

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	16 July 2019	For weekend:	20–21 July 2019

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	<p>Plenary Council 2020: National theme for discernment # 6</p> <p>How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is open to conversion, renewal and reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Positions Vacant: Plenary Council 2020 discernment and writing group chairs and members</p> <p>As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of our preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups. For more information, visit the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822 or olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on 22 July 2019.</p>	
New	<p><i>Select your closest region</i></p> <p>menALIVE Shoalhaven regional weekend: 7–8 September 2019, Milton Parish</p> <p>menALIVE weekend for men. What are you doing on the 7–8 September? Come along to an inspiring weekend of great talks, personal stories, good discussion and space to reflect on your</p>	

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	<p>manhood and your faith? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. This regional weekend will be hosted by Milton Parish and conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE Team Details and registration forms are available in the church foyer. Bookings and enquiries ring Jude Hennessy 4222 2407 / Stuart Brady 0447 093 044 or www.menalive.dow.org.au</p> <p>menALIVE Shoalhaven regional weekend: 21–22 September 2019, Bowral Parish</p> <p>What are you doing on the 21-22 September? Come along to an inspiring weekend of great talks, personal stories, good discussion and space to reflect on your manhood and your faith? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. This regional weekend will be hosted by Bowral Parish and conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE Team Details and registration forms are available in the church foyer. Bookings and enquiries ring Jude Hennessy 4222 2407 / Ian Boorman 0427 006 021 or www.menalive.dow.org.au</p>	
New	<p><i>Select your closest region</i></p> <p>Called to ministry? Upcoming liturgical ministry training events</p> <p>Have you considered serving your parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Adult Altar Server, or minister of Communion of the Sick and Homebound? The 2019 Diocesan Training courses in these ministries are scheduled as follows:</p> <p><i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Adult Altar Servers 10am–2pm</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbelltown, Saturday 10 August 2019 at St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown • Wollongong, Saturday 23 November 2019 at Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong <p>Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will lead two sessions in the morning covering the common ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and one session after lunch for servers. Morning tea and lunch provided.</p> <p><i>Communion of the Sick & Homebound 10am-2.30pm</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nowra, Saturday 14 September 2019 at St Michael's Parish Meeting Room, Nowra 	

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	<p>Prior training as an Acolyte, Adult Altar Server or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is a pre-requisite. Led by members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Morning tea and lunch provided.</p> <p>For further information visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au or contact Paul Mason at liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462. Registration essential to Anthony Rewak 4222 2465 or anthony.rewak@dow.org.au.</p>	
New	<p>Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)</p> <p>ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference which aims to provide young people with the opportunity to attend worship, workshops and plenaries that will deepen their faith. This year the festival will be held in Perth from 8 -10 December 2019 and the Diocese of Wollongong will be organising a group of young adults (18-30) to attend. For more information on the diocesan ACYF group or to express interest in attending, contact Georgia on 4222 2427 or at youth@dow.org.au</p>	
New	<p>The Journey Catholic Radio Show—airs 21 July 2019</p> <p>This week on the Journey, Fr Mark De Battista breaks open the Gospel, and there is a great Piece from Peter Gilmore on evangelization. All your favourites, including Mother Hilda from the Abbey will be on the show along with some great Christian Music. Go to www.jcr.org.au to get the podcast anytime – for free.</p>	
New	<p>Vocations—stop, revive and thrive</p> <p>In car journeys we are constantly being reminded to stop and take stock to ensure we survive the journey – especially if we are the driver! How much more important in our life journey to take time to stop and revive ourselves through prayer and engagement in our faith, so that we can choose a good path to thrive in the vocation God intends. Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.</p>	
New	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>You drew near to anoint the weary feet of the Master, the weary feet of concrete individuals, there where they were to be found, and the Lord was waiting for you, to anoint you anew in your vocation. This is very important. In order to renew ourselves, we must frequently turn back and meet the Lord, revisiting the memories of our first calling. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews says to the</p>	Graphic

