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## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	3 March 2020	<b>For weekend:</b>	7 – 8 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)
NEW	<p><b>‘Coming Home’ – Worship Night</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 14 March, 7p.m. – 8:30p.m. at Mary Immaculate Parish Hall (61 Emerald Drive Eagle Vale)</b></p> <p>Come along to this inspiring and spirit filled opportunity of praise and worship with keynote speaker Peter Gilmore looking at how through worship we ‘Come Home’ to the Father’s love. A light supper will be served from 6:30pm-7pm prior to commencement of the evening.</p>	
NEW	<p><b>Holy Hour for Young Adults (17-35) Wednesday 18 March 2020 at St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown</b></p> <p>Come and join a growing vibrant group of young adults in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship, Reconciliation, Liturgy of the Word and short teachings, silence and prayer. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays in Wollongong and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in Campbelltown. 6:30-7.45pm - followed by supper and fellowship.</p> <p>For enquiries regarding Holy Hours, contact Georgia at <a href="mailto:georgia.farrugia@dow.org.au">georgia.farrugia@dow.org.au</a> or 4222 2427 or check our Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong on Facebook.</p>	

Continuing	<p><b>Why We're Catholic – A Presentation by Trent Horn</b>  <b>Sunday 8 March 2020, 6:30-8:30pm, Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong</b></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>	<a href="#">Click to download flyer</a>
Continuing	<p><b>Craft Day/Morning Tea, for Catechists and Coordinators</b>  <b>Macarthur – Highlands:</b>  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 <a href="mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au">cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</a>.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Relics Pilgrimage</b></p> <p>As part of the National Pilgrimage, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow, will be hosting the relics of the much loved <b>St. Therese of Lisieux, the "Little Flower"</b>, together with the relics of her recently canonised parents, <b>Ss. Louis and Zelig Martin</b> in our parish church on <b>Thursday 19 March from 4.30pm to 9.30pm</b>. 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 &amp; 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, Zelig, &amp; Therese Martin</i>  Silent Veneration</p> <p>6.30pm: Reflection: <i>St. Therese of Lisieux</i>  Silent Veneration</p> <p>7.30pm: Solemn Mass  8.30pm: Silent Veneration  9.00pm: Holy Rosary  9.30pm: Final Prayers &amp; Departure of Holy Relics</p>	

Continuing	<p><b>Catholic Charismatic Renewal: Wollongong</b></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 &amp; Worship A sharing on the Theme of "God's Healing Love" Prayer Ministry. For more information: 0413 126 095</p>	<a href="#">Click to download flyer</a>
Continuing	<p><b>Acies Ceremony - Legion of Mary Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wollongong Curia</b></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>	<a href="#">Click to download invitation</a>
Continuing	<p><b>CatholicCare Staff Reunion</b></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 <a href="mailto:enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au">enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a></p>	<a href="#">Click to download flyer</a>
Continuing	<p><b>Make a connection. Help save a life.</b></p> <p>Lifeline, in collaboration with CatholicCare, is hosting a FREE training session on suicide alertness skills.</p> <p><b>Date &amp; Time:</b> Wednesday 18th of March 2020, 5.30pm-8.30pm <b>Location:</b> CatholicCare Campbelltown - 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Street Parking available. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided</p> <p>To book a spot call CatholicCare on 4628 0044</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Tribunal of the Catholic Church</b></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</p>	

	<p>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 <a href="mailto:tribunal@dow.org.au">tribunal@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend 17 – 19 April 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville</b></p> <p>Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!</p> <p>Book online at <a href="http://www.wwme.org.au">www.wwme.org.au</a></p> <p>Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan 0490 774 419 or <a href="mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com">adrian.janet1@bigpond.com</a> or please see <a href="http://www.wwme.org.au">www.wwme.org.au</a></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"> <li>• Specialised trauma-informed counsellors providing <i>free</i> face-to-face and phone counselling to meet the needs of people impacted by bushfires.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Extra community and pastoral support programs and group work assisting with trauma recovery.</li> </ul> <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 <a href="mailto:intakeservices@catholiccare.dow.org.au">intakeservices@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a></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 <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/catholiccare-bushfire-appeal/">https://www.dow.org.au/catholiccare-bushfire-appeal/</a></p>	

