother Teresa* PG

This touching, epic recreation of Mother Teresa's incredible life honours the memory & sacrifices of a unique human being, one of the most loved, respected and revered in history.

One of the 20th century's greatest humanitarians, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu eventually found herself called to Calcutta where she set up the missionary of charities in 1950. There she ministered to some of the poorest, most desperate & helpless souls in the world, devoting her tireless energies, kindness & blessings on an extraordinary number of communities.

Tea and coffee provided. Come and enjoy a social evening!

An Ode to My Computer Spell Chequer



Eye halve a spelling chequer It came with my pea sea It plainly marques four my revue Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word And weight four it two say Weather eye am wrong oar write It shows me strait a weigh.

Pasteurised

Mary had just returned from her school. She was thirsty.

"Mary, you can have a cup of milk," called her mother. Mary went into the kitchen.

"Mummy, the milk is spoilt," she cried out. Her mother came in. "Let me see. Yes. This milk is spoilt," her mother said.

She took out a sachet of powdered milk from the cupboard. "See, Mary, the milk in the sachet is alright," she said.

Mary could not understand. The milk got from the milk bar in the morning got spoilt. But the sachet got from the supermarket was still good. How is that? She asked her mother the reason for this.

Her mother explained, "The sachet milk is pasteurized. The milk got from the milk vendor is not a pasteurized one."

"But what is the meaning of pasteurized," asked Mary.

"Pasteurizing is a scientific method. Fresh milk is boiled to a high degree. Then it is cooled rapidly. In this process the germs in the milk get killed. This was first done by Louis Pasteur. His name is given to this process."

Who is Louis Pasteur?

Louis Pasteur was a chemist. He was also a practicing Catholic who loved God and all that he created. He was born in 1822 in a town in France. His parents were not rich. But they gave him a good education. He obtained a degree in science. His marks in Chemistry were not high. But his interest in Chemistry was very high and this made him continue his studies.

He spent lot of time in the laboratory. He was continually looking through a microscope at the germs. His professor made a fun of him.

"They are useless to man. You are wasting your time," he said. But Pasteur replied, "Sir, the germs cause sickness. I must find out which germs cause which disease?" "I wonder where do germs come from?" asked his professor. "Sir, that I must find out" replied Pasteur.

Pasteur found out after a long & patient work. The germs are present in water, earth, dust & even in the air we breathe. These germs turn milk sour. Milk is a carrier of germs. These germs can cause diseases like tuberculosis & typhoid. He made many experiments. Finally he found out the method to kill the germs in the milk.

Pasteur did not stop with milk. He continued his research. Anthrax, diphtheria and rabies were terrible diseases. Pasteur found out certain vaccines. These vaccines can prevent and cure these terrible diseases.

One day a mother brought her son,

As soon as a mist ache is maid It nose bee fore two long And eye can put the error rite Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it I am shore your pleased two no Its letter perfect awl the weigh My chequer tolled me sew.

Joseph, to Pasteur. Joseph had been bitten by a mad dog. He was fourteen and had wounds all over his body. The dog had rabies. Everyone felt sorry for the boy. They said, "The child is sure to die." Even Pasteur was very worried. But he decided he would try to do all he could to save the boy.

Pasteur had already been working to prepare a serum from a rabbit. The rabbit had died of rabies. He injected the serum into the boy's body, at first small quantities. Slowly, he increased the dosage. On the ninth day Joseph showed improvement. He was out of danger. After three months, Joseph walked out of the hospital. He became a perfectly healthy child. The year was 1885.

Many had been bitten by mad dogs. But no one had ever escaped death. Since 1885, thousands of lives have been saved by anti-rabies treatment.

The world has to thank Louis Pasteur. Louis Pasteur is considered as the greatest scientist of France. Louis was God's gift to the world. Everyone has the opportunity to make a contribution to others in some way.

