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| From: | Helen Bennett | Ref: | JH/hb:2020/04 |
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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>Project Compassion 2020</p> <p>As we approach the end of January, Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion material is arriving at our Parishes. As the Australian catholic agency for international humanitarian relief and development, Caritas has a unique understanding and appreciation of the impact the recent bushfires, and ongoing drought has had on our Australian communities.</p> <p>Caritas Australia has been touched to receive many messages and offers of support from our international partners, through our Caritas Internationalis network. Caritas Australia, and our international partners, stand in solidarity with those affected by these events. We send our ongoing love, support and prayers to all who have been impacted in any way. We encourage people to work with the relevant catholic agencies such as St Vinnies and CatholicCare to provide the necessary support to the Australian communities affected.</p> <p>Project Compassion will again offer stories of hope throughout Lent. I invite Parishes to engage with these stories as they see fit, in light of recent circumstances. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to chat about Project Compassion 2020, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on monica.ward-mccann@caritas.org.au or by mobile on 0419 553 171.</p> | |

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| NEW | <p>Macarthur Youth Group - LIVE Local returns on Friday 7 February 2020 for another exciting year. LIVE Local is a place and an opportunity 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 it is hosted by passionate and formed 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</p> | |
| NEW | <p>Come and Celebrate - Diocesan Rite of Election 2020 Sunday 1 March 2020 2pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour St Wollongong</p> <p>Each year the Diocese, at the Rite of Election, welcomes and affirms the journey of many adults who desire to join our Catholic faith. The Rite of Election celebrates the calling and invitation by God to become part of his family. You are invited to join and celebrate with our candidates and catechumens who are taking this next step along their journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. For more information please contact Darren McDowell at darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</p> | |
| NEW | <p>Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend 17 – 19 April 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville</p> <p>Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! Book online at www.wwme.org.au Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Level 1 Training Course for Catechists (including Child Protection and Classroom Management and Mission and Ministry of the Catechist)</p> <p>Macarthur – Highlands: Venue: CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown Start date: Monday, 3 February (6-week course on consecutive Mondays) Time: 9.30a.m. — 1.30p.m. Updates available for Child Protection and Classroom Management on Monday 3 February. For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au.</p> <p>There is no cost involved with these courses. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.</p> | |

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| | <p>Illawarra – Shoalhaven: Venue: Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong Start date: Friday, 7 February (6-week course on consecutive Fridays) Time: 9.30a.m. — 1.30p.m. Updates available for Child Protection and Classroom Management on Friday 10 February. For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver by 31 February, on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au. There is no cost involved with these courses. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Plenary Council 2020</p> <p>Many parishioners have been involved in the process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment in preparation for the Plenary Council to be held in Adelaide during October this year.</p> <p>Bishop Brian has requested Expressions of Interest from anyone interested in being a Diocesan Delegate to accompany him to the Council. Our Diocese has been allocated two Delegates and two reserve Delegates.</p> <p>For more information please contact your parish priest, school principal or Agency leader.</p> <p>Check our Diocesan website dow.org.au for more information. This will include Expression of Interest Forms and Role Description for Delegates.</p> <p>Applications need to be sent to john.tubridy@dow.org.au by Tuesday 4 February 2020.</p> | <p>Click to download Role Description of Delegates</p> <p>Click to download Expression of Interest Form</p> |
| NEW | <p>Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park Retreats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift of Ageing ... Awakening ... to God's Surprising Gifts! 6 Day Retreat: 6-12 March 2020 \$750 or \$250 for the weekend 6-8 March Sr Kerin Caldwell sgs Sr Kerin has a background in education and this interest strengthened her commitment to adult growth and development. Themes include: Less doing and more being; Surprising spiritual growth and new life; Retirement Today – is there such a thing; How am I coping with change; Living now. • Mindfulness and the Presence of God Retreat Weekend 13-15 March \$250 Presenters: Michelle Vass & Mr Lou Nulley Topics include: Being Mindful in the Christian Tradition; Mindfulness practices; The effect of mindfulness on the brain; | |

