

# BULLETIN NOTICES

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## **NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK**

### **Bulletin notice for weekend of July 13/14**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #5 – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God’s kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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### **THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 21 July 2019**

This week on the Journey, we hear Luke’s Gospel 10:38-42. Mother Hilda from the Abbey shares with us Good News, we have the ever-talented Trish McCarthy with her God spot, and you will hear from some of our other favorites. With amazing Christian Music artists, we are blessed to bring you this week’s edition of the Journey Catholic Radio Program. Go to [WWW.jcr.org.au](http://WWW.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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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### **VOCATIONS**

#### **HOW GREAT IS THE HOPE TO WHICH WE ARE CALLED**

Have you ever stopped to ask why can’t things be different? God has called you to make a difference, to be a witness for hope in our world. Not sure where to start?

**Please contact the Vocations Team at [priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)**

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### **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**



“Taking Stock” of things is always necessary, when it can help us to understand and draw near to all those persons who daily struggle to make ends meet. Families that fail to grow, the elderly and abandoned, the sick and bedridden, young people frustrated and without a future, and the poor who remind us what we truly are: a Church of beggars in need of the Lord’s Mercy. It is legitimate to “take stock” of things, only if it enables us once more to become fraternal and attentive to others, to show understanding and concern as we draw near to the frustrations and the uncertainties felt by so many of our brothers and sisters who yearn for an anointing that can lift them up and heal their hope. - *Pope Francis 7th May 2019*

## **NEW NOTICE**

### **FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES – HEART OF MISSION**

**Saturday 31 August 2019, 10am-3:30pm Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong**

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 *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*. Participants are encouraged to purchase and read the book in preparation.

**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](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) (02) 4222 2403**

## Positions 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](http://www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au) or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822 or [olivia.lee@catholic.org.au](mailto:olivia.lee@catholic.org.au). Applications close on 22 July 2019.

### **NEW NOTICE**

#### **SEA SUNDAY SUNDAY 14 JULY**

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. You may assist the Apostleship of the Sea in their ministry to seafarers through volunteering or **donating online** by credit card, bank transfer or cheque at [bit.ly/SeaSundayAppeal](http://bit.ly/SeaSundayAppeal) – or you may simply **post us a cheque**, payable to “Apostleship of the Sea”. Please include your name and contact details and send to: Apostleship of the Sea, Sea Sunday Appeal 2019, GPO Box 368, Canberra, ACT, 2601. All donations above \$2 are tax deductible. For more information about its work, visit [www.aos-australia.org](http://www.aos-australia.org)

### **NEW NOTICE**

#### **OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE, PARRAMATTA**

1964-1969 Golden Reunion, Saturday 21 September 2019:

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!

Contact Jennifer (Ingrey) Newton: email [fiftyyearsonolmc64-69@hotmail.com](mailto:fiftyyearsonolmc64-69@hotmail.com) or Facebook page OLMC Parramatta 1964-1969 50th Reunion (21 September 2019).

### **NEW NOTICE**

#### **LEADERSHIP FOR MISSION** – A Program for Young Catholic Women *flyer attached*

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.

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](http://www.leadership4mission.com.au). If more information is required please contact Andrea Dean, via email at [director.opw@catholic.org.au](mailto:director.opw@catholic.org.au) or by mobile 0487 388 873.

#### **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.** *flyer attached*

#### **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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](http://www.wwme.org.au)

Alternatively contact **Adrian and Janet Sullivan:** on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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