

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

NEW NOTICE

PLENARY COUNCIL: After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the **National Themes for Discernment** for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 16 June 2019

This week on the Journey, you'll hear a great short reflection on the Gospel for this Sunday and Mother Hilda Scott will inspire us with her Wisdom from the Abbey. We will also hear from Bruce Downes the Catholic Guy and Byron and Francine Pirola. Go to www.jcr.org.au to make sure you never miss a show, with it sent to you each week as podcast by email - for free!

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A VOCATION VIEW: God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you. The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you?"

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

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SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



At times, good initiatives guided by the best intentions can get frustrated by extended bureaucracy, excessive administrative costs, or become forms of welfare that do not lead to authentic development. In today's complex world it is important that *good is done well*, and that it is not the fruit of improvisation; it requires intelligence, the capacity for planning and continuity. It needs an integrated vision, of persons who stand together: it is difficult to do good while not caring for each other. - Pope Francis 18th May 2019

NEW NOTICE

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

AMENDED NOTICE

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.

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

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

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

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*

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

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