

# 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 21 April 2019**

On this Blessed Easter Sunday, our Gospel reading is that of the Resurrection, John 20:1-9, and the reflection by Fr Chris Sarkis, "He Saw and He Believed". Happy and Holy Easter to our listeners from all of us here at the Diocese of Wollongong. 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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**VOCATION - 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)**

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### **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**



Pope Benedict XVI has spoken of the importance of "a renewed reflection on how rights presuppose duties, if they are not to become mere licence. Nowadays we are witnessing a grave inconsistency. On the one hand, appeals are made to alleged rights, arbitrary and non-essential in nature, accompanied by the demand that they be recognized and promoted by public structures, while, on the other hand, elementary and basic rights remain unacknowledged and are violated in much of the world". Among those rights, the Pope emeritus points to "lack of food, drinkable water, basic instruction and elementary health care" ([\*Caritas in Veritate\*, 43](#)).

## **NEW NOTICE flyer attached**

### **PALM SUNDAY REFUGEE MARCH AND RALLY SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019 WOLLONGONG TOWN HALL 12:30PM**

For more information phone Marg 0409 041 381

## **NEW NOTICE**

### **WORSHIP NIGHTS: 'ALIVE' WITH GUEST SPEAKER SR SUSANNA EDMUNDS, OP**

**Saturday 4 May 2019, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Parish Hall, St John the Evangelist Parish, Cordeaux St Campbelltown**

This evening is a Spirit-filled opportunity for all who have experienced Alpha to come together to experience live worship and prayer. We have remembered Jesus' death and celebrated his resurrection but what does it mean for us to die and rise with Jesus? And what is this new life that we are offered? Our guest speaker, Sr Susanna Edmunds OP, will open up the theme of 'Alive' and how we are called to life! And life to the full! A night definitely not to be missed.

## **NEW NOTICE flyer and timetable attached**

### **HOLY WEEK RETREAT @ GERRINGONG *Embracing and Celebrating a Paschal Rhythm-of-Being:***

Mon 15 April – Wed 17 April 2019. Retreat highlights include: Descriptive Slow Mass at St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong; Morning Prayer of the Church The Abbey Jamberoo; Chrism Mass at Wollongong Cathedral; creative and interactive presentations by Sr Sue Barker sgs & Fr Michael Dyer; movie screening *Chocolat*; social and spiritual encounters with fellow retreatants; nature walks; et cetera. Cost: single room/shared bathroom \$100 per night (neg); day retreatants \$50 (neg). Transport available. For more information and/or to register please contact Fr Michael E: [michael.dyer@dow.org.au](mailto:michael.dyer@dow.org.au); T: 4455 1313

## **NEW NOTICE**

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 26 – 28 April 2019 Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville**

Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

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

## **NEW NOTICE**

### **CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE**



Bishop Brian Mascord recently launched Catholic Business Connections (CBC) - an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC will gather three or four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. The second CBC luncheon will be held on **Thursday 16 May 2019** at levelone@harbourfront, Wollongong Harbour (12pm–2pm). **Mr Peter Turner**, Director of Schools, Diocese of Wollongong, will be speaking on *Trust and Integrity—Touchstones for Success in Private and Public Life*.

For more information on CBC and how to join, visit [www.cbc.dow.org.au](http://www.cbc.dow.org.au) or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. (Please note that membership rates are pro rata and have been reduced accordingly. Concessional rates are now available.) RSVP for May luncheon is Thursday 9 May.

## **NEW NOTICE**

**OZ ROSARY AROUND AUSTRALIA 24-26 May 2019** The weekend of the Feast of the Patroness of Australia **OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** - It would be great if we could participate in a 54-day Novena together leading up to the event starting on 1 April. Here is copy of the booklet for the 54 for day miracle Novena <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/q2vdmxcdnhmz0xb/AABFsQecYouQByUbqjT9ZZTqa?dl=0>  
Pray for Australia its Protection, Future, Youth, families. This Year we are praying in particular also for our political leaders and the spiritual leaders of the church. To register your parish, rosary, prayer group etc. Email: ozrosary53@gmail.com or contact Jane: 0476 535 595  
More details please visit <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>

## **UPDATED NOTICE**

**LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT ... AND SING!** *flyer attached*

**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). There are more than forty breakout presentations. Full details are now available, and Registration is now open. Early bird discounts available until 30 June. Visit [www.apmn.org.au](http://www.apmn.org.au)

**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.

**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)

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**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)

#### **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.

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

#### **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.