

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

Bulletin notice for weekend of June 22/23

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #2 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 30 June 2019

This week on the Journey, our Gospel reading is Luke 9:51-62.

We are so lucky to have some amazing contributors to the Journey Catholic Radio Program with some names and voices that you have come to love over the years. This week we are blessed with Mother Hilda from the Abbey and Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free

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A VOCATION VIEW: Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word. **Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au**

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SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

We must come together to relaunch what is good, knowing full well that, even if evil is at large in the world, with God's help and the good will of so many like yourselves, the world can be a better place. We need to support those who wish to change things for the better; we need to encourage models of growth based on social equality, on the dignity of human persons, on families, on the future of young people, on respect for the environment. A circular economy is no longer something we can put off. Waste cannot be the last word bequeathed to posterity by the well-off few, while the majority of humanity remains silent. - *Pope Francis*
18th May 2019

NEW NOTICE

GREGORIAN SCHOLA

A Gregorian Schola has begun singing at Mass every six weeks at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow. This very special and unique choir is now looking to build up its members. If you have sung in a choir and would like to take this unique opportunity to broaden your skills in learning and singing Gregorian chant, please contact Ilona on 0418 697 910 for further details.

NEW NOTICE

URGENT – FINDING A HOME FOR EMMA!

CatholicCare's Fostering Futures program is urgently looking for a forever home for a 14 year-old-girl.

Emma* is a friendly and engaging girl who enjoys art and craft, reading and cooking. Emma needs foster carers who are patient, kind and stable to help her thrive and reach her full potential. If you think you or someone you know has the right qualities to be her carers, please call **0418 783 956** or email

fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au for more information. Make a positive Impact on a child's future for a short time or a lifetime.

**Emma's identity has been changed*

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**
10 July / 14 August / 9 October
- **OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROSEMEADOW**
24 July / 28 August / 23 October

2019 MEN'S BOOTCAMP: STANDING FIRM

A combined initiative of the Churches of Northern Illawarra. In the company of a cross-generational male community, Bootcamp 2019 will challenge and equip you to reconsider what you choose to stand for and stand firm. "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything".

When: 7:30-9:30pm, Wednesdays in August (7, 14, 21 and 28).

Where: Upstairs, 'The Deck' at Ryans Hotel, cnr Phillip St and George St Thirroul.

Cost: \$20 pizza opening night / \$10 other nights + own drinks from bar.

August 7: Family Through the Ages: Standing firm through the stages of family life.

August 14: Foundations for Identity / Standing firm on the basis of your identity, not your performance.

August 21: Better Together: Standing firm in community, as a brotherhood that draws the best out of each other.

August 28: Community Engagement: Rob Killham - standing firm in your workspace and community without being a jerk.

2019 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating **25, 40, 50 or 60 years** of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on **Sunday, 4 August 2019** at 2pm, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop by Monday 1 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

JULY WEEKEND RETREAT - MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE RETREAT, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

'A Spiritual Pot Pourri' 5 - 7 July 2019 **Presenter:** Bishop Peter Ingham **Cost:** \$300 (concessions available)

A Pot Pourri is a mixture of flowers, herbs and spices in a sachet or bowl to provide a gentle natural scent. Here it will be an unusual/interesting mixture of things of the Spirit so that we create a good impression after us.

Each of you is writing a Gospel, a chapter every day, by the deeds that you do and the words that you say. People read what you write, be it faithless or true. Hey, what is the Gospel according to you?

Contact: Mrs Carla Walker 02 8795 3400 or email retreats@carmelite.com or www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

menALIVE MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT Friday 12 July at 7pm at Macquarie Fields Catholic Church 'In the Logos centre'. Watching the movie "God's Not Dead a light in the darkness". The theme of the night is Love & Forgiveness. Cost is still only \$10.00. There will be a lucky door prize of the film.

Please RSVP via Eddie on 0417 049 418 or Pierre on 0419 614 015

A National Catholic Event for Men "MAX 19 INTO THE BREACH" SYDNEY 19-21 JULY 2019

menALIVE for Christ (MAX) is an annual gathering of men from across Australia and New Zealand who seek to be encouraged by one another in their faith journey as real men of God. For more details, contact Peter Carrigan 0404 496 405 or Robert Falzon 0412 745 734 or email max19@menalive.org.au

To register visit: <https://cvent.me/Koql2> *flyer attached*

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

RENAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP FORMATION CONFERENCE 2019 *flyer attached*

Friday July 26 & Saturday July 27, University of Notre Dame, 140 Broadway, Chippendale Sydney

Keynote Speakers: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP | Dr Kevin Donnelly

Partner of SmartLoving Rates (15% off Standard Early Bird, minimum 3 delegates)

- Both days: ~~\$550~~ **\$297.50**
- 1 day (including Friday dinner): ~~\$295~~ **\$250.75**
- Bring your Spouse: \$100

To register and access this special rate, contact our office at info@marriagerc.org by 30 June so that we can issue you with an invoice and provide you with instructions to register your delegates.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: 10-11 August at St. John Bosco Parish, Engadine

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!

The new format of this weekend is a "Live Out" weekend.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Book online at www.wwme.org.au

Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN 2020? HOW ABOUT LIVING YOUR LIFE ON PURPOSE? *flyer attached*

National Evangelisation Teams Australia (NET) do incredible work in Australia and around our Diocese, bringing other young people to an encounter with God's love. They are currently recruiting. If you are aged between 18-30 you are invited to save **Friday 11 October 2019** and join the NET team at the Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street Wollongong.

Find out all about NET, why NETTERS are so happy, and why you should consider being part of their work in 2019. So, for a really good day, great company, interesting discussion, amazing worship, food for your belly, adoration and all the info you need on what NET is all about, then you should come to this *Live Your Life On Purpose Retreat*. You will leave with tools for discernment and enjoy a day well spent.

Call the Wollongong NET Team on 0433 007 282 to book your spot or to have your questions answered.

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). 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

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

FOSTERING FUTURES

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO A FAMILY AND A PERMANENT HOME. EVERY SINGLE ONE.

Right now children across our region are in need, If you would like to find out more about becoming a foster carer with CatholicCare Wollongong please email us on fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 0418 783 956.

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.

If anyone wants your family member to be visited in the Public or Private Hospitals, kindly ring Fr George Condookala, Chaplain to the Wollongong Hospitals, on [0475 815 506](tel:0475815506)

MACARTHUR YOUTH GROUP

Join us for a gathering of teenagers and young adults every Friday Night of the term! Live Local is a place for like-minded young people from ages 12-18 to grow in faith, community and fun. Live Local runs from **7pm to 9pm at St John's Hall in Campbelltown** and is put on by passionate young adults from the local area and leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong. We can't wait to see you there at Live Local.

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.

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 (02) 4640 8550