

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

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

VOCATION – OUR NEW LIFE. God calls us to die to our old life and rise to new life in Christ. Vocation is our particular way of responding to God's call. Need guidance? **Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au**

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 12 May 2019

This week on the Journey, our Gospel is John 10:27-30. Mother Hilda from the Abbey encourages us to "Have a Nice Day", Fr Dave Callaghan reminds us to "Become Like a Child", and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, talks to us about "The call to Forgive". The music this week is woven through our program to create a peaceful flow of harmony that we know you enjoy. 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



Combatting the culture of abuse, the loss of credibility, the resulting bewilderment and confusion, and the discrediting of our mission urgently demands of us a renewed and decisive approach to resolving conflicts. Jesus would tell us: "You know how among the Gentiles those who seem to exercise authority lord it over them; their great ones make their importance felt. It cannot be like that with you" (Mk 10:42-43). Loss of credibility calls for a specific approach, since it cannot be regained by issuing stern decrees or by simply creating new committees or improving flow charts, as if we were in charge of a department of human resources. ... Consequently, amid the upset and confusion experienced by our communities, our primary duty is to foster a shared spirit of discernment, rather than to seek the relative calm resulting from compromise or from a democratic vote where some emerge as "winners" and others not. No! It is about finding a collegial and paternal way of embracing the present situation, one that, most importantly, can protect those in our care from losing hope and feeling spiritually abandoned. This will enable us to be fully immersed in reality, seeking to appreciate and hear it from within, without being held hostage to it.

- Pope Francis 1 January 2019

NEW NOTICE

ALPHA LAUNCH NIGHT Macarthur – Highlands: Mary Immaculate Parish Hall, 61 Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale Monday, 20 May 2019 at 7pm. For bookings or questions please contact May Ataya 0416 157 294 or visit Facebook [dow.sh/eaglevalealpha](https://www.facebook.com/dow.sh/eaglevalealpha)

Cheese, snacks and nibbles are on us, as we launch our 5th Alpha.

NEW NOTICE

SIX FULL DAY GUIDED RETREAT SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER – SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019

HARTZER PARK, 25 ERIDGE PARK ROAD, BOWRAL **Presenter:** Fr. Philip Malone MSC

Theme: Advent - A time of waiting and anticipation - a time to delight in the story of God, human and divine. Fr Malone's refreshing approach to the season of waiting will help you explore and experience the rich truths we celebrate in faith during this time.

Cost: \$650 per person (fully catered)

The Retreat begins with the evening meal at 6pm on 23 November and concludes the morning of Saturday 30 November 2019. RSVP: 11 November Phone 4861 3223 or email hartzprk@bigpond.net.au

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

22 May / 24 July / 28 August / 23 October

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE FRIDAY 24 MAY - SATURDAY 25 MAY 2019

A walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues. You are warmly welcome to join us on either day or both days. BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.

Friday: 9:30am Mass at Kiama Catholic Church, walk to Gerringong Catholic Church for **Benediction at 3pm**.

Shuttlebus back to Kiama church or sleep overnight.

Saturday: 8:00am Mass Gerringong Catholic Church, walk to **Shoalhaven Heads** for lunch at **1pm**, Shuttlebus back to Gerringong or walk to **Culburra Church for 6pm Mass**.

BYO Lunch and water. Friday dinner at local restaurant. Cereal breakfast provided Saturday.

Further information: Sue Hill: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella De Battista: (02) 4261 2500

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.

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/q2vdmxdcnhmz0xb/AABFsQecYouQByUbqjT9ZZTga?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. NSW 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, ask your parish priest or please call 4222 2416.