



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.

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
Continuing	<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 - 4pm 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>HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS (17+)</p> <p>You are invited to attend Holy Hour 2020. These will be held in Wollongong (Cathedral or Co Cathedral – check venue) every first Wednesday of the month and St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown every third Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm-8:30pm, followed by dinner. Each night includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship</p>	

	<p>(various styles), Reconciliation, Liturgy of the Word, short teachings, silence and Benediction.</p> <p>The first gathering will be on Wednesday 4 March 2020 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong</p> <p>For any enquiries regarding Holy Hours, contact Georgia at georgia.farrugia@dow.org.au or 4222 2427</p>	
NEW	<p>Craft Day/Morning Tea, for Catechists and Coordinators</p> <p>Macarthur – Highlands: Monday, 16 March 10.30a.m. – 12.00p.m. CCD Resource Centre, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown</p> <p>For bookings or questions please contact Mrs Cindy Oliver by 9 March, on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au.</p>	
NEW	<p>RELICS PILGRIMAGE</p> <p>As part of the National Pilgrimage, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow, will be hosting the relics of the much loved St. Therese of Lisieux, the “Little Flower”, together with the relics of her recently canonised parents, Ss. Louis and Zelie Martin in our parish church on Thursday 19 March from 4.30pm to 9.30pm. People from all parishes in our region, and indeed anyone, are welcome to come and venerate these holy and unique relics of the only family to be canonised.</p> <p>The schedule will be as follows:</p> <p>4.30pm: Solemn Liturgical Reception & Enthronement of Holy Relics in Sanctuary Reflection: <i>A Family Bringing Blessings</i> Silent Veneration</p> <p>5.45pm: Reflection: <i>The Relics of Ss. Louis, Zelie, & Therese Martin</i> Silent Veneration</p> <p>6.30pm: Reflection: <i>St. Therese of Lisieux</i> Silent Veneration</p> <p>7.30pm: Solemn Mass</p> <p>8.30pm: Silent Veneration</p> <p>9.00pm: Holy Rosary</p> <p>9.30pm: Final Prayers & Departure of Holy Relics</p>	
NEW	<p>Catholic Charismatic Renewal: Wollongong</p> <p>7:30p.m. – 9 p.m. Friday 13 March 2020 St Joseph’s room, Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra</p> <p>The Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to the first of a monthly gathering. An evening of Praise & Worship A sharing on the Theme of "God's Healing Love" Prayer Ministry. For more information: 0413 126 095</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

NEW	<p>Acies Ceremony - Legion of Mary Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wollongong Curia</p> <p>2p.m. Sunday 22 March 2020 Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Unanderra Parish, Princes Highway, Unanderra</p> <p>Celebrant: The Most Rev Bishop Brian Mascord DD together with priests of the Diocese of Wollongong</p>	<p>Click to download invitation</p>
NEW	<p>CatholicCare Staff Reunion</p> <p>To celebrate our 40th year, CatholicCare invites all previous staff members and volunteers of CatholicCare (Catholic Family Life Centre and Centacare) to attend a staff reunion, to be held at the Wollongong Golf Club on Friday 27 March 5:30pm</p> <p>RSVP by 20 March on 4227 1122 or enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
NEW	<p>Make a connection. Help save a life.</p> <p>Lifeline, in collaboration with CatholicCare, is hosting a FREE training session on suicide alertness skills.</p> <p>Date & Time: Wednesday 18th of March 2020, 5.30pm-8.30pm</p> <p>Location: CatholicCare Campbelltown - 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Street Parking available.</p> <p>Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided</p> <p>To book a spot call CatholicCare on 4628 0044</p>	
Continuing	<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 28 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>	

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>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>	
Continuing	<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!</p> <p>Book online at www.wwme.org.au</p> <p>Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com or please see www.wwme.org.au</p>	
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>	
Continuing	<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>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</p>	

	<p>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>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>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>Our world needs transformations that protect life under threat and defend the weakest. We seek changes and many times we do not know what they should be, or we do not feel able to deal with them; they are beyond us. At the borders of exclusion, we run the risk of despair if we follow human logic alone. It is surprising that so often the victims of this world do not allow themselves to be overcome by the temptation to give in; rather, they trust and cling to hope.— <i>Pope Francis 7/11/19</i></p>	Click to download logo
NEW	<p>The Journey Catholic Radio Show — Aired 1 March 2020</p> <p>This week on the Journey we have Week 1 of Lent for you! The Gospel read by Bishop Brian, reflections by Fr Chris Sarkis and Sr Anastasia Reeves. Your favourites, Mother Hilda Scott with a terrific talk on Fasting, and you'll also hear from Torrien Lau from Men Alive ministry. 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 and to Private Hospital every FIRST Friday at 9.30 am on level 3 near the lift.</p> <p>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 <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mindfulness and the Presence of God Retreat Weekend 13-15 March \$250 <p>Presenters: Michelle Vass & Mr Lou Nulley</p> <p>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.</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 <p>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</p>	

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Prayer Weekend: 27-29 March \$250: Paul White and Fr Thang Nguyen msc <p>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> <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>Special Student Rate \$186.00 Book your spot - https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP</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 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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