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	<p>Christians: “Remember the first days”. Remember the beauty of that meeting with Jesus who called us, and from that meeting, with the eyes of Jesus, receive the strength to move forward. Never lose your memory of the first call! Remembering the first call is a “sacramental”. The difficulties of apostolic labours can really exhaust us, and we can lose enthusiasm. We can also lose the desire to pray, to meet the Lord. If you find yourself in this position, stop! Turn back and meet the Lord of your first calling. This memory will save you. - <i>Pope Francis 7th May 2019</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>Forming intentional disciples—heart of mission <i>Saturday 31 August 2019, 10am-3:30pm Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong</i></p> <p>A workshop on joyfully sharing your faith with others and journeying with them into the life of a disciple. Over the past couple of years, a number of parishes in the diocese have successfully embarked on the process of forming intentional disciples. The result has been a renewed enthusiasm in living discipleship and the life of the parish community. How did they do it and how can other parishes take the first steps in becoming parishes of intentional disciples? Parish Pastoral Councils throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special one-off workshop with Sherry Weddell—international best-selling author of <i>Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus</i>. Participants are encouraged to purchase and read the book in preparation.</p> <p>Registration only \$30. Book: Forming Intentional Disciples plus registration \$60 (to take up this offer register by 9 August) RSVP 26 August 2019 to helen.bennett@dow.org.au (02) 4222 2403</p>	
Continuing	<p>Holy Hour for young adults</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>When and where?</i></p> <p>Wednesday evenings 6:30pm–7:30pm (followed by a meal):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on 14 August / 9 October 	

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Continuing	<p>2019 Men’s Bootcamp—Standing Firm</p> <p>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”.</p> <p><i>When and where?</i></p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Marriage enrichment weekend</p> <p><i>10-11 August at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine</i></p> <p>Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! The new format of this weekend is a “Live Out” weekend.</p> <p>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</p>	
Continuing	<p>Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta Golden Reunion 1964–1969</p> <p><i>Saturday 21 September 2019</i></p> <p>Did you commence Year 7 at OLMC in 1964, or attend any year thereafter, such that you did your HSC in 1969, or your SC in 1967? It’s OK if you left before your exams, you’re still welcome at our 50th Reunion!</p> <p>Contact Jennifer (Ingrey) Newton: email fiftyyearsonolmc64-69@hotmail.com or Facebook page OLMC Parramatta 1964-1969 50th Reunion (21 September 2019).</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Leadership for mission—A program for young Catholic women</p> <p>A two-year graduate program for women aged 25-35 will be conducted again 2020/2021. Over two years (four semesters) participants complete four units in theology through the Australian Catholic University, develop their sense of mission and participate in leadership and faith development activities.</p> <p>The recruitment period runs through to 14 October 2019 and is looking at enrolling sixteen women from across Australia in the 2020/2021 program. A flyer is attached and further information including application forms can be found at www.leadership4mission.com.au. If more information is required please contact Andrea Dean, via email at director.opw@catholic.org.au or by mobile 0487 388 873.</p>	Flyer
Continuing	<p>What are you doing in 2020? How about living your life on purpose?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <i>Live Your Life On Purpose Retreat</i>. You will leave with tools for discernment and enjoy a day well spent.</p> <p>Call the Wollongong NET Team on 0433 007 282 to book your spot or to have your questions answered.</p>	Flyer
Continuing	<p>Listen to the Spirit and sing!</p> <p><i>The 2019 Australian Pastoral Musicians Conference, 1-3 October, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne</i></p> <p>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</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Fostering Futures</p> <p><i>Every child has the right to a family and a permanent home. Every single one.</i></p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Mass at Wollongong Public and Wollongong Private hospital</p> <p>Mass is celebrated every Friday on the 3rd level in the Private Hospital at 9.30 am and in the Public Hospital every Saturday at 9.30 am in the ground floor chapel. Please come to pray for our sick.</p> <p>If anyone wants your family member to be visited in the Public or Private Hospitals, call Fr George Condookala, chaplain to the Wollongong Hospitals, on 0475 815 506.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Macarthur Youth Group</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—Free small group resource</p>	

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	<p>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 <i>Faith Circles</i> 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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>CAtHFAMILY</p> <p>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 www.cathfamily.org</p>	Graphic
Continuing	<p>Cathedral Books and Gifts</p> <p>A great range of excellent quality religious gifts are available from <i>Cathedral Books & Gifts</i>. 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.</p> <p>Enter the store via Crown St, Xavier Centre, Wollongong. For enquiries, phone 4222 2484.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Take a risk and give the gift of faith</p> <p>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</p>	