

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

REGARDING THE NEWS OF THE CONVICTION OF CARDINAL GEORGE PELL

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has issued a brief statement:

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged.

Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable. February 26, 2019

Fr Frank Brennan SJ, is an Australian Jesuit priest, human rights lawyer and academic.

He has written his thoughts on the case:

<https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article/truth-and-justice-after-the-pell-verdict>

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 10 March 2019

This week on The Journey, our Gospel Luke: 4:1-13, we are reminded not to give into temptation. Trish McCarthy reminds us to “Guard our Heart”, Sam Clear in his Walking the Walk God spot reminds us of the importance of forgiveness, and Fr Dave Callaghan encourages us to “See the Stars”. One of our music highlights this week is the Responsorial Psalm from our very own Lenten program, TRUST.

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

WAIT ON THE LORD We sometimes put off thinking about vocation, or what God wants, instead putting our energy into other areas. God is calling; we need to prioritise our response. Pray, talk with others, find out what God wants. **Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au**

NEW NOTICE

ONE WEEK TO GO TO SUBMIT TO PLENARY 2020!

More than 68,000 people have engaged with the Plenary Council during the Listening and Dialogue stage. The contribution of Wollongong Diocese has been significant. As this time comes to an end, there's only one week to contribute your story, your experience of faith, Church and God in your life to help shape the Plenary Council agenda. The Listening and Dialogue stage will close on Ash Wednesday 6 March 2019. We would love to hear from you before then. The website is plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

THE PROTECTION OF MINORS IN THE CHURCH: POPE'S CONCLUDING ADDRESS

Pope Francis' concluding address at the Meeting on “The Protection of Minors in the Church”, 24 February 2019, can be found here:

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2019/02/24/190224c.html>

NEW NOTICE

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) This new regular event will commence on Wednesday 13 March 2019 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong at 6.30pm. It will bring young people from around the Diocese together for a night of worship and fellowship. Come join Bishop Mascord for adoration, worship, teaching and benediction. Afterwards, those gathered will be invited to share time together over a meal and refreshments in the Xavier Centre.

NEW NOTICE

OUR CHILDREN – ENGAGING AND GROWING IN GOD’S LOVE

Tuesday 26 March 2019, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Ingham Room, Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong

Wednesday 27 March 2019, 7:30pm – 9:00pm, Phillip Room, Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20 Camden Rd Campbelltown

Our children are precious to us and to God – made in his image. As parents, grandparents, catechists and sacramental program leaders, how do we encourage and nurture our children as they grow in this awareness? Presented by Fr James McEvoy, theologian and priest from Adelaide, we will reflect on the process of growth in faith, how children are actively involved in their own social and spiritual development – sometimes for the good and sometimes through suffering and hardship. Please RSVP to Helen Bennet by Friday 22 March on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

NEW NOTICE

HOLY MASS - 1st FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH – 1 March 2019 at 10.30am at Wollongong *PRIVATE* Hospital, Level 3. All are welcome to Jesus healing ministry to the sick.

Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr George Condookala, Chaplain to the Wollongong Hospitals.

HOLY MASS - 2nd SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH – 9 March 2019 at 11.30am at Hospital Chapel, Ground Floor, Wollongong Public Hospital. All welcome to continue the healing ministry to the sick. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr George Condookala, Chaplain to the Wollongong Hospitals.

NEW NOTICE

CCD CRAFT DAY/MORNING TEA

Macarthur – Highlands: CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown.

Monday, 18 March: Time: 10.30am- 12.30pm

For bookings or questions please contact Cindy Oliver by 11 March, on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au. There is no cost involved with these courses. Morning tea is provided.

NEW NOTICE

PILGRIMAGE: LANDS OF ST PAUL

Fr Christopher Sarkis will be leading a 10-night pilgrimage as chaplain to the Lands of St Paul, following the path of his missionary journey. Visiting Athens, ancient Corinth, Meteora, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Patmos and Ephesus, with an optional extension to Malta where St. Paul was shipwrecked on his way to Rome where he was martyred. It departs 15 July 2019. For further information contact Harvest Journeys Freecall 1800 819 156 or email: info@harvestjourneys.com or www.harvestjourneys.com

NEW NOTICE flyer attached

LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT ... AND SING!

The 2019 Australian Pastoral Musicians Conference, 1-3 October, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne

This conference is shaping up to be a great resource for parish and school musicians. Keynotes by Tony Alonso (GIA) and Diana MacAlintal (Liturgical Press and Team RCIA). More details to follow in coming weeks.

Registration due to open in March. www.apmn.org.au

NEW NOTICE flyer attached

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNCIL have 6 sponsorships available for interested individuals or couples to attend the **Renaissance of Marriage Conference** being held in Sydney on the **26 and 27 July 2019** at the University of Notre Dame Broadway Campus.

Sponsorship would be provided to cover the costs for registration, travel and accommodation. The ACMFC are particularly keen to provide sponsorship to those interested individuals or couples from regional and remote areas. For further information please contact Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au for the application form.

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



At this moment in time, passion for what is distinctively human, and for the whole human family, encounters serious obstacles. ... The gap between concern with one's own well-being and the prosperity of the larger human family seems to be stretching to the point of complete division. ...

This emergency reveals a paradox. How could it happen that, at the very moment of history when available economic and technological resources make it possible for us to care suitably for our common home and our human family, in obedience to God's command, those same economic and technological resources are creating our most bitter divisions and our worst nightmares? People sense acutely and painfully, albeit often confusedly, the spiritual dejection, or even nihilism, that subordinate's life itself to a world and a society dominated by this paradox. The attempt to dull this sense of deep distress by the blind pursuit of material pleasure produces the ennui of a life lacking in a purpose that can satisfy its spiritual yearning. ... The financial system and the ideology of consumerism regulate our needs and manipulate our desires, with little concern for beauty of a life in common and for the sustainability of our common home. Christians, hearing the cry of suffering peoples, need to react against the negativity that foments division, indifference and hostility. They must do so not simply for their own sake, but for that of everyone.

- Pope Francis "Humana Communitas" 6 January 2019

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.

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**

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*

POSITION VACANT – 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.

POSITION VACANT – DIOCESAN DISABILITY ADVOCATE

Based in the Macarthur, 3 days per week. Funded by the Diocese, this position has a dual focus – to assist people living with disabilities to achieve spiritual fulfilment, through full access to parish life and to reach an optimum level of independence & self-sufficiency and assistance with navigating the NDIS. For more information please call 4254 9318 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/ccare/index.php/current-vacancies

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.

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

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

- **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.

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

REMEMBERING • HEALING • RECONCILIATION

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

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

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.