

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>Aid to the Church in Need</p> <p>Fr Bernard Gordon, VG invites the Diocese of Wollongong to an evening of devotional prayers and Mass on Wednesday 20 November 2019 commencing 6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour St Wollongong.</p> <p>In support of the Christian faithful wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Australian Church in Need (ACN) is a Catholic charity helping to bring Christ to the world through Prayer, Information and Action.</p> <p>In support of the ACN the Cathedral will be lit up in red from 7.30pm – 10pm—All welcome!</p>	Click to download logo
NEW	<p>The Epiphany Pilgrimage 2 – 8 January 2020</p> <p>The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way.</p> <p>Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage</p>	

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NEW	<p>Volunteers Required for Cathedral Books & Gifts, Wollongong</p> <p>Do you have a spare morning or afternoon once a week? No experience needed as you will be working with another volunteer. Contact Wendy 0457 023 556</p>	
	<p>Calling All Business People</p> <p>This year, Bishop Brian Mascord 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 fourth and final CBC luncheon for 2019 will be held on Thursday 14 November 2019 at levelone@harbourfront Wollongong Harbour (12pm–2pm). Mrs Elizabeth Espinosa, President of the Law Society of New South Wales, will be speaking on “Trust and Integrity – Touchstones for success in private and public life”. 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 November luncheon is Thursday 7 November.</p>	<p>Click to download Logo</p>
Continuing	<p>The Catholic bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for the gift of rain during November.</p> <p>The faithful across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national—and so should the response be national. For access to prayer resources and links to donate to the Diocese of Bathurst Drought Appeal and the Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal, visit: www.catholic.org.au/drought</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Prayer for rain and those affected</p> <p>Eternal God,</p> <p>In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.</p> <p>We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.</p> <p>Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.</p> <p>In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.</p> <p>Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.</p> <p>St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Gather Australia Hymn Book</p> <p>Rosemeadow Parish is looking for some more of the Gather Australia Hymn Books, (1995 edition). If any parish has any surplus or unused copies, could you please contact Rosemeadow Parish Office on 4628 1385. Thank you.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Missionary Leadership Formation Opportunity – Exciting New Course</p> <p><i>Foundation for Missionary Leadership</i> is designed to empower and equip participants to develop the skills necessary to be a missionary leader in the Church today. The year long course, run by the Missionaries of God's Love <i>Arete' Centre</i> provides a highly practical and encounter based formation process with special focus areas of Youth Ministry, Adult Evangelisation and Music Ministry. The Diocese plans to host a group of interested participants in either the Macarthur or Wollongong area. Applications close on 30 November 2019. For more information please contact Darren at darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or 4222 2463. Information can also be found at www.aretecentre.org</p>	<p>Click to download course brochure</p>
Continuing	<p>"A Walk Through Rosemeadow Church" is now available</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Click to view book cover</p>
Continuing	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>If we then inquire as to the source of this mistaken concept of the nature of the person and the "subjectivity" of society, we must reply that its first cause is atheism. It is by responding to the call of God contained in the being of things that man becomes aware of his transcendent dignity. Every individual must give this response, which constitutes the apex of his</p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>

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	<p>humanity, and no social mechanism or collective subject can substitute for it. The denial of God deprives the person of his foundation, and consequently leads to a reorganization of the social order without reference to the person's dignity and responsibility. — JOHN PAUL II, 1st May 1991</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.</p> <p>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>
New	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Jesus approaches us and wants to come stay with us. Be ready to change your ways, like Zacchaeus, to follow Jesus. (Luke 19:1-10) Please contact the Vocations Team at priesthood@dow.org.au.</p>	
New	<p>The Journey Catholic Radio Show—airs 10 November 2019</p> <p>You won't want to miss the exceptional lineup we have on the show this week. Getting closer to the season of advent we reflect with Fr Mark, Mother Hilda Scott, Pete Gilmore and Byron and Francine Pirola. You'll hear your all-time favourites – Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan too. We have lots in store in this week's show, you won't want to miss it! 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>
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>	

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	<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 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 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>	

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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>	
Continuing	<p>CAtHFAMILY</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>
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>	

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