

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	5 February 2020	For weekend:	8 – 9 February 2020

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	<p>Special collections at Masses across the country on the Australia Day weekend have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support people and communities affected by the devastating bushfires. This is one part of a multi-dimensional response of the Catholic community across the nation to the drama of the situation we face.</p> <p>Catholic Emergency Relief Australia (CERA) is a new collaboration of national Catholic organisations that will help coordinate the Church's ongoing response to the bushfire crisis and future domestic natural disasters. Find out more at www.cera.catholic.org.au</p>	
NEW	<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</p> <p>Details of the course: 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) 	
NEW	<p>Rising from the ashes – a time for healing: Bushfire Recovery Family Event - Saturday 29 February 2020 at the Ulladulla Civic Centre</p> <p>PROGRAM: Midday – 3:00p.m. Outdoor Food Fair, Music, Family Entertainment, Activities & More! 1p.m. – 1:30p.m. Healing Ceremony: Acknowledgement of Country, Singing, Speech, Poetry, Meditation, Scripture Reading, Prayer & Blessing. This event is being coordinated by the Milton Catholic Parish Outreach Team in collaboration with other churches, regional community service groups and local businesses.</p> <p>Please bake and cook for a Combined Churches Cake and Condiment Stall, packaging and labelling with the ingredients used for your goodies. Kindly deliver to the churches outdoor stall at the Civic Centre on the actual day. Kindly volunteer and/or be present for this event.</p> <p>Please also pray that our Catholic parish will continue to have a firm footprint in the public square. This is essential if we are to be effective missionary disciples of Jesus. Contact Vivienne Benson-Hodge E: yulan@westnet.com.au T: 0407 264 665 and/or Fr Michael for further information.</p>	
NEW	<p>Identifying and building on your child’s Learning Strengths Monday 17 February 2020 7p.m. – 8:30p.m. Edmund Rice College Centre Entry via Mt Keira Rd</p> <p>Free admission Book tickets here: https://www.trybooking.com/BHNJA</p>	Click to download flyer
NEW	<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</p>	

	<p>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>	
NEW	<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>	
AMENDED	<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>	
AMENDED	<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 (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 your own lunch.</p>	

	<p>Illawarra – Shoalhaven: 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. There is no cost involved with these courses. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.</p>	
Continuing	<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>	
Continuing	<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>	
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! 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>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"> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <p>RSVP 4630 0233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: https://towersretreat.org.au</p>	
<p>Continuing</p>	<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>	
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>‘I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.’ In the Cross is our salvation, proclaim that salvation in all you do! (1 Cor 2:2) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>To follow Jesus in these circumstances involves a set of tasks. It begins with accompanying the victims, to contemplate in them the face of our crucified Lord and continues in being attentive to the human needs that arise, many times innumerable and unattainable in their entirety. Today, it is also necessary to reflect on the reality of the world, to unmask its evils, to discover the best responses,</p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>

	to generate the apostolic creativity and depth. — <i>Pope Francis 7/11/19</i>	
NEW	<p>The Journey Catholic Radio Show — Airs 9 February 2020</p> <p>On the first show back for the Journey in 2020 we have a stellar lineup for you, including Trish McCarthy with a wonderful piece called <i>Rest</i> and Mother Hilda Scott with another sensation Godspot. 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. If you love the show, let your local radio station know that you’d like to hear it broadcast locally each week.</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>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>	