

BULLETIN NOTICES


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Date:	13 April 2026	For weekend:	18 – 19 April 2026

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>What's on around the Diocese? Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected about what's happening around our Diocese!</p>	
NEW <i>Reserve your place Register Now</i>	<p>Formation Pathway Leading People Well</p> <p><i>The conversation you avoid today becomes the conflict you manage tomorrow.</i></p> <p>Every leader eventually discovers the same thing. The most difficult part of leadership is not vision, planning, or organisation. It is people.</p> <p>Our next Formation Pathway evening will focus on the practical side of leading people well. The session will explore several areas that often determine whether teams thrive or struggle, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • handling conflict constructively • having honest and respectful conversations • setting clear expectations and responsibilities • supporting the people entrusted to our leadership <p>If you are involved in any form of leadership or ministry, this evening will offer practical help for one of the most important parts of leadership: caring for and guiding people well.</p> <p>All are welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAMPBELLTOWN Tuesday 21 April 7-9pm • WOLLONGONG & ZOOM Wednesday 22 April 7-9pm <p>To register: Dow.sh/fpapril2026</p>	



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NEW	<p>St Jude’s Chamber Choir Concert at The Abbey Sunday, 19 April / 2.00-4.30pm Cost \$45 St Jude’s Chamber Choir concert at Jamberoo Abbey to raise funds for the Abbey’s building maintenance effort. Spend a lovely afternoon listening to magnificent music brought by the beautiful voices of St Jude’s Chamber Choir in the acoustics of the Abbey church. After the concert, we invite you to have an afternoon tea with us at the Abbey Guestry.</p> <p>https://www.dow.org.au/events/st-judes-chamber-choir-concert-at-the-abbey/</p> <p>Sr Mary Bernadette OSB m: 0439 309 022 e: mbsunarjo@gmail.com</p>	
NEW <i>Register Today</i>	<p>Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Friday 22 May 2026 6:30am–8:00am Speaker: Ben Galea, Chief Operating Officer for the International Eucharistic Congress. Topic: Historic Eucharistic Congress 2028 Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong Join other men for a morning of breakfast, prayer and inspiring input from our Guest Speaker, Ben Galea. Be inspired and strengthened as you connect with others seeking to live as authentic disciples on mission. Cost is just \$20. Book here dow.sh/MPB26 by Tuesday 19 May</p> <p><i>The Men's Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong</i></p>	
NEW <i>Join us and Don't Miss out</i>	<p>Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekends Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food! For more information and to register go to: dow.sh/familycamping26</p>	<p>Click here to download poster</p>
NEW	<p>OneSydney Together in Christ - A Historic Celebration As One Sunday 14 June 2026 Sydney Opera House (Concert Hall) You are invited to be part of an ecumenical evening of prayer and unity. Christians from Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, Evangelical and Pentecostal traditions will gather as one on Australia’s most iconic stage — the Sydney Opera House. programme includes Dr Mary Healy, Matt Maher, Fr Rob Galea, and many more. Click here for more information and to register</p>	<p>Click here to download flyer</p>

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NEW	<p>Mary Help of Christians Walk for Life Friday 22 & Saturday 23 May</p> <p>Join walkers raising praying for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, suicide, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. We unite our prayer with sacrifice and entrust everything to the Blessed Virgin Mary.</p> <p>Walk on either or both days, or for just a short section. B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to point of departure on both days.</p> <p>BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.</p> <p>Day 1: Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km) <i>Start 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass) Finish 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession available, all night adoration).</i></p> <p>Day 2: Gerringong to Shoalhaven Heads (16km) <i>Start 7.30am Gerringong Catholic Church (Holy Mass) Late Shoalhaven Heads Surf Club 1.45pm. Shuttle bus to Crookhaven headland, for procession walk 4.00pm for mass at Culburra, 5.30pm – Dinner to follow at Bowling Club.</i></p> <p>For more information contact Sue Hill m: 0435 336 195 e: sueandpeterhill@gmail.com / Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404</p>	
NEW	<p>Billings Ovulation Fertility for Medical Professionals and Students</p> <p>Short Course introducing participants to the science underpinning the Billings Ovulation Method®. Attendance at 2 day Short Course (11 CPD hours total) will give participants sufficient knowledge to give women an overview of the Billings Ovulation Method® of natural fertility regulation.</p> <p>Fri 15 & Sat 16 May</p> <p>Register at https://events.humanitix.com/billings-ovulation-method-short-course</p> <p>CALL: 1800 335 860 for further information</p> <p>EMAIL to: jennykelly@thebillingsovulationmethod.org</p>	

