

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	<p>Rising from the Ashes – A Time for Healing:</p> <p>A Bushfire Recovery Family Event - Saturday 29 February 2020 at the Ulladulla Civic Centre</p> <p>PROGRAM: Midday - 4 pm including 1 – 1.30 Healing & Blessing Ceremony. Food Fair, Music, Family Entertainment, Activities and More! This event is being coordinated by the Milton Catholic Parish, in collaboration with other churches, community groups, schools & local businesses, and embracing the whole community. Everyone is welcome, including pets. Please donate to a combined churches Cake and Condiment Stall, packaging and labelling what ingredients you've used for your goodies. Kindly deliver these to our Churches Stall at the Civic Centre on 29/02/20. Please volunteer and support this event. (Even one hour of time is very helpful and appreciated.) For further information, contact Vivienne Benson-Hodge E: yulan@westnet.com.au M: 0407 264 665 and/or Fr Michael Dyer: michael.dyer@dow.org.au or T: 4455 1313</p>	<p>Click to download poster</p>
NEW	<p>National Day of Prayer & Fasting – Saturday 22 February 2020</p> <p>Praying for more rain & the full quenching of the fires. Over 70 locations Australia-wide will celebrate the day with combined church gatherings for prayer, repentance, worship and celebration between 10am – 4pm, with hundreds of other smaller prayer meetings all around the nation.</p>	<p>Click to download Media Release</p> <p>Click to download poster</p>

	<p>The theme for 2020 is “Together for the Glory of God.” Inspired by Romans 15:6, “Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”</p> <p>Register now: www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au</p> <p>Please refer to the attached media release and poster for more details.</p>	
NEW	<p>Tribunal of the Catholic Church</p> <p>Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.</p> <p>For further information please phone the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal Office on 4222 2409 or email tribunal@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p>Young Men's Gathering</p> <p>Any young men (18+) who are open to discerning God's call in their lives are most welcome to come along to a relaxed evening of dinner, drinks and conversation, with the Vocations Director (Fr Duane Fernandez), Bishop Brian Mascord and our two current seminarians (James Arblaster and Sinh Le), this Friday 28th February from 6:30pm at the Rigney Room (next to the Cathedral Presbytery, Harbour Street Wollongong). Please RSVP to Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au for catering purposes.</p>	
NEW	<p>Calling All Business People</p> <p>Catholic Business Connections (CBC) is an opportunity for businesswomen and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC gathers 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 first luncheon for 2020 will be held on Friday 28 February at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm).</p>	

	<p>As part of the diocese’s local inter-agency emergency response to the recent bushfires in our region, our social services arm, CatholicCare, has been on the ground helping people as they deal with the immediate aftershock of the fires and will continue to be there as these people rebuild their lives in the medium and long term. Bishop Brian has invited CatholicCare’s Director Michael Austin and Executive Manager Rosanne Plunkett to be the guest speakers. They will speak on a “A heart that sees ... and responds. 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.</p> <p>RSVP for February luncheon is Monday 24 February.</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 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com or please see www.wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Why We’re Catholic – A Presentation by Trent Horn Sunday 8 March 2020, 6:30-8:30pm, Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong</p> <p>Why are you Catholic? Trent Horn, international Catholic Speaker, shares his conversion story and explains how the grace of God guided him through the biblical and historical evidence and led him to faith in Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. Come along and engage with this powerful speaker from Catholic Answers. Join us for Mass at 5pm followed by a light supper at 6pm before the presentation at 6:30pm.</p>	Click to download flyer
Continuing	<p>The Black Summer of 2019/20 has been defined by significant trauma and devastation from bushfires burning in many areas of the country. Fires have significantly impacted large tracts of the Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands and Macarthur regions of our diocese. As part of the diocese’s local inter-agency emergency response, our social services arm, CatholicCare, is on the ground helping people as they deal with the immediate aftershock of the fires and will continue to be there as they rebuild their lives in the medium and long term.</p>	

