

BULLETIN NOTICES

**RSVP DETAILS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ADEQUATE CATERING, SEATING, HANDOUTS ETC.
WE ASK THAT DETAILS ARE KEPT IN NOTICES WHERE INCLUDED**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 24 Feb 2019

This week on The Journey, our Gospel is Luke: 6:27-38, where we are reminded to “Do unto others as you would have them do to you”. Trish McCarthy inspires us with her God Spot about “Using your Words”, and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy talks to us about “Friends You Can Rely on”. Our music this week is uplifting and inspiring and a fabulous testament to our Christian Faith. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

A VOCATION VIEW: GOD IS CALLING God desires our happiness, and calls some of us to serve as priests. For those called, it is a fulfilling way of life. Maybe it is for you? Start the conversation.

Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



The relationship between man and woman is the primary place where all creation speaks with God and bears witness to his love. This world is the place where we are brought to life; it is the place and time in which we gain a foretaste of the heavenly home that is our destiny (cf. 2 Cor 5:1) and where we will live fully our communion with God and with all others. The human family is a community with a common origin and a common goal, whose attainment “is hidden, with Christ, in God” (Col 3:1-4). In our time, the Church is called once more to propose the humanism of the life that bursts forth from God’s passion for human beings. Our commitment to valuing, supporting and defending the life of every human being is ultimately motivated by God’s unconditional love. Such is the beauty and the allure of the Gospel, which does not reduce love of neighbour to criteria of economic or political convenience, or to “certain doctrinal or moral points based on specific ideological options” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 39).

- Pope Francis "Humana Communitas" 6 January 2019

NEW NOTICE POSITION VACANT

CASUAL WORD PROCESSING

The Plenary 2020 process in the Diocese of Wollongong has sought responses from people in parishes, schools, agencies and from the general public. Many of the responses that have been hand written will need to be typed and submitted online. The Office of the Bishop required a person to type up these responses. The casual position will commence on Wednesday 27 February 2019 and conclude on Tuesday 5 March 2019. Expressions of interest, including a brief description of experience and typing speed should be sent to jude.hennessy@dow.org.au by Friday, 22 February 2019.

For more information contact Helen Bennett on 4222 2403. The work will be done in a secure space at the Xavier Centre Wollongong and will be paid at award rates depending on experience. The employed person/persons will need to sign a confidentiality agreement.

NEW NOTICE CATHOLICCARE ST PATRICK'S RACE DAY FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY 23 MARCH, KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE

All monies raised will go towards supporting siblings of kids with disability.

Single tickets or tables available. For more info contact Jacqueline on 4254 9308

jacquelinem@catholiccare.dow.org.au www.catholiccare.dow.org.au flyer attached

NEW NOTICE

ONE DAY RETREAT “A TASTE OF SILENCE” St Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park

Saturday 9 March and Sunday 11 August 2019. Cost \$90 for presentation, lunch and spiritual direction session. (\$60 BYO lunch). This day retreat seeks to provide a taste of the experience of silence and how we are called to live from that silent place deep within, through all the activities of our day. Download the Form from Website:

<http://towersretreat.org.au> or RSVP Ph:4630 0233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au

NEW NOTICE

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 26 – 28 APRIL 2019

at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or

Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

SOLEMN DEDICATION OF THE NEW ROSEMEADOW CHURCH

Bishop Brian Mascord will consecrate the new *Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church* in Rosemeadow (Demetrius Road) on Friday 8 March 2019 at 7:30pm. The parish community and parish priest of Rosemeadow, Fr Christopher Sarkis, has extended a general invitation to all who would like to attend. An indication of your attendance would be greatly appreciated to help with catering following the Mass. RSVP to parish office on 4628 1385 or rosemeadow@dow.org.au.

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE—MARCH 2019

There is no need to register for these retreats (just turn up on the day).

For further info, please contact Carla on 8795 3400 or via email on: retreats@carmelite.com

“Laudato Si, Mi’ Signore”—A prayerful and interactive encounter with creation

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville: 2 March 2019 10:30am–4pm “Praise be to you, my Lord: In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us”. Today’s retreat will encourage you to bend your knees and pray in solidarity with all creatures. Pope Francis’ encyclical, *Laudato si*, the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, the natural world and fellow retreatants will be your spiritual companions for this journey. Presenter: Fr Michael Dyer. For more information see: www.carmeliteretreats.com.au/calendar/

FAITH CIRCLES: A FREE WEEKLY SMALL GROUP RESOURCE FOR PARISHES

Want to help transform your parish into a place where people are known, loved, challenged and supported? Small groups or “communities of communities” hold the key. The weekly *Faith Circles* resource and small-group leaders guide is available for free to download. It features all the “how-to” information you need as well as reflection questions for the Sunday Gospel and accompanying prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

CATHFAMILY



CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website. Don't miss CathKids: a weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer. Families in the diocese are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids. Visit cathfamily.org

CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS

A great range of excellent quality religious gifts are available from *Cathedral Books & Gifts*. A beautiful selection of bibles, books, missals, rosaries, plaques, crucifixes, medals, statues and greeting cards, candle—perfect to commemorate Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Baptism.

Enter the store via Crown St, Xavier Centre, Wollongong. For enquiries, phone 4222 2484.

TAKE A RISK AND GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH

In our parish, there is a team of volunteers that take a risk and step out in faith. State Government schools do not provide lessons that teach the basic message about Jesus, our faith, and the great adventure that life can be with God. We were all given our gift of faith by someone—someone who stepped-up for us so that we would know Jesus. Each week of the school year, catechists present 30-minute lessons using a step-by-step lesson plan that helps Catholic children understand their faith, grow in love and maturity, and learn what it means to be Catholic. Take a risk and give the gift of faith. Become a catechist teacher or helper today! For more information, please call 4222 2416 or ask our parish priest for more information.