


BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	12 February 2025	For weekend:	15 – 16 February 2025



RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.


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NEW	<p>Hope for the Illawarra Inter Church Evangelisation Event 2025</p> <p><i>'I invite Catholics in the Diocese of Wollongong, especially those in the Illawarra Region, to attend this Ecumenical Event, inviting others so as to hear the Gospel proclaimed anew. In embracing our Jubilee Year of Hope, consider attending Hope for the Illawarra on March 28-29 in Wollongong.'</i> Bishop Brian Mascord</p> <p>Main Events: Friday 28 March - An Evening for Youth (7pm) Saturday 29 March - A Morning Event for Children (11am) Saturday 29 March - A Celebration with Dr Michael Youssef (7pm)</p> <p>For more information go to: https://www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/about-1 or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au / P: 4222 2407</p>	
NEW	<p>Jubilee Invitation from Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn</p> <p>You are invited and encouraged to add Ss Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral, Goulburn, NSW to your list of Pilgrimage Churches for the Jubilee Year of Hope. It is the only Greenstone Church in the world, from 440 million years old stone. Constructed in 1872, its restoration was completed in 2022. Please come to experience the beauty of the building, the stain glass windows, Altar and Ambo, Tabernacle, Baptismal Font, Side Altars, and new confessionals. Of particular attraction to pilgrims are the fully restored 19th Century French Stations of the Cross and the recent addition of the Way of the Family, which surrounds the beautiful statue of Mary, Mother of Families. Ss Peter & Paul's is ideal for the pilgrimage experience of prayer: Family, Rosary, Sacrament of Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Contemplative Prayer, Prayer of Silence and Stillness. We look forward to welcoming you and your parishioners so that hope is renewed. Book your pilgrimage: m: 0403 631 797 / E: goulburn@cg.org.au W: https://www.mqagoulburn.com.au/</p>	

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NEW	<p>Formation Pathway for Parish Renewal All welcome!</p> <p>Topic: Evangelisation (Module 105)</p> <p>At the heart of the mission of the Church, to go and make disciples, is the challenging language of Evangelisation. We often equate evangelisation with “Bible bashing” or door-knocking, but it really is just the sharing of the Good News of the Gospel. As the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference states, Evangelisation is encounter with Jesus, becoming disciples, and then continuing to make disciples. This formation will give you a deeper understanding of our mission as a Church and your role in it.</p> <p>Presenter: Jude Hennessy, Director of the Office of Renewal & Evangelisation</p> <p>Date: Campbelltown 11 March Wollongong/Zoom 12 March When: 7-9pm Registration: dow.sh/fpmar2025 (essential for catering) Cost: Free</p>	
NEW	<div> <p>2025 Catholic Business Connections Memberships are now open and you are invited to join us</p> <p>March Luncheon Guest Speaker</p>   <p>Hugh Mackay AO</p> <p>Social psychologist, researcher and best selling author. Hugh will speak about his latest non-fiction book <i>The Way We Are</i></p> <hr/> <p>WED 26 MAR</p> <p>🕒 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM 📍 Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown</p> <hr/> <p>To join CBC or to find out more information please scan the QR code or visit: dow.sh/CBCMarch2025</p>  </div> <p>For more information, please visit dow.sh/CBCMarch2025</p>	

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NEW	<p>Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal</p> <p>We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413</p> 	
NEW each week	<p>The Journey, 16 February – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Bernard Gordon says Jesus calls for trust in God's presence and future promise, encouraging those in need to remain open to divine fulfillment. Mother Hilda's story of how she did not meet her own expectation to respond as Jesus would to a visitor. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Pete Gilmore, and Mark Raue. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or click to download the file for parishes to display on their digital screen)</i></p>	<p>www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p>Click to download jpg file</p>
Continuing	<p>Vocaris: Young Adult Event</p> <p>Register at: https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/Vocaris</p> <p>The Wollongong Vocations Promotions Team are back for an epic 2025! We are excited to invite all young adults (over 18) from across the diocese to our first event of the year on Saturday, 15 Feb (5pm to 10pm).</p> <p>The event will be held on the outdoor grounds of St Mary's Towers Douglas Park (415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park). Follow signage on site to parking and event site. Please see the registration page for more details. We hope to see you there!</p>	
Continuing	<p>Medjugorje Pilgrimage commences Monday 1 September 2025</p> <p>Accompanied by Fr Patrick Vaughan</p> <p>Queen of Peace – Medjugorje Pilgrimage <i>A tiny Croatian village, six children and the faith of millions from all over the world have shed new light on what it means to be a true pilgrim on life's journey. In this hallowed place of Medjugorje, this valley of miracles, the Mother of God beckons us forward.</i></p> <p>For full details, itinerary and bookings, Visit: harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