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Continuing	<p>ASIST Workshop Monday 20 April - Tuesday 21 April 8.30am - 4.30pm both days Location: 36 Harbour Street Wollongong, NSW 2500</p> <p>CatholicCare is an accredited provider of LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). It is two-day in-person workshop where you'll learn how to recognise when someone may be thinking about suicide, and how to provide a skilled intervention and develop a safety plan with the person to connect them to further support.</p> <p>To book call Rita Maher on 0458 472 983 or email ritam@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	
New	<p>Corpus Christi Retreat – Sunday 7 June</p> <p>As we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, join with people from across the Diocese for a retreat to deepen your love of the Eucharist. St Joachim Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow from 11:00am–3:30pm (Following 10:00am Mass / Lunch provided) Open to adults (ages 14–17 with parent/guardian). For more information or to register go to dow.sh/corpuschristi26 or scan QR code.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</p> <p>We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 19-21 June 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.</p> <p>Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	

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Continuing	<p>The Journey – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to www.jcr.org.au and we will send it to you each week.</p>	www.jcr.org.au .
Continuing	<p>Medjugorje Pilgrimage - Vatican Approved Harvest Journeys</p> <p>COMMENCES MONDAY 31 August 2026</p> <p>Queen of Peace - 8 Days / 7 Nights.</p> <p>Medjugorje (7 Nights) • Dubrovnik day. Optional 4-night post-tour extension to Rome. Accompanied by: Fr Joseph Photehnpampil</p> <p>For full details, including itinerary and booking information, please Click to download brochure</p>	Click to download brochure
Continuing	<p>Catholic Chaplaincy at UOW</p> <p>UOW students and staff are warmly invited to become involved with the UOW Catholic Society. Join us for Mass and lunch, 12:30pm Thursdays during semester in the Building 11 Clubs Room.</p> <p>See @uowcathsoc on social media to find out more.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Seeking Peace and Healing? CatholicCare Counselling Can Help</p> <p>Life’s burdens can feel heavy, but you are not alone. CatholicCare offers professional counselling rooted in compassion and guided by the values of faith and hope. Whether you are facing family challenges, relationship struggles, grief, or personal concerns, our counsellors walk with you on the path to healing and renewal. Reach out today and let us walk with you: Call (02) 4254 9395 or visit http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Hear from Pope Leo XIV</p> <p>Sunday Echo is a limited-release resource the Diocese has developed that contains, using the Holy Father's most recent homily or reflection and accompanying discussion questions. Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent Sunday Gospel readings go to https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="384 741 1139 1106" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <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><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image click here)</i></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.</p> <p>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484</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 Continuing or restart your monthly gift at any time.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/ to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronic</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <p>Catechism in a Year This year, Ascension Press will also again run the Catechism in a Year podcast which will slowly and prayerfully read through and break open the Catechism over 365 days. It's not too late to catch up, and the daily podcasts can be listened to at your own pace. It is available at www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</p> <p>Bible in a Year Ascension Press will again run the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins in 2024. It remains one of the world's leading podcasts with over 400 million downloads. While a new podcast is released daily, you can do it at your own pace signing up at www.ascensionpress.com/biy and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace</p>	