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| | <p>Mindfulness meditation; Using the body to help us to be mindful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul’s Letter to the Galatians: 6 Day 20-26 March \$750 or weekend 20-22 March \$250: Fr Michael Fallon msc We will begin with Paul’s life up to the time he composed this letter, and then we will explore the whole Letter reflecting on what Jesus meant to Paul, and how Paul understood Christian freedom, as well as faith, hope and love, and what it means to live a moral life as a follower of Jesus. • Men’s Prayer Weekend: 27-29 March \$250: Paul White and Fr Thang Nguyen msc Transitions occur frequently in our work, relationships, spirituality and health. During this retreat we will be reflecting on scripture and modern authors regarding the interaction between trust and discernment particularly at times of transition in our lives. <p>RSVP 4630 0233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: https://towersretreat.org.au</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>The relics of Carmelite saint, St Therese of Lisieux plus her recently canonised parents, Ss Louis and Zelig Martin are coming to the diocese as part of a national pilgrimage in January—April 2020 organised by Catholic Mission in partnership with funeral provider, InvoCare. The pilgrimage will also be raising funds for the NSW Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. You can view the diocesan itinerary for the pilgrimage (which will continue to be updated as more details are confirmed) at dow.sh/TheresePilgrimage</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>St Therese relics pilgrimage at Rosemeadow</p> <p>This year there is to be a National Pilgrimage of the relics of the much-loved St Therese of Lisieux, the “Little Flower”, together with the relics of her recently canonised parents, Louis and Zelig Martin. The Relics will be in the Parish church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow, on Thursday 19 March from 4:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. This will also be open to other parishes in the region for anyone to come and venerate these holy and unique relics of the only family to be canonised. A full schedule of devotions, which will include liturgical reception, Mass and Veneration, will be published in due course. Mark the day and time now to be able to participate in this rare and unique event which will bring many graces and blessings upon all those who venerate these unique saints and seek their holy intercession.</p> | |

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| Continuing | <p>Strengthening Your Relationships</p> <p>CatholicCare Wollongong has released our course dates for 2020, offering education and group work courses for adults, parents and carers, children and couples. We offer a range of courses to strengthen relationships and build resilience within a supportive environment alongside others who share similar life experiences.</p> <p>If you have any questions or would like to book into one of our courses, please call 4254 9395 or email IntakeService@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p> | |
| Position Vacant | <p>Aged and Disability positions in Macarthur</p> <p>CatholicCare is growing our services in the Macarthur and have multiple vacancies in our Aged & Disability Service. This is exciting, creative and rewarding work - every day is different, and every day gives people the chance to form meaningful supportive relationships in the community. We are looking for innovative, hands on people to join our team. CatholicCare offer a flexible work schedules, salary packaging and a range of other benefits.</p> <p>For further information contact Melissa Wentworth-Perry on 4628 8555. To apply visit: catholiccare.dow.org.au</p> | |
| Position Vacant | <p>Music Ministry Coordinator – Casual Position at Mary Immaculate Eagle Vale</p> <p>Expressions of interest and applications are sought for the position of Music Ministry Coordinator at Mary Immaculate Parish Eagle Vale. This casual role, up to 7hrs per week, will coordinate music for all Sunday masses, as well as other liturgies requiring music, and provide basic level of training and formation for music ministers. The Music Co-ordinator will work closely with the priests, parish leadership team, musicians and singers to ensure liturgies possess vibrant, beautiful and prayerful musical elements. Closing date for application is Friday 14 February. Further information and application forms can be made by contacting Darren McDowell, at the Diocesan Offices, on 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</p> | |
| NEW | <p>A Vocation view</p> <p>Simeon and Anna both recognize Christ as He appears in their midst, because they have both spent years in prayer to constantly connect with the Father. Time in prayer disposes us to hear His voice. (Luke 2:22-40) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at vocations@dow.org.au</p> | |

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| NEW | <p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>At present there is an abundance of injustice and situations of human pain with which we are all too familiar. “Perhaps one can speak of a third war, one fought ‘piecemeal’, with crimes, massacres, destruction...” (Homily, Redipuglia, 13 September 2014). Human trafficking exists; instances of xenophobia and the selfish search for national interests abound; inequality between countries, and increasingly so within them, and all without a remedy. And I would say growing exponentially.— <i>Pope Francis 7/11/19</i></p> | Click to download logo |
| NEW | <p>The Journey Catholic Radio Show</p> <p>The Journey Catholic Radio show kicks off again on February 9. 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> | Click to download logo |
| Continuing | <p>2020 Sisterhood National Catholic Women’s Conference: Anointed. 20–22 March 2020, Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Join women from around Australia and the Diocese of Wollongong for this inspiring conference.</p> <p>Special Student Rate \$186.00 Book your spot - https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP</p> | Click to download flyer |
| Continuing | <p>National Biennial Liturgy Conference 12-14 March 2020</p> <p>The National Biennial Liturgy Conference is an Australian gathering of liturgy representatives, pastoral ministers, catechists, musicians, educators and all who are interested in liturgy. The keynote speaker is Fr Paul Turner, Kansas City, Missouri, USA.</p> <p>The 2020 conference will be held at Novotel Sydney Parramatta and begins on Thursday 12 March at 2.30pm. It concludes with lunch on Saturday 14 March 2020. The conference will focus on fostering and forming the people of God at prayer.</p> | Click to download flyer |
| Continuing | <p>2020 Wollongong Hospital Mass</p> <p>All are welcome to pray for our sick in the Private Hospital on the third floor near the lift on every Fridays at 9.30 a.m. To every Saturday Mass in Public Hospital at 9.30 a.m. in the Chapel on the ground floor.</p> <p>Fr George Condookala can be contacted on 0475 815 506.</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>Take a risk and give the gift of faith</p> <p>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!</p> <p>For more information, ask your parish priest or please call 4640 8550.</p> | |