Continuing	<p><b>Healing after abortion</b></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: <a href="http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au">www.rachelsvineyard.org.au</a> or call us on our confidential voicemail number 0400 092 555 or email <a href="mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au">info@rachelsvineyard.org.au</a>. The next retreat will be on <b>1-3 May 2020</b>.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>LIVE Local has kicked off for another exciting year!</b></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 <a href="mailto:robyn.bailey@dow.org.au">robyn.bailey@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>The relics of Carmelite saint, St Therese of Lisieux</b> 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 <a href="http://dow.sh/TheresePilgrimage">dow.sh/TheresePilgrimage</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony Sunday 19 April 2020 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am – 3.30pm</b></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><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>
NEW	<p><b>Social Justice Statement</b></p> <p>We are all witnesses to the fact that “the lowly, the exploited, the poor and underprivileged” can and do achieve a lot... When the poor organize themselves they become genuine “social poets: creators of work, builders of housing, producers of food, above all for people left behind by the world market” (<a href="#">Meeting of Popular Movements, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 9 July 2015</a>). — Pope Francis 7/11/19</p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download logo</a></p>

NEW	<p><b>A Vocation view</b></p> <p>“Rise, and do not be afraid.” So many experience fear or trepidation when called to the priesthood and/or religious life. God strengthens those who are called if they but respond with a generous heart. (Matthew 5:38-48)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>The Journey Catholic Radio Show — Airs 8 March 2020</b></p> <p>This week on the Journey, Week 2 of Lent for you! The Gospel reading by Bishop Brian Mascord, reflections by Fr Chris Sarkis and Sr Anastasia Reeves. Your favourites, Mother Hilda Scott and you'll also hear from The Catholic Guy, Pete Gilmore and Trish McCarthy. Go to <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a> or <a href="http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au">www.itunes.jcr.org.au</a> 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>	<p><a href="#">Click to download logo</a></p>
Continuing	<p><b>2020 Wollongong Hospital Mass</b></p> <p>All are welcome to pray for our sick <b>EVERY Saturday Mass in Public Hospital at 9.30 a.m.</b> in the Chapel on the ground floor and to <b>Private Hospital every FIRST Friday at 9.30 am</b> on level 3 near the lift.</p> <p>Fr George Condookala can be contacted on 0475 815 506.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park Retreats:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mindfulness and the Presence of God Retreat Weekend 13-15 March \$250</b> Presenters: Michelle Vass &amp; 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.</li> <li>• <b>Paul's Letter to the Galatians: 6 Day 20-26 March \$750 or weekend 20-22 March \$250: Fr Michael Fallon msc</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Men's Prayer Weekend: 27-29 March \$250: Paul White and Fr Thang Nguyen msc</b> 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</li> </ul>	

	<p>between trust and discernment particularly at times of transition in our lives.</p> <p><b>RSVP 4630 0233 or Email <a href="mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au">contact@towersretreat.org.au</a></b>  <b>website: <a href="https://towersretreat.org.au">https://towersretreat.org.au</a></b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>2020 Sisterhood National Catholic Women’s Conference: Anointed. 20–22 March 2020, Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops.</b> Join women from around Australia and the Diocese of Wollongong for this inspiring conference. Special Student Rate \$186.00 Book your spot - <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP">https://www.trybooking.com/BFQZP</a></p>	<a href="#">Click to download flyer</a>
Continuing	<p><b>Faith Circles—free small group resource</b></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 <a href="http://www.faithcircles.dow.org.au">www.faithcircles.dow.org.au</a> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>CAtHFAMILY</b></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 <a href="http://www.cathfamily.org">www.cathfamily.org</a></p>	<a href="#">Click to download logo</a>
Continuing	<p><b>Take a risk and give the gift of faith</b></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>	