

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

NEW NOTICE

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG 2019 GATHERING

An invitation is extended to the faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong to attend the **2019 Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 30 March 2019 from 11am-3pm to be held at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown.**

The Gathering is an opportunity for people from across the Diocese to reflect on the issues raised in the Plenary Process in our Diocese, hear the experiences of a selection of Local Animators and next steps in the process of listening and discernment. Mr Peter Gates, Deputy National Director of Catholic Mission and member of the Plenary 2020 National Facilitation Team will discuss what has been learnt from the listening process and how the next phase of Plenary 2020 will progress. Members of the Diocese of Wollongong steering committee will present a summary of responses originating from our Diocese. Bishop Mascord will offer some reflections on what he has heard, and we will as a Church will spend some time in prayer, seeking God's guidance and blessing as we enter the phase of feedback and discernment.

RSVP: helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403 by Wednesday 27 March for catering purposes (light lunch provided)

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 17 March 2019

This week on The Journey, our Gospel Luke: 4; 1-13, Mother Hilda talks to us about "I don't want a God like that" with her Wisdom from the Abbey, Our Men Alive program encourages us "be more and the rest will follow", Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy reminds us to find our AWE. Some of our music highlights during Lent will be the Responsorial Psalm from our very own Lenten program, TRUST, along with other talented Christian music artists. 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

FORTY DAYS Lent is a time to renew the gift of our vocation, and a time for us to listen more deeply to God's call. Have we been resisting the invitation to consider a particular vocation? Start a conversation. **Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au**

NEW NOTICE flyer attached

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD, Sunday 24 March 2019

10:30am Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

12noon Angelus, followed by a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney led by Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo

1.30pm Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral

NEW NOTICE

2019 BISHOP MANNING LECTURE- THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Thursday 21 March 2019, Kirribilli Club (Grand Ballroom), 11 Harbourview Crescent Lavender Bay, 6-8:30pm

Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? Who's going with us?

Don't miss priest, academic, author and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy speak on these topics which are key to the future of our church.

Everyone's invited to this free event!

Registrations essential: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bishop-manning-lecture-with-fr-anthony-percy-tickets-55952117289>

RETREAT DAY co-hosted by Sisterhood & The Dominican Sisters of St Cecelia

Saturday 30 March 2019, 10am-4.30pm, St Peter Chanel's Catholic Church, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala

Further information, please contact info@sisterhood.org.au

NEW NOTICE flyer attached

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (LTTN) 2019

LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with 1,000 other young people as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Chevalier College, Bowral NSW - 18-21 April 2019. Visit www.lttn.org.au for more information and register today. Contact info@ltnn.org.au or ring 0432 228 250.

NEW NOTICE flyer attached

DISCIPLES SCHOOL OF MISSION 23-28 APRIL 2019

Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2019? If so, then join us for Disciples School of Mission. This 5-day live in school calls young people from across Australia and beyond to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation. Short term missions available to PNG, Indonesia, Townsville, Port Pirie, Darwin and back into your own parish. Be renewed in your own faith, equipped for mission/youth ministry and formed in the Catholic faith – you won't regret it – it's an adventure! for more info therese.mgl@gmail.com

NEW NOTICE

2019 RETREATS ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE

- **RETREAT "MEDITATIONS ON THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS" PRESENTED BY MICHAEL FALLON MSC: 22-28 MARCH** \$690 (prayer weekend 22-24 Mar \$230). Let the scriptures lead you to new understandings of Jesus, who fulfils in his person all God's promises and who draws us to himself and shares with us his own intimate communion with God. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility. St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, RSVP Ph:46300233 OR Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>
- **8 Day Directed Retreat- 8-16 March** \$920 – 8 Days – This retreat is a time of profound silence, interiority and stillness. Your Spiritual Director (sometimes called a Prayer Companion) will support you to be sensitive to what God is doing and encourage you to follow God's promptings.
- **6 Day Retreat –29 Mar – 4 April "Trinity-Heart of our Desiring"** Sr Colleen Rhodes rsm: \$690 (prayer weekend 29-31 Mar \$230). We will explore ways of encountering the Trinity in our everyday life, with prayerful reflection on the Triune God whose flowing life constantly draws us to share in the energy of God's love.

Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, RSVP Ph:46300233 OR Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

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.

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

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.

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.

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*

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.

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

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 *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. *flyer attached*

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.

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 EACH WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



At the level of culture, our goal must be a new and universal ethical perspective attentive to the themes of creation and human life. We cannot continue down the mistaken path followed in recent decades of allowing humanism to be deconstructed and considered simply as another ideology of the will to power. We must resist such ideologies, however strongly urged by the market and by technology, and choose humanism. The distinctiveness of human life is an absolute good, worthy of being ethically defended, precious for the care of creation as a whole. For humanism not to draw inspiration from the loving act of God would be a contradiction and a scandal. The Church must be the first to rediscover the beauty of this inspiration and make her contribution with renewed enthusiasm.

- Pope Francis "Humana Communitas" 6 January 2019

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.