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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	3 September 2019	For weekend:	7–8 September 2019

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	Stand and Pray for Life Rally—Campbelltown Sunday 15 September 2019, 3 p.m.–5 p.m. The Anglican churches of Campbelltown are inviting the Macarthur Catholic churches to join them at a local rally to call on the NSW Parliament to say no to the proposed abortion laws. There will be local speakers and an opportunity to pray together for the sanctity of life. 3 p.m. – Assemble in Mawson Park, Campbelltown (117 Queen St) 3:20 p.m. – Speeches 3:40 p.m. – Prayer 4 p.m. – March down Queen Street	
Continuing	Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 25–27 October 2019 Cataract Scout Camp Appin 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	Click to download brochure and registration form

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Continuing	Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) 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	Click to download ACYF 2019 logo
New	The Journey Catholic Radio Show—airs 15 September 2019 This week on the Journey, Fr Mark DeBattista gives his homily for this week's Gospel, and you'll also hear from Mother Hilda Scott in her Wisdom from the Abbey. There are heaps of great music too. Christian music artists on our show. Go to www.icr.org.au or www.icr.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	Click to download logo
New	A vocation view You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33) Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.	
Continuing	menALIVE Southern Highlands Regional weekend: 21–22 September 2019, Bowral Parish 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 or lan Boorman 0427 006 021 or www.menalive.dow.org.au	Click to download Bowral brochure Click to download logo

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Continuing	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 10 a.m2 p.m.	
	 Wollongong, Saturday 23 November 2019 at 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 and homebound 10 a.m.—2:30 p.m.	
	 Nowra, Saturday 14 September 2019 at 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 at liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462. Registration essential to Anthony Rewak on 4222 2465 or anthony.rewak@dow.org.au .	
Continuing	Social Justice Statement	Click to
	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	download logo
Continuing	Holy Hour for young adults 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	Click to download image

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	(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 6:30 p.m.−7:30 p.m. (followed by a meal): • St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong on 9 October	
	Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow on 23 October	
Continuing	What are you doing in 2020? How about living your life on purpose? 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. 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. Call the Wollongong NET Team on 0433 007 282 to book your spot or to have your questions answered.	Click to download logo
Continuing	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. Visit www.apmn.org.au	
Continuing	Music Ministry—The Joy and Beauty of Sunday, Part II Saturday 9 November 2019, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. 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	

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	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. 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 on 4222 2465 or	
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Continuing	Six full day guided retreat	
	Saturday 23 November to Saturday 30 November 2019 at Hartzer Park, 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 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	
Continuing	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.	

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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! 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 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 LIVE Local.	
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 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.	
Continuing	CAtHFAMILY	Click to
	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	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.	
	Enter the store via Crown St, Xavier Centre, Wollongong. For enquiries, phone 4222 2484.	

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Continuing	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 4640 8550.	