

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 31 March 2019

This week on The Journey, our Gospel is Luke: 15: 1-3, 11-32, and is reflected on by Fr Sean Cullen, Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy encourages us to Share our Faith and Fr Dave Callaghan, in his God spot talks about 'Doubt is Good'. Some of our music highlights during Lent will be the Responsorial Psalm from our very own Lenten program, TRUST, this week it is Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord. 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



It is time for a new vision aimed at promoting a humanism of fraternity and solidarity between individuals and peoples. We know that the faith and love needed for this covenant draw their power from the mystery of history's redemption in Jesus Christ, a mystery hidden in God even before the creation of the world (cf. *Eph* 1:7-10; 3:9-11; *Col* 1:13-14). ... In this mission, we are encouraged by signs that God is at work in our time. These signs need to be acknowledged and not overshadowed by certain negative factors. ... A sign of this is its constant effort to promote and protect human life at every stage of its development, its condemnation of abortion and euthanasia as extremely grave evils that contradict the Spirit of life and plunge us into the anti-culture of death. - 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 flyer attached

2019 LITURGY HELP TRAINING

To help parishes learn the new 2019 Liturgy Help features, Patrick Nisbet of Creative Ministry Resources will visit the Diocese and provide regional training, as follows:

- **Illawarra Tuesday 9 April 10:30am – 2:00nn OR 7:30pm – 9:00pm**
(Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong NSW 2500)
- **MacArthur-Highlands Wednesday 10 April 10:30am – 12:00nn OR 7:30pm – 9:00pm**
(Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown NSW 2560)
- **Shoalhaven Thursday 11 April 10:30am – 12:00nn OR 7:00pm – 8:30 =pm**
(Polding Room, St Michael's Parish Centre, 20 North Street, Nowra NSW 2541)

RSVP to Anthony Rewak on 4222 2465 or email anthony.rewak@dow.org.au

NEW NOTICE

OUR MANY MARRIAGES get together night for engaged and married couples, presented by Byron and Francine Pirolas

Mary Immaculate Parish: 61 Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale (In the Hall). Friday 5 April, 7.30pm (After Stations of the Cross). Cost \$10 per couple (light supper, cheese platter and alcohol provided – pls advise of any dietary requirement). We are also offering babysitting, (confirm how many children).

For bookings or questions please contact Cindy Oliver 0417 490 638

NEW NOTICE

BOOK LAUNCH: UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH: MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP LEADERS WITH ALPHA

Sunday 7 April 2019, 7pm-9pm, St Charles Borromeo Parish Hall, 2a Charles Street, Ryde. Cost \$15

Can Catholic parishes become communities of missionary disciples that bear lasting fruit? Ron Huntley from the Divine Renovation Ministry Team is coming to Australia. Working alongside Fr James Mallon, author of "Divine Renovation", Ron works with Catholic parishes around the world mentoring parishes seeking to transform the culture of their parish. Ron Huntley's new book aims to provide insight into what Alpha can do to help any Catholic parish become a vibrant, mission focused community. For bookings and more information go to

<https://australia.alpha.org/events/2018/5/2/divine-renovation>

NEW NOTICE

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is schedule for 3, 4 NS 4 May this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org

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.

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

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.lttan.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>

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 Free call 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.