

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	13 August 2019	For weekend:	17–18 August 2019

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	<p>Stand for life in opposition to this extreme abortion bill</p> <p>The NSW Parliament is about to legislate for abortion on demand till birth, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The Bill was pushed through the Legislative Assembly and will be debated in the Legislative Council from Tuesday, 20 August.</p> <p>Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation.</p> <p>WHEN: Martin Place (Macquarie Street side) TIME - 6pm until 9pm (including vigil outside NSW Parliament)</p> <p>Under this Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children can be aborted for any reason right up till the final moments of a pregnancy; - Amendments to protect children who survive botched abortions attempts were defeated; - There are no safeguards to prevent targeted abortion based on gender or disability; - Doctors and medical staff are compelled to participate (by referral) in the taking of an innocent life. <p>This Bill was ambushed on Parliament, with no consultation, in an attempt to curb community backlash.</p> <p>This is our last opportunity to fight against this extremist Bill. We need you there. See right to life NSW facebook event for more information.</p>	

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New	<p>Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience</p> <p>25–27 October 2019 Cataract Scout Camp Appin</p> <p>One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 15 fathers with their son aged between 12–16 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE. Register online www.menalive.dow.org.au or contact Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</p>	<p>Click to download brochure and registration form</p>
New	<p>Position Vacant—Administration Assistant</p> <p>Lumen Christi Catholic Parishes Wollongong</p> <p>Casual one (1) day per week on Thursdays.</p> <p>As casual administration assistant, you provide a range of clerical and administrative duties to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the parish office for the parishes of St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong, St John Vianney Fairy Meadow/Mater Dolorosa Balgownie and St Brigid's Gwynneville.</p> <p>Closing date is 4pm Friday 6 September 2019. For further details and a full position description, please contact Frances. This position is also advertised at www.dow.org.au</p> <p>Your application should include a cover letter and resume. Completed applications should be emailed to Frances Van Leerdam at frances.vanleerdam@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.</p> <p>Please Note: applications to attend with the diocese will close 8 November 2019.</p>	<p>Click to download ACYF 2019 logo</p>

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	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	
New	<p>Edmund Rice College Parents & Friends Association</p> <p>“Building the Resilience and Wellbeing of young people” a free community event. Expo and refreshments 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Guest speakers 7:00 p.m.–8:30p.m.</p>	Click to download Brochure
New	<p>The Journey Catholic Radio Show—airs 25 August 2019</p> <p>This week on the Journey, we hear Luke’s Gospel 13:22-30, about “the narrow door. Pete Gilmore shares his inspiration of Living the Gospel, and we have some other amazing presenters sharing their faith filled experiences and parts of their life’s journeys. 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</p>	Click to download logo
New	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal. (Luke 12). Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.</p>	
Continuing	<p>menALIVE Southern Highlands Regional weekend: 21–22 September 2019, Bowral Parish</p> <p>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. Those who were looking to attend the Milton 7-8 September weekend are now being encouraged to attend this Bowral weekend. Forms are available in the church foyer. Bookings and enquiries, ring Jude Hennessy 4222 2407 or Ian Boorman 0427 006 021 or www.menalive.dow.org.au</p>	Click to download Bowral brochure Click to download logo
Continuing	<p>Calling all businesspeople</p> <p>Bishop Brian Mascord recently launched Catholic Business Connections (CBC)—an opportunity for businesswomen and</p>	Click to download image

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	<p>men in our diocese who share common values to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. The next CBC luncheon will be held on Thursday 22 August 2019 at Rydges Hotel Campbelltown (12pm–2pm) featuring guest speaker Mr Greg Sheridan AO, foreign editor of The Australian. Greg will be speaking on <i>“Is God good for you?”</i></p> <p>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 on 4222 2446 (please note that membership rates are pro rata and concessional rates are available.) RSVP for August luncheon is Thursday 15 August.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Inspiring Retreat Day at St Paul’s Moss Vale</p> <p>Thursday 5 September 2019 at 9:30 a.m.–7:45 p.m. All are invited to join with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for a day of prayer and talks. Find out why Mass is such a “big deal” and about the call to evangelise. The day will include exposition, Mass and conversations with this dynamic evangelist, EWTN radio host and best-selling author. Go to www.parousiamedia.com to register for this free event or rsvp by contacting helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2403</p>	<p>Click to download brochure</p>
Continuing	<p>Annual consoling Mass</p> <p>Fr Victor Vincent of Lumen Christi invites you to the Mass of Consoling held at Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie on Friday 13 September at 12:10 p.m. This is the Mass where we continue to pray for our loved ones who have died in tragic circumstances. Let your families and friends know of this moving event. RSVP by 6 September wollongong@dow.org.au or phone 4211 0500.</p>	
Continuing	<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 10 a.m.–2 p.m.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wollongong, Saturday 23 November 2019 at Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong 	

