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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	8 October 2019	For weekend:	12–13 October 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	A Pilgrim's Walking Retreat - The Carcoar Camino Friday 11 October 6pm to Sunday 13 October 3pm 2019 Come & enjoy a two-day retreat following the way of the pilgrim walking the shalom labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar valley. This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises. Cost: \$200 (Includes all meals and accommodation) For bookings phone 6367 3058 email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com online: http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/	Click to download poster
Continuing	DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG POSITION VACANT – REGIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR The Office of the Bishop is seeking to fill the position of Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator. The position is parttime, based in Campbelltown. The successful applicant will assist in a variety of Youth Ministry initiatives, especially regional youth group (LIVE local), in the Macarthur region. Please send letter and resume to Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator at seth.harsh@dow.org.au by Wednesday 16 October 2019. Enquiries should be directed to Helen Bennett on 4222 2403	

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Continuing	"A Walk Through Rosemeadow Church" is now available Beautiful hardcover book on the theology and spirituality underpinning the design of the church written by Fr Christopher Sarkis. It contains full colour pictures of all the windows, statues & art works, as well as photos from the Mass of Dedication. It is a spiritual synthesis of what we believe as Catholic Christians in words and pictures making it an ideal gift. Also available is the Dedication Mass DVD. If you would like to order a copy of book or DVD, please visit website www.olhcrosemeadow.org.au , or contact Rosemeadow parish office on 02 4628 1385.	Click to view book cover
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
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 (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	Click to download image

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Continuing	Worship Nights: The Power of your Testimony with Guest Speaker Cathy Kennedy Saturday 19 October 2019, 7:30p.m. —9:00p.m., St Mary MacKillop Parish Church, 94 Oran Park Drive Oran Park 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 Encounter for the Archdiocese of Sydney. RSVP by 14 Oct to Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au	Click to download poster
Continuing	A Winemaker's Dinner with Tim Kirk Australian Winemaker of the Year 2013 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. Proceeds from ticket sales will support Catholic Mission's Ghana Appeal. Limited seats, book now! Tickets: http://www.clonakilla.com.au/special-events Enquiries: David Harrison 0449 716 363 or wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au	Click to download poster
Continuing	Social Justice Statement The "new evangelization", which the modern world urgently needs and which I have emphasized many times, must include among its essential elements a proclamation of the Church's social doctrine. As in the days of Pope Leo XIII, this doctrine is still suitable for indicating the right way to respond to the great challenges of today, when ideologies are being increasingly discredited. Now, as then, we need to repeat that there can be no genuine solution of the "social question" apart from the Gospel, and that the "new things" can find in the Gospel the context for their correct understanding and the proper moral perspective for judgment on them JOHN PAUL II, 1st May 1991	Click to download logo

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Continuing	Catechist craft day/morning tea - with special guest Steve Chard – The Puppet Man to demonstrate how to use puppets. Macarthur – Highlands: Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown. Wednesday 23 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. There is no cost involved. Morning tea is provided.	
Continuing	CCD Catechist Retreat 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. There is no cost involved. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch. 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. There is no cost involved. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.	
Continuing	Worldwide Marriage Encounter 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.wwwme.org.au Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com	
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

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New	The Journey Catholic Radio Show—airs 20 October 2019 This week on the Journey, Fr Mark reflects on the Gospel of St Luke. There are inputs form Mother Hilda Scott gracing the show as well as Peter Gilmore and Trish McCarthy, and some great worship music this week. Go to www.icr.org.au or www.icr.org.au or www.icr.org.au to get weekly shows - for free	Click to download logo
New	A vocation view Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude. (Luke 17:11-19) Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au .	
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.m.—2 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. 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	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)	

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	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.	
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 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.	

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Continuing	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 Cathedral Books and 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.	
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.	