

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

NEW NOTICE

CHRIST, THE OIL OF ANOINTING

Bishop Brian Mascord Easter Message 2019

Bishop Brian has written a message for Easter that is truly poignant and relevant for the current state of our world. You can listen to Bishop Brian's message at <https://dow.sh/Easter2019>. Printed copies of the message will also be distributed after Mass.

NEW NOTICE

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' FEDERAL ELECTION STATEMENT. The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 28 April 2019

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, our Gospel is John 20:19-3. Mother Hilda shares with us her Wisdom from the Abbey, and "The Unexpected Gift", Trish McCarthy talks to us about "Natures Healing Balm", and Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy, encourages us with his words, "living Your List". Our music this week is a fitting accompaniment to all our God spots. 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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VOCATION

BEING EASTER PEOPLE. "Let no soul, even the most miserable, fall prey to doubt; for, as long as one is alive, each one can become a great saint, so great is the power of God's grace. It remains only for us not to oppose God's actions." - St Faustina. There are many ways to live God's call to be saints of today. Need guidance?

Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



Relying on results obtained from physics, genetics and neuroscience, as well as on increasingly powerful computing capabilities, profound interventions on living organisms are now possible.

Even the human body is subject to interventions capable of modifying not only its functions and capabilities, but also its ways of relating on personal and societal levels, with the result that it is increasingly exposed to market forces. There is a pressing need, then, to understand these epochal changes and new frontiers in order to determine how to place them at the service of the human person, while respecting and promoting the intrinsic dignity of all. ... This process of research and evaluation thus entails the workings of the moral conscience and, for the believer, is part of his or her relationship with the Lord Jesus, in the desire to put on the mind of Christ in our actions and choices (cf. *Phil 2:5*)- *Pope Francis "Humana Communitas" 6 January 2019*

NEW NOTICE

MANY CULTURES MASS – FIRST PREPARATION MEETING

Our first meeting to prepare this year's Many Cultures One in Christ Mass will be on **Wednesday 29 May 2019 at 7:30pm**. The meeting will be held at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Meeting Room, 193 St Andrews Rd Varroville**. Please indicate your attendance to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au by Monday 27 May.

NEW NOTICE

HOLY MASS EVERY Friday in the 3rd level in the Private Hospital at 9.30 am and in Public Hospital EVERY Saturday at 9.30 am in the ground floor chapel. Please come to pray for our sick.

UPDATED NOTICE

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) You are invited to Holy Hour in 2019 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Wollongong as well as the brand new Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Rosemeadow.

Each night will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship (various styles), Reconciliation, Liturgy of the Word, short teachings, silence and benediction. This will be followed by fellowship and a meal.

When and where?

Wednesday evenings 6:30pm–7:30pm (followed by a meal).

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL, WOLLONGONG

8 May / 10 July / 14 August / 9 October

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROSEMEADOW

24 April / 22 May / 24 July / 28 August / 23 October

4WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 26 – 28 April 2019 Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au

Contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

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 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.

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.

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/>

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/q2vdmxcdcnhmz0xb/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>

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.

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! *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

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.