

BULLETIN NOTICES

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

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

NEW NOTICE EACH WEEK

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 11 August 2019

This week on the Journey, we hear Luke's Gospel 12:38-42, reminds us to 'Always be Ready'. We are blessed to have a four-part interview with the amazing GUS AND IGGY and have a show case of their music this week. 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: "Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you." Believe and act on Jesus' promise. Pray for wisdom to discern God's will. (Luke 11:1-13)

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

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SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This year, the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the Statement online at: bit.ly/socialjusticeshop Follow us on Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC or Twitter: @JusticeCatholic

NEW NOTICE Select your closest region

menALIVE Shoalhaven Regional weekend: 7-8 September 2019, Milton Parish

menALIVE Weekend for Men is SOON. It is being hosted by Milton Parish on the 7-8 September. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. There is still time for men to register for this Shoalhaven Region weekend. 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

menALIVE Southern Highlands Regional weekend: 21-22 September 2019, Bowral Parish

menALIVE Weekend for Men is SOON. It is being hosted by Bowral Parish on the 21-22 September. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. There is still time for men to register for this Southern Highlands Region weekend. 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

NEW NOTICE

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE



Bishop Brian Mascord recently launched Catholic Business Connections (CBC) - an opportunity for businesswomen and men in our diocese who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC will gather four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. The third CBC luncheon will be held on **Thursday 22 August 2019** at Rydges Hotel Campbelltown (12pm-2pm). **Mr Greg Sheridan AO**, foreign editor of The Australian, will be speaking on "Is God good for you?".

For more information on CBC and how to join, visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. (Please note that membership rates are pro rata and concessional rates are available.)
RSVP for August luncheon is Thursday 15 August.

CONTINUING NOTICES

The **Holy Masses in Private and Public Hospitals** will be in recess from August to December 2019. It will resume in January 2020. Kindly contact 0475 815 506 for your hospital spiritual needs.

LEVEL 3 TRAINING COURSE, FOR CATECHISTS

Just a reminder to all Catechists about Level 3 Training Course, details are as follows:

Macarthur – Highlands:

Venue: CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown.

Start date: Monday, 12 August (6-week course on consecutive Mondays)

Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm

For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver by 5 August 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au.

Illawarra – Shoalhaven:

Venue: Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.

Start date: Friday, 16th August (6-week course on consecutive Fridays)

Time: 9.30am- 1.30pm

For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver by 9 August 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au.

There is no cost involved with these courses. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.

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.

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

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 (02) 4222 2403**

CALLED TO MINISTRY? – UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING EVENTS

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:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Adult Altar Servers 10am-2pm

- **CAMPBELLTOWN, Saturday 10 August 2019** | St John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Campbelltown
- **WOLLONGONG, Saturday 23 November 2019** | Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong

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.

Communion of the Sick & Homebound 10am-2.30pm

- **NOWRA, Saturday 14 September 2019** | St Michael's Parish Meeting Room, Nowra

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.

For further information visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au or contact Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au 4222 2462. Registration essential to Anthony Rewak 4222 2465 or anthony.rewak@dow.org.au

MUSIC MINISTRY – THE JOY AND BEAUTY OF SUNDAY - PART II 10:30AM – 2:30PM

KIAMA. Saturday 9 November 2019 | Ss Peter & Paul Parish Church, Kiama

Led by Paul Mason and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Council, this workshop reviews the key principles in choosing music for consistently joyful and beautiful Sunday Masses. It addresses critical questions such as - how much singing? what are the priorities and why? what music is suitable for which parts of the liturgy? what are the performance issues to be considered in selecting music? Examples of music suitable to the various genres and parts of the Mass will be reviewed, focusing particularly on the most popular Mass Settings in current use around Australia and new on-line resources for praise songs.

Participants will receive a handy easy-to-use guideline, a sample pack of resources, an updated music scholarship program for 2020, a new Diocesan copyright licensing subsidy program (in addition to OneLicense), and a new parish music funding assistance program.

Target Audience: Clergy, Divine Renovation Pastoral Teams, Liturgy Committees, Directors of Music, Music Mass Coordinators, musicians and singers.

For further information visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au or contact Paul Mason liturgy@dow.org.au on 4222 2462. Registration essential to Anthony Rewak 4222 2465 or anthony.rewak@dow.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) 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

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

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.

LEADERSHIP FOR MISSION – A Program for Young Catholic Women

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. If more information is required please contact Andrea Dean, via email at director.opw@catholic.org.au or by mobile 0487 388 873.

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.

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.

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