	<p>Further to its regular services, CatholicCare are offering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialised trauma-informed counsellors providing <i>free</i> face-to-face and phone counselling to meet the needs of people impacted by bushfires. • Additional <i>Community Connect</i> morning teas, providing a safe place to debrief in a supportive environment with trained staff who can help navigate a way forward. • Extra community and pastoral support programs and group work assisting with trauma recovery. <p>If you need help, contact CatholicCare’s client services staff on (02) 4254 9395 (lines are open Monday to Friday 9am–5pm) or email intakeservices@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p> <p>Bishop Brian Mascord has launched a local bushfire appeal to assist CatholicCare in this important work. Your practical support will help ensure that their additional bushfire recovery programs in our region will remain in place for as long as our community members need them. You can make a tax-deductible donation at https://www.dow.org.au/catholiccare-bushfire-appeal/</p>	
NEW	<p>Healing after abortion</p> <p>Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Information and a brochure can found at: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call us on our confidential voicemail number 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. The next retreat will be on 1-3 May 2020.</p>	
Continuing	<p>LIVE Local has kicked off for another exciting year!</p> <p>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>	
Continuing	<p>Level 1 Training Course for Catechists (including Child Protection and Classroom Management and Mission and Ministry of the Catechist) in NOWRA 3 weeks of February</p> <p>9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday 11, 18 and 25 February Nowra Parish Meeting Room Details of the course:</p>	

	<p>11 February 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP (video) • CM (video) • Introduction to Mission & Ministry (PG) • SRE Parish and School (PG) <p>18 February 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Bible (Darren) • Teaching Authority of the Church (Darren) • SRE in Parish and School (PG) • Using an Authorised Curriculum (PG) <p>25 February 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the Child and Adolescent (PG) • Children with Special Needs (PG) • Lesson planning (PG) • Wrap up / Living our Faith (PG) 	
Continuing	<p>Level 1 Training Course for Catechists (including Child Protection and Classroom Management and Mission and Ministry of the Catechist)</p> <p><i>Macarthur – Highlands:</i> Venue: CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown Start date: Monday, 3 February (5-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 you own lunch.</p> <p><i>Illawarra – Shoalhaven:</i> Venue: Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong Start date: Friday, 7 February (5-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 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 you own lunch.</p>	

Continuing	<p>Come and Celebrate - Diocesan Rite of Election 2020</p> <p>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>	
Continuing	<p>Parenting, Relationship and Mental Health education courses</p> <p>CatholicCare Wollongong has released their course dates for 2020, offering education and group work courses for adults, parents and carers 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>	
Continuing	<p>Laura needs you</p> <p>CatholicCare's Fostering Futures program is urgently looking for a forever home for an 11-year-old girl.</p> <p>Laura is a friendly and engaging girl who enjoys cooking, bike, riding, reading and loves animals. She needs foster carers who are, patient, kind and stable to help her thrive and reach her potential.</p> <p>If you think you or someone you might know has the right qualities to be her carers, please call 0418 783 956 or fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au more information.</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>	
Continuing	<p>Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony Sunday 19 April 2020 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am – 3.30pm</p> <p>Hosted by: Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. Please see flyer for contacts and additional details</p>	Click to download flyer
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>Some of you ... have begun works of service to the poorest, educational projects, attention to refugees, the defence of human rights and social services in many fields. Continue with this creative commitment, which is always in need of renewal in a society of accelerated change. Help the Church in the discernment which we must undertake today, also concerning our apostolates. Do not cease to network among yourselves and with other ecclesial and civil organizations in order to speak out in defense of the most needy in this increasingly globalized world. With this globalization that is lopsided, that erases cultural identities, religious identities, personal identities, everything is the same. True globalization must be multifaceted. Uniting us but each one maintaining his or her uniqueness. — <i>Pope Francis 7/11/19</i></p>	Click to download logo
NEW	<p>The Journey Catholic Radio Show — Airs 23 February 2020</p> <p>This week on the Journey we have a STELLAR show lined up for you! Your favourites, Mother Hilda Scott with another terrific talk and you'll also hear from Pete Gilmore. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to listen</p>	Click to download logo
Continuing	<p>2020 Wollongong Hospital Mass</p> <p>All are welcome to pray for our sick EVERY Saturday Mass in Public Hospital at 9.30 a.m. in the Chapel on the ground floor</p>	

	<p>and to Private Hospital every FIRST Friday at 9.30 am on level 3 near the lift. Fr George Condookala can be contacted on 0475 815 506.</p>	
Continuing	<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; Mindfulness meditation; Using the body to help us to be mindful. • 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>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>Click to download flyer</p>

	<p>Special Student Rate \$186.00 Book your spot - https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP</p>	
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>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>	Click to download logo
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</p>	

	<p>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>	
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