

BULLETIN NOTICES

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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>Social Justice Sunday 29 September</p> <p>The title of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019–2020 is <i>Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world</i>. The statement is available at: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/ten-step-leaflets/. The document affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements that are harmful to the dignity of individuals and the common good.</p>	Click here to download brochure
New	<p>Blessing of Animals: Monday 7 October, 9:30a.m., Parish of St Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul</p> <p>The annual Blessing of Animals will be held on the long weekend in October, at 9:30a.m. on Monday, 7 October. All animals are welcome ... Obstreperous camels must be on tight leashes. Leopards must be easily spotted. Chooks must purchase their eggs from IGA. On 4 October, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of St Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals." Every year, millions of animals are blessed by priests/friars in a ceremony that touches the hearts of most of those in attendance.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 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>
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><i>Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. (followed by a meal):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on 9 October • Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow on 23 October 	<p>Click to download image</p>
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</i></p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>

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	<p><i>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>	
Continuing	<p>Worship Nights: The Power of your Testimony with Guest Speaker Cathy Kennedy</p> <p>Saturday 19 October 2019, 7:30p.m. –9:00p.m., St Mary MacKillop Parish Church, 94 Oran Park Drive Oran Park</p> <p>We all know the power of sharing stories with one another – they inspire and offer us insight into our own life and story. This evening is a Spirit-filled opportunity for all who have experienced Alpha to come together to experience the sharing of story along with live worship and prayer. Let’s celebrate and share all that God has been doing in our parishes through Alpha. A night definitely not to be missed. The guest speaker will be Cathy Kennedy, Mission Coordinator at St Declans Penshurst and former Director of <i>Encounter</i> for the Archdiocese of Sydney. RSVP by 14 Oct to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	<p>Click to download poster</p>
Continuing	<p>EWTN Catholic Answers Speaker Karlo Broussard comes to Wollongong - Sunday 13 October 2019 (Parousia Media)</p> <p>Topic: "My Truth, Your Truth" Tackling relativism and the damage it has done to the modern world. 5:00pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral 38 Harbour Street Wollongong. 6:00pm Xavier Centre - light supper provided.</p> <p>6:30 Talk: "My Truth, Your Truth" 7:30pm Q&A 8pm: Close</p> <p>Catechists will have attendance logged on their record of ongoing training.</p> <p>RSVP: All welcome – for catering purposes – please RSVP Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	
Amended Notice	<p>A Winemaker’s Dinner with Tim Kirk Australian Winemaker of the Year 2013</p> <p>Friday, 18 October Clonakilla focus @ Ruby’s Mount Kembla 6:30pm predinner drinks 7pm Dinner Cost: \$200 includes five courses and a selection of Clonakilla wines. Charity Dinner - all profits to Nazareth House in Ghana.</p> <p>Proceeds from ticket sales will support Catholic Mission’s Ghana Appeal. Limited seats, book now!</p> <p>Tickets: http://www.clonakilla.com.au/special-events</p> <p>Enquiries: David Harrison 0449 716 363 or wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au</p>	<p>Click to download poster</p>

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Continuing	<p>CCD Catechist Retreat</p> <p>Macarthur – Highlands: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Monday, 21 October, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. For bookings or questions please contact Cindy Oliver by 14 October, on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au. <i>There is no cost involved. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.</i></p> <p>Illawarra – Shoalhaven: St Mary Star of the Sea, 166 Fern St Gerringong, Friday, 18 October, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. For bookings or questions please contact Cindy Oliver by 11 October, on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au. <i>There is no cost involved. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>Worldwide Marriage Encounter</p> <p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend 8–10 November 2019 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! 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>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. Please Note: applications to attend with the diocese will close 8 November 2019. 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>	<p>Click to download ACYF 2019 logo</p>

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New	<p>The Journey Catholic Radio Show—airs 6 October 2019</p> <p>This week on the Journey, Fr Mark reflects on the Gospel of Luke 17:5-9. Mother Hilda encourages us to “walk in the footsteps of Jesus”. Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, reminds us about “Passing on the Faith”, and our very own Pete Gilmore asks, “Is This a Costume Party?” We are yet again blessed to have some amazing Christian Music artists to complement our program. 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>	<p>Click to download logo</p>
New	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor. (Luke 16:19-31)</p> <p>Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.</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 <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>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>Six full day guided retreat</p> <p>Saturday 23 November to Saturday 30 November 2019 at Hartzler Park, Bowral</p> <p>Presenter: Fr. Philip Malone MSC</p> <p>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</p>	

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	<p>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)</p> <p>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 with CatholicCare Wollongong please email us on fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 0418 783 956.</p>	
Continuing	<p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>LIVE Local—Macarthur Youth Group</p> <p>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>.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource</p> <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>	

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Continuing	<p>Cathedral Books and Gifts</p> <p>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.</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 4640 8550.</p>	