

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 3 March 2019

This week on The Journey, our Gospel Luke: 6:39-45, is read by our radio sound editor, Julia Goonan, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey, with her God Spot, "Give it a name", Pete Gilmore encourages us to think about "how do you want to start tomorrow". Our music this week is an amazing collection of Christian music from various artists that we are very lucky.

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: ALLOW GOD "All the good that you will do will come not from you but from the fact that you have allowed yourself to be used by God's love. Think of this more and gradually you will be free from the need to prove yourself and you can be more open to the power that will work through you without your knowing it." *Thomas Merton*. Vocation – responding to God. Start a conversation. Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



There is an urgent need for greater study and discussion of the social effects of technological development, for the sake of articulating an anthropological vision adequate to this epochal challenge. Yet (your) expert advice cannot be limited solely to offering solutions to the questions raised by specific ethical, social or legal conflict situations. The proposal of forms of conduct consistent with human dignity involves the theory and practice of science and technology in terms of their overall approach to life, its meaning and its value. - *Pope Francis to the Pontifical Academy for Life 5 October 2017*

NEW NOTICE

MASS OF ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

For Faithful and Happy Marriages

I invite all young men and women, single, courting, or engaged, to pray together with me at this Mass in honour of St Joseph. We will be praying, through St Joseph's intercession, that everyone will be blessed with a faithful and happy marriage. Please come for this beautiful occasion on **Tuesday 19 March 2019, 7pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral – Fr Bernard Gordon VG**

NEW NOTICE

MEN OF THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG: RISE UP! Do you have a plan in place that will take your life to the next level? Men around the world are stepping-up to the RISE 30-Day Challenge, a powerful video series that has changed the lives of thousands of men around the world. It's delivered right to your email and only takes about 5 minutes each morning. **Would you like to join a group of men in the Diocese who from March 15** will band together to make this journey through Lent, focusing on issues that face men in their lives and spiritual journey? Contact Jude Hennessy at jude.hennessy@dow.org.au if you are interested and visit www.cardinalstudios.org/rise to have a look at the resources and the program. **Will you join us?** The investment of \$1/day in yourself and your family will be priceless.

NEW NOTICE flyer attached

REMEMBERING • HEALING • RECONCILIATION

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL CEREMONY Sunday 14 April 2019 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am-3.30pm

Hosted by The Wunga Myamly Reconciliation Group and the Aboriginal Communities of Macarthur. For further information, contact Uncle Ivan Wellington 0447 581 306 or Sr Kerry 9605 1838

NEW NOTICE flyer attached

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

POSITION VACANT

CatholicCare - PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER (ILLAWARRA PARISHES ONLY)

Based at Ss Peter & Paul Kiama and/or St Francis of Assisi, Warrawong. This position will provide non-therapeutic, faith formation, spiritual and emotional support to students, families and staff of Catholic primary schools as part of the national School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. Please nominate your preference for one or both schools. Each school is 10 hpw or 20 phw for both schools. For more info contact Grant Dodds on 0408 024 743.

NEW NOTICE

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, 247 ST ANDREWS ROAD, VARROVILLE—MARCH 2019

Phone: 02 8795 3400 Email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

- **“Laudato Si, mi’ Signore” Saturday 2 March 2019** Presenter: Fr Michael Dyer Cost: \$30
Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am. (please remember to bring your own lunch) A *prayerful and interactive encounter with creation.*
- **Where to from here? Friday-Sunday 22-24 March** Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD Cost: \$300
We will spend time trying to find God in the midst of this crisis and seek a way forward to become a more humble, open, transparent and Christ-centered Church.
- **Praying with The Doctors: St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila and St Therese of Lisieux Tuesday – Wednesday 26-27 March** Presenters: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD and Mr Geoff Stumbles Cost: \$135
Through gaining an understanding of these Carmelite mystics, can we relate to what they are teaching and locate our experience within their writings?
- **Contemplating the Creative Process Friday-Sunday 29-31 March**
Presenters: John Charadia and artist tutors Cost: \$300
Through practical experience in creating artistic forms we will reflect on the spirituality of the creative process.

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.

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

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

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.