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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	26 November 2019	For weekend:	30 November–1 December 2019

RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
Continuing	"Songs of Joy" 15 December 15 at SS Peter and Paul Church Kiama 2:30 p.m. A combined chorus of over 180 singers from Sydney and the South Coast are joining together for a sensational afternoon of song. Entry to the concert is by donation with all proceeds going to Charity "The Homestead of Hope". A proud collaborative endeavour by Kiama Churches to support those in need within our community.	Click to download flyer
NEW	A vocation view Make your decision to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now. If anyone would like to know more, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at vocations@dow.org.au	
NEW	Social Justice Statement I have seen (God) so close to those who suffer, to those who cry, to those who are shipwrecked in this life of abandonment, that there has been a burning desire in me to imitate him in this voluntary proximity to the derelict of the world, whom society despises" (Este Japón increible. Memoria del P. Arrupe, 4th edition Mensajero, Bilbao, 1991, p. 19). — Pope Francis 7/11/19	Click to download logo

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NEW	The Journey Catholic Radio Show—airs 01 December 2019 This week on the Journey we have an exceptional lineup. Kicking off advent we involve our local priests and reflect on the Gospel each week with reflections from our Advent Reflection book, <i>The Way</i> . This week, Fr Gregory Pine OP takes us on a journey from the Gospel of Matthew. We also hear from Pete Gilmore, Mother Hilda Scott and Sam Clear, just to name a couple of the great inputs on the 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
Continuing	The Epiphany Pilgrimage 2 – 8 January 2020 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. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage	
Continuing	Made for Each Other Summer School 20–24 Jan 2020 St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart Tasmania A unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35 to explore the depth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality and marriage. Last year's participants found that the Summer School was an immersive formation experience that was delivered in a faith-filled and friendly environment. Key features include: Excellent speakers (Katrina Zeno, Archbishop Julian Porteous, Christine Wood and more), lively group discussions, Mass & prayer time, social occasions and an alpine bushwalk. For more information: https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/matrimonium-summer-school-2020 or call Ben Smith 03 6208 6036 or ben.smith@aohtas.org.au	Click to download brochure Click to download Program Summary

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Continuing	2020 Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Conference: Anointed. 20–22 March 2020, Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops Early Bird Tickets Available Now! Only \$239 includes food and accommodation. Limited tickets available. The special price is available only until 30 November 2019. Book your spot - https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP	Click to download flyer
Continuing	Join the adventure It is with great excitement we announce CatholicCare will be holding a fundraising trek to the iconic Larapinta Trail (near Alice Springs) on 28 September – 4 October 2020. We are seeking participants to undertake the trek and help raise \$100,000 to help children in need throughout the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Macarthur and Southern Highlands areas. To find out more visit http://tiny.cc/CatholicCareLarapinta	
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. For more information contact robyn.bailey@dow.org.au	
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	CAthramily Cathramily brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website. Don't miss Cathractive: 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.	