

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 July 6/7

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #4 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 14 JULY 2019

This week we hear of the well-loved Gospel reading of the Good Samaritan as told in Luke 10:25-37.

We have some amazing contributors to the Journey Catholic Radio Program including Mother Hilda encouraging us to Stare at God, more of your favorites like The Catholic Guy, and Sam Clear with his inspirational words. 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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PRIESTHOOD: GOD IS CALLING God desires our happiness and calls some of us to serve as priests. For those called, it is a fulfilling way of life. Maybe it is for you? Start the conversation.

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

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SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Love of neighbour represents a significant indicator for recognizing affinities between Jesus and his Pharisee interlocutors. It certainly constitutes an important basis for any dialogue, especially among Jews and Christians, even today. Indeed, to love our neighbours better, we need to know them, and in order to know who they are we often have to find ways to overcome ancient prejudices. - *Pope Francis 9th May 2019*

NEW NOTICE flyer attached

SCARF High Tea Sunday, 21 July 2019 at 3pm Thirroul Railway Institute Hall, 14 Railway Parade Thirroul

SCARF [**Strategic Community Assistance to Refugee Families**] helps refugee entrants to build a sense of belonging and navigate the practical and personal challenges of starting a new life in Australia. People from refugee backgrounds have often experienced trauma, significant upheaval, loss and months or years of uncertainty before arrival in Australia. Once settled in a host country, refugee entrants are finally safe. But settlement isn't an immediate 'happily ever after.' By creating connections and generating opportunities, SCARF helps individuals and families to establish a sense of belonging, experience social and economic inclusion and access the tools for self-empowerment and independence. **Please come along or support** this initiative. **Tickets \$30. ' 0405 027 250.**

NEW NOTICE

Position Vacant

Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members

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.

NEW NOTICE

Mary Immaculate College Sutherland: Ex-students and staff are invited to celebrate 60 years since the College opened in 1959. Friday 25 October 4pm school visit, 6pm gathering at Tradies, The Kingsway Gynea. Bookings essential. Further information Contact Julie Banister: jewelbano@hotmail.com

Amended Notice – RSVP date extended

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 8 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

ALPHA 5 Macarthur – Highlands: Mary Immaculate Parish Hall, 61 Emerald Drive, Eagle Vale.

Commencing Monday, 22 July, Time: 7.00pm Dinner is provided. There is no cost involved.

For bookings or questions please contact May Ataya – 0416 157 294 or alpha.eaglevale@outlook.com

Exploring is good. We're built for it. But for all our searching – it's rare to find time to think, and talk, about the big questions of life; about faith and reason and God and meaning. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. It runs all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. Alphas generally have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

PARISH FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, VARROVILLE – SUNDAY 14 JULY 2019 *flyer attached*

The activities include a Novena of Masses commencing on Friday 5 July at 7:30am.

Feast Day Mass at 10am with Bishop Brian Mascord, followed by a procession carrying our Lady's statue.

Then a multicultural fiesta including food stalls, children's activities and an outdoor concert. All are most welcome to join us.

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.

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.

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*

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