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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	4 December 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)
NEW POSITION VACANT	THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO (JCR) PROGRAM COORDINATOR (CASUAL) DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG The Office of the Bishop is seeking to appoint a Journey Catholic Radio (JCR) Program Coordinator on a casual basis to produce a weekly radio show and podcast and manage related promotions. Applications must include a resume outlining qualifications, skills and experience, and outlining your personal commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church. The names and contact details of at least two referees should be provided. The position description is available at www.dow.org.au/jobs Applications should be addressed to Mr Jude Hennessy, Director, Office of Renewal and Evangelisation, Office of the Bishop, PO Box 1239 Wollongong NSW 2500 or emailed to helen.bennett@dow.org.au Any enquiries should be directed to Mr Jude Hennessy 4222 2407. Applications close: Monday 16 December 2018	

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 Who, today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord, to clear Him a straight path? Good, I prayed you would. If anyone would like to know more, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at vocations@dow.org.au	
NEW	Every year the liturgy invites us to contemplate God in the candour of an underprivileged child who came among his own people, but was not received (cf. Jn 1:11). According to Saint Ignatius, a handmaid — a maidservant, a person, a young woman who serves — assists the Holy Family (cf. Spiritual Exercises, nn. 111-114). Together with her, Ignatius exhorts us to be there too. I will make "myself a poor creature and a wretch of an unworthy slave, looking at them and serving them" (ibid). This is neither poetry nor publicity; Ignatius felt this. And he practiced it. — <i>Pope Francis 7/11/19</i>	Click to download logo
NEW	The Journey Catholic Radio Show—airs 08 December 2019 Here on the Journey this week, we have nothing but the best to continue the Advent Season. You'll hear from Fr Antony Jukes, straight from the Advent program as well as the wonderful Mother Hilda Scott, Bruce Downes and Sam Clear, just to name a few. Go to 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. If you love the show, let your local radio station know that you'd like to hear it broadcast locally each week.	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	Click to download brochure
	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 Program Summary
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.	

Continuing	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 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.	
Continuing	CAthramily Cathramily brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website. Don't miss Cathrids: 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.	