

# BULLETIN NOTICES

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

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## **NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK**

### **THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 7 April 2019**

This week on The Journey, we move into the Gospel of John 8:1-11 and Fr Sean Cullen reflects on this Gospel reading. Our Trust Lenten program provides the sung Responsorial Psalm, “The Lord Has Done Great Things”, Mother Hilda from the Abbey reminds us of “The Devine Presence”, and our Sam Clear in his Walking the Walk God spot reminds us about Facing the Darkness. We have some amazing music so be sure to listen until the very end of our program. Go to [WWW.jcr.org.au](http://WWW.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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### **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**



The primordial reality of our “flesh” precedes and makes possible all further consciousness and reflection, preventing us from thinking that we are the source of our own existence. Only after receiving the gift of life, and prior to any intention or decision of our own, can we become aware that we are in fact alive. Life necessarily entails being a child, welcomed and cared for, however inadequately in certain cases. “It thus seems reasonable to see a connection between the care we have received from the beginning of life, that enabled it to grow and develop, and the responsible care we in turn give to others... This precious connection preserves a human and God-given dignity that endures, even despite one’s loss of health, role in society and control over his or her body” ([Letter of the Cardinal Secretary of State to the Conference on Palliative Care](#), 28 February 2018).

**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](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)**

## **NEW NOTICE**

**HOLY MASS** at the Wollongong Public Hospital **every** Saturday at 9.30 am in the ground floor chapel

### **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](mailto:anthony.rewak@dow.org.au) *flyer attached*

**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

**IRON YOUTH GROUP AGES 14-18FRIDAY NIGHTS 7-9pm at ST TERESE, 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.

## **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>

## **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](mailto:therese.mgl@gmail.com)

## **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*

## **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](http://www.lttn.org.au) for more information and register today. Contact [info@ltnn.org.au](mailto:info@ltnn.org.au) or ring 0432 228 250.

**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](http://www.wwme.org.au) or

Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

## **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES**

The **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies** multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for **3, 4 and 5 May** this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com) or [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.