

Morning Briefing

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[A man who as a child was abused by a pedophile priest has been found dead in his car after the pain became "just too much for him", his wife says](#),^[1] adding said she is determined to have those who protected the pedophile priest held to account.

[A senior member of Australia's Catholic Church says he would support a public inquiry into the church's handling of sexual assaults by priests](#).^[2] Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Bill Wright, says it is up to governments to work out which issues need investigating.

[A senior figure in the Catholic Church in Scotland has claimed medical evidence suggests that homosexual conduct "is hazardous, is harmful, and is dangerous"](#).^[3] He insists that medical studies had shown that homosexual conduct shortened life expectancy by up to 20 years.

[Church musicians gave a lukewarm assessment of the new Catholic liturgy this week at a national gathering of pastoral musicians](#)^[4], adding, however, that priests who worked hard to make it successful were able to bring new levels of meaning and participation to the Mass.

[Catholic law center files to halt health act](#)^[5]

Opinion: [Priest's sentence is appropriate](#)^[6]

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