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| Date: | 10 March 2020 | For weekend: | 14 – 15 March 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) |
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| NEW | ADORATION: Holy Hour for Young Adults (17-35) Wednesday 18 March 2020 at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown | |
| | Come and join a growing, vibrant group of young adults this Wednesday evening for Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, Reconciliation, Scripture, teaching and quiet reflection, followed by food and fellowship with other young adults. For enquiries contact Georgia at georgia.farrugia@dow.org.au or 4222 2427 or check our Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong on Facebook | |
| NEW | Disciples School of Mission The Disciples School of Mission (DSM) is fast approaching. The DSM Youth Ministry Training School will take place at the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, from 16 to 19 April 2020. After the school there will be opportunities for optional short-term missions to Darwin, Townsville and PNG. The school is a great opportunity to be formed in Christian discipleship and to be equipped for ministry and evangelisation. Over the past 20 years many young people have been strengthened in their faith journey and empowered for mission as a result of participating in the DSM and its predecessor the Asia-Pacific School of Evangelisation. Please encourage the next generation of missionaries to come and participate in DSM. The flyer for DSM is attached, and more information can be obtained at: http://www.disciplesschoolofmission.com.au . | Click to download flyer |

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| NEW | Weathering the Storm – Sharing our Stories of Drought, Fire and Rain. Restoring Life in Times of Crisis | Click to download flyer |
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| | Wednesday 18 March 2020 Daytime Session 9.30am – 3.00pm or | |
| | Evening Sessions 5.30pm – 8.30pm Everything is provided, just bring yourselves, your stories, your experiences. No cost to participants. | |
| | RSVP/Enquiries: Patricia Thomas, Grief Care: 9646 6908 <u>care@griefcare.com.au</u> or Sr Merrilyn Lee, Hartzer Park on 4861 3223, <u>hartzprk@bigpond.net.au</u> | |
| NEW | SCARF Refugee Support is a Wollongong based organisation helping refugee entrants to build a sense of belonging and navigate the practical and personal challenges of starting a new life in Australia. SCARF is currently on the lookout for a new home in 2020. | |
| | We are looking for a suitable base that is reasonably close to public transport CBD fringe or a suburban centre accessible to SCARF community members. We love the idea of having access to space (and ideally a kitchen) to run our activities and programs but we recognised the need to be flexible and pragmatic, and the importance of keeping operating costs low. | |
| | If you have any suggestions or are aware of any spaces that might be suitable for SCARF, please get in touch with Pippa Rendel at ceo@scarfsupport.org.au and, please feel free to put the extend this notice out to your local networks. | |
| Continuing | Relics Pilgrimage | |
| | As part of the National Pilgrimage, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow, will be hosting the relics of the much loved <i>St. Therese of Lisieux, the "Little Flower",</i> together with the relics of her recently canonised parents, <i>Ss. Louis and Zelie Martin</i> 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. | |
| | The schedule will be as follows: 4.30pm: Solemn Liturgical Reception & Enthronement of Holy Relics in Sanctuary Reflection: A Family Bringing Blessings Silent Veneration 5.45pm: Reflection: The Relics of Ss. Louis, Zelie, & Therese Martin Silent Veneration | |

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| | 6.30pm: Reflection: St. Therese of Lisieux Silent Veneration 7.30pm: Solemn Mass 8.30pm: Silent Veneration 9.00pm: Holy Rosary 9.30pm: Final Prayers & Departure of Holy Relics | |
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| Continuing | Acies Ceremony - Legion of Mary Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wollongong Curia 2p.m. Sunday 22 March 2020 Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Unanderra Parish, Princes Highway, Unanderra Celebrant: The Most Rev Bishop Brian Mascord DD together with priests of the Diocese of Wollongong | Click to download invitation |
| Continuing | CatholicCare Staff Reunion 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 RSVP by 20 March on 4227 1122 or enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au | Click to download flyer |
| Continuing | Make a connection. Help save a life. LifeLine, in collaboration with CatholicCare, is hosting a FREE training session on suicide alertness skills. Date & Time: Wednesday 18th of March 2020, 5.30pm-8.30pm Location: CatholicCare Campbelltown - 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Street Parking available. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided To book a spot call CatholicCare on 4628 0044 | |
| Continuing | Tribunal of the Catholic Church 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. For further information please phone the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal Office on 4222 2409 or email tribunal@dow.org.au | |

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| Continuing | Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend 17 – 19 April 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville 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 | |
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| Continuing | Healing after abortion 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. | |
| Continuing | LIVE Local has kicked off 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 | |
| Continuing | The relics of Carmelite saint, St Therese of Lisieux plus her recently canonised parents, Ss Louis and Zelie 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 | |
| Continuing | Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony Sunday 19 April 2020 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am – 3.30pm Hosted by: Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. Please see flyer for contacts and additional details | Click to download flyer |

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| NEW | Social Justice Statement Does the social apostolate exist to solve problems? Yes, but above all to promote processes and to encourage hope. Processes that help people and communities to grow, that lead to awareness of their rights, to deploy their skills and to create their own future. — Pope Francis 7/11/19 | Click to download logo |
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| NEW | A Vocation view Jesus gives Living Water to those who come to Him in their need. Bring your weakness to Him, that His strength may help with your continued conversion of life. (John 4:14) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at vocations@dow.org.au | |
| NEW | The Journey Catholic Radio Show This week the Journey we dive into week 3 of Lent. Great Gospel reflection and inputs from Sr Anastasia Reeves and Mother Hilda Scott and some of Australia's best Catholic speakers. Go to icr.org.au to ensure that you get the show each week as a podcast – for free! | Click to download logo |
| Continuing | 2020 Wollongong Hospital Mass 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. Fr George Condookala can be contacted on 0475 815 506. | |
| Continuing | Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park Retreats: 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. | |

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| | RSVP 4630 0233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: https://towersretreat.org.au | |
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| Continuing | 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. Special Student Rate \$186.00 Book your spot - https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP | Click to download flyer |
| 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 | CAtHFAMILY 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 | Click to download logo |
| 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. | |