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Continuing	<p>St Patrick's College for Girls invites you to Open Day</p> <p>Saturday 22 February 2025</p> <p>For Enquiries: contact info@saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au</p> <p>For more details: saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au</p>	<p>Click to download flyer and scan QR Code</p>
Continuing	<p>St Patrick's College for Girls, Campbelltown, Legacy of Light Gala Ball Saturday 15 March 2025 at 6:30pm at The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club.</p> <p>Join us for an evening of gourmet dining, live entertainment and the chance to make a difference. All funds raised support scholarships for young women in Southwestern Sydney. Tickets \$175 per person including a sumptuous three course meal, beverages and entertainment.</p> <p>For Booking: trybooking.com/Legacy of Light Gala Ball</p>	
Continuing	<p>Catholic Bible Study Thursdays, 7:30-9pm* Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong)</p> <p>Come and explore the Bible with the mind and heart of the Church in an open and friendly environment. All are welcome. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086</p> <p><i>* Thursdays during school term</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>Sanctus Summit – Wednesday 19 February 2025</p> <p>New monthly adoration for young adults of the diocese at two locations, rotating each month. 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 PM for adoration in a beautiful and sacred space.</p> <p>The first Sanctus Summit will be at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow followed by dinner + fellowship at Campbelltown Catholic Club.</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>A Women's Opportunity to Experience a Cursillo 3-Day Weekend</p> <p>A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville (Near Campbelltown) from Thursday evening 6 March to Sunday afternoon 9 March 2025. To view brochure and find out more, please scan the QR code, email cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com or contact Margaret on 0417 041 721.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Catholic Youth & Young Adults Wollongong serves young people in Illawarra, Macarthur, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven regions. To stay up to date with what is happening around the diocese, head to our social media and scan the code to see to access the youth calendar.</p> <div>  <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE: cymw.org.au</p>  </div>	
NEW each week	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Christ's resurrection makes our faith fruitful and our lives worthwhile. Be open to Jesus' great gift. (1 Cor 12, 16-20) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</p> <p>Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. Stay informed by subscribing at dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	

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NEW each week	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>What is important is something less quantitative: the need to realize that there are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles and convictions within societies, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes. - <i>Laudate Deum – Pope Francis - To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council</p> <p>An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time. Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/ to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="381 1462 1233 1955"> <p>A gift to the Church in your will ...will help!</p> <p>The Church has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your First Holy Communion, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness. Its many ministries are far-reaching, life-giving and life-saving.</p> <p>By leaving a gift to the Church in your will, you will be leaving a legacy of faith to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue, both for today's needs, and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.</p> <p>For information about leaving a gift in your will to your local parish or a ministry of the Church, please visit dow.sh/legacy, call the diocesan representative on 4222 2446, or scan the QR code here ►</p>  </div> <p>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image click here)</p>	

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Continuing	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</p> <p>The Chosen is a new 'free to view', series, now in its fourth season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers.</p> <p>The shows are of the highest quality, and it continues to receive acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to watch.thechosen.tv to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!</p>	
Continuing	<p>Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong</p> <p>Cathedral Books & Gifts shop has a wide range of gifts for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Missals, books, rosaries, medals, statues, plaques, cards for various occasions, holy cards etc.</p> <p>Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	
Continuing	<p>CAtHFAMILY</p> <p>CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</p>	