

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

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)

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 24 March 2019

This week on The Journey, our Gospel Luke: 13:1-9 reminds us that we are all sinners. Our Men Alive program that runs within our diocese talks to us about "God's Currency", Our very own Trish McCarthy inspires us with her God spot on "Gifts of Nature" and this goes hand in hand with track 7 Wonder of Wonders. We are blessed to be able to use our Lenten program TRUST as our Responsorial Psalm, 'The Lord is Kind and Merciful. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



First, we can ask frankly if our ecclesial communities today realize and testify to the gravity of this contemporary emergency. Are they seriously focused on the passion and joy of proclaiming God's love for the dwelling of his children on the earth? Or are they still overly focused on their own problems and on making timid accommodations to an essentially worldly outlook? We can question seriously whether we have done enough as Christians to offer our specific contribution to a vision of humanity capable of upholding the unity of the family of peoples in today's political and cultural conditions. Or whether we have lost sight of its centrality, putting our ambition for spiritual hegemony over the governance of the secular city, concentrated as it is upon itself and its wealth, ahead of a concern for local communities inspired by the Gospel spirit of hospitality towards the poor and the hopeless. - *Pope Francis "Humana Communitas" 6 January 2019*

VOCATIONS: 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

IRON YOUTH GROUP AGES 14-18 FRIDAY NIGHTS 7-9pm at ST THERESE, WEST WOLLONGONG SCHOOL HALL..

If you, or someone you know, is interested in delving into your faith, making friends, and/or memes come along. For more info check Iron Youth Group on FB/IG or contact Bridget on 0481 842 530.

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**

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

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD, Sunday 24 March 2019 *flyer attached*

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

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>

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*

Join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Sisterhood Catholic Women’s Movement for a **Lenten Retreat Day**. This retreat will be hosted in Sydney and in Melbourne on 30 March. The day will focus on the theme, "Nature, Grace and Glory: *Imago Dei* Revealed in Us." The retreat will begin at 10AM with talks, discussion opportunities, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, morning tea and lunch, and more. An optional Vigil Mass at the location will follow. *flyer attached*

For more information or to register: To register in Sydney: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBEQA>

For more information, email sydney@op-tn.org

Location: St. Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 60 Kingsland Road, Berala

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/273338730230446/>

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (LTTN) 2019 *flyer attached*

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.

DISCIPLES SCHOOL OF MISSION 23-28 APRIL 2019 *flyer attached*

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

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

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

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

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*

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.