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	<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 and homebound 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nowra, Saturday 14 September 2019 at St Michael’s Parish meeting room, Nowra <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 on 4222 2465 or anthony.rewak@dow.org.au.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This year, the Australian Bishops’ 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</p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>
Continuing	<p>Forming intentional disciples—heart of mission</p> <p><i>Saturday 31 August 2019, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.</i> <i>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</i></p>	<p>Click to download brochure</p>

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	<p><i>to Knowing and Following Jesus</i>. Participants are encouraged to purchase and read the book in preparation.</p> <p>Registration only \$30. Book: <i>Forming Intentional Disciples</i> plus registration \$60 RSVP 26 August 2019 to helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 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 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. (followed by a meal):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on 14 August / 9 October • Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow on 28 August/ 23 October 	<p>Click to download image</p>
Continuing	<p>2019 Mens Bootcamp—Standing Firm</p> <p>A combined initiative of the churches of Northern Illawarra. In the company of a cross-generational male community, <i>Bootcamp 2019</i> 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 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Wednesdays in August (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.</p> <p>August 14: <i>Foundations for Identity / Standing firm on the basis of your identity, not your performance.</i> August 21: <i>Better Together: Standing firm in community, as a brotherhood that draws the best out of each other.</i> August 28: <i>Community Engagement: Rob Killham—standing firm in your workspace and community without being a jerk.</i></p>	

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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 years, 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</i> retreat. 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>	<p>Click to download logo</p>
Continuing	<p>Healing after abortion</p> <p>Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Information and a brochure can found at: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call us on our confidential voicemail number 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. The last retreat for this year will be on 25–27 October 2019.</p>	<p>Click to download brochure</p>
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. Visit www.apmn.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Music Ministry—The Joy and Beauty of Sunday, Part II</p> <p>Saturday 9 November 2019, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Ss Peter & Paul Parish Church, Kiama</p>	

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	<p>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 online resources for praise songs.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Target Audience: Clergy, Divine Renovation pastoral teams, liturgy committees, directors of music, music Mass coordinators, musicians and singers.</p> <p>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 on 4222 2465 or anthony.rewak@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Six full day guided retreat</p> <p><i>Saturday 23 November to Saturday 30 November 2019 at Hartzler Park, Bowral</i></p> <p>Presenter: Fr. Philip Malone MSC Theme: <i>Advent: a time of waiting and anticipation—a time to delight in the story of God, human and divine.</i> 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.</p> <p>Cost: \$650 per person (fully catered) The retreat begins with the evening meal at 6 p.m. on 23 November and concludes the morning of Saturday 30 November 2019. RSVP: 11 November. Phone 4861 3223 or email hartzprk@bigpond.net.au</p>	
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</p>	

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	with CatholicCare Wollongong please email us on fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 0418 783 956.	
Continuing	There will be no Masses at Wollongong Private Hospital and Wollongong Public Hospital between August and December 2019. It will resume in January 2020. Kindly contact 0475 815 506 for your hospital spiritual needs.	
Continuing	LIVE Local—Macarthur Youth Group Join us for a gathering of teenagers and young adults every Friday night of the term! <i>LIVE Local</i> is a place for like-minded young people from ages 12–18 to grow in faith, community and fun. <i>LIVE Local</i> runs from 7 p.m.–9 p.m. 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 <i>LIVE Local</i> .	
Continuing	Faith Circles—free small group resource 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.	
Continuing	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 www.cathfamily.org	Click to download logo
Continuing	Cathedral Books and Gifts A great range of excellent quality religious gifts are available from <i>Cathedral Books and 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.	

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	Enter the store via Crown St, Xavier Centre, Wollongong. For enquiries, phone 4222 2484.	
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 4640 8550.</p>	