



## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	21 April 2026	<b>For weekend:</b>	25 – 26 April 2026


*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><b>What's on around the Diocese?</b> Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop <a href="http://dow.sh/stayingconnected">dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> about what's happening around our Diocese!</p>	
NEW	<p><b>A vocation view</b> <b>Ephphatha: Be Opened! Calling young men 18-35 years old</b></p> <p>Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is always calling us to life, and life to the full – the challenge for us is to be open to listening for his quiet voice in our lives. How can we become more open to the voice of the Good Shepherd in the big and small decisions of life? How do we know if we are called to marriage, priesthood or religious life, and how do you live your baptismal vocation more fully as a single young man? The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called “Good Shepherd Sunday” and is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We take this opportunity to invite all unmarried young men aged 18-35 who are open to discerning God’s call in their lives to join Bishop Brian Mascord, the priests of the Vocations Team and our Seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&amp;A, one to one chats and Adoration. Register as soon as you can!</p> <p><b>Where:</b> St Therese Parish, 2 Powell Street West Wollongong <b>When:</b> Saturday 13 June, 12:30pm for 1pm lunch <b>Cost:</b> Free, but registration is essential – through this QR code or go to <a href="http://dow.sh/Ephphatha">dow.sh/Ephphatha</a></p>	




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NEW	<p><b>FORMATION PATHWAY</b>  <b>Principles: Meaningful Community</b></p> <p>Many people come to church... but still feel unknown.</p> <p>This session explores how we move from simply attending to truly belonging—where people are known, supported, and grow as disciples together. If we want renewal, we need more than programs. We need real community. Join us to discover how to begin.</p> <p><b>CAMPBELLTOWN – Tuesday 5 May, 7pm-9pm</b>  <b>WOLLONGONG/ZOOM – Wednesday 6 May, 7pm-9pm</b></p> <p>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL <a href="https://dow.sh/fpmay2026">https://dow.sh/fpmay2026</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>Mary Help of Christians Walk for Life</b>  <b>Friday 22 May &amp; Saturday 23 May 2026</b></p> <p>We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, suicide, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. You are warmly welcome to join us on one or both days. B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water, hat, money for dinner. Support vehicle provided all the way. Shuttle cars return pilgrims to point of departure on both days.</p> <p><b>Day 1:</b>  <b>Start 9:30am</b> Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass)  <b>Finish 3:30pm</b> Gerringong Catholic Church (<i>Benediction, confession, all night adoration. Option to sleep in tearoom (girls), or Kiama Hall (boys) or own tent on church grounds, or to go home and return.</i>)</p> <p><b>Day 2:</b>  <b>Start 7:30am</b> Gerringong Catholic Church (Holy Mass)  <b>Lunch: 2pm</b> Shoalhaven Heads (<i>then Shuttle bus Crookhaven Heads</i>)  <b>Finish 5:30pm</b> Culburra Church (Holy Mass, optional Club dinner)</p> <p><b>BENEFITS:</b> Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Gregorian Choir. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.</p> <p>For information contact Sue Hill, 0435 336 195, Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404</p>	

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NEW	<p><b>Sanctus – Unanderra</b></p> <p>Join us for <i>Sanctus</i> at Immaculate Conception, Unanderra on <b>Wednesday 20 May 2026</b>.</p> <p>Sanctus is a monthly adoration night, bringing together youth and young adults for a night of prayer and community! Eucharistic Adoration (inc. Reconciliation &amp; Vespers) on this night will be led by Fr Duane Fernandez from 6.30 – 7.30pm, followed by dinner afterwards at Unanderra Hotel. Come along to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and connect with other young people from the area.</p>	
NEW	<p><b>Ascend – A night of Worship and Encounter</b></p> <p>Join us for an evening of incredible music, singing, prayer and praise. Led by experienced worship leader Louisa Daniels. Adoration, Prayer Ministry and Reconciliation will be part of the night. Everyone is invited!</p> <p>When: Saturday 16 May 2026 Time: 7pm - 9pm Where : St John the Evangelist Campbelltown Hall FREE ENTRY: A pay-it-forward collection will be taken on the night. To Register: <a href="https://www.ascendworshipnight.com">Ascendworshipnight</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>Spiritual &amp; Pastoral Care Training</b></p> <p>Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others? An Introductory 40 Hour Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online via Zoom and would be suitable for kind and caring people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities, attendees at school or people in the parish.</p> <p>Applications are currently being taken for this 40-hour course commencing on Thursday, 18 June 2026, comprising 6 sessions ending on 23 July 2026. Times are 9.30 am to 4 pm. Dates are June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, and 23.</p> <p>For more information about this course and future courses please contact Carmen Karauda at <a href="mailto:ckarauda@gmail.com">ckarauda@gmail.com</a> or phone: 0419 430 676</p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>
NEW	<p><b>VOCARIS Young Adult Night (18+)</b></p> <p>Join us on <b>Saturday 16 May, 6:00–9:30pm</b> at <b>Wilton Community Centre</b> for a soul-quenching evening of faith, community, and fun! Enjoy a practical session on building a prayer life and the sacraments, delicious cinnamon scrolls, and a lively trivia night.</p> <p><b>To Register</b> <a href="https://dow.sh/VocarisPrayerLife">dow.sh/VocarisPrayerLife</a> <b>OR</b> via the QR Code to secure your spot!</p>	

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Continuing <i>Join us and Don't Miss out</i>	<p><b>Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekends</b></p> <p>Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for <b>Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May</b>. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food!</p> <p><b>For more information and to register go to:</b> <a href="https://dow.sh/familycamping26">dow.sh/familycamping26</a></p>	<a href="#">Click here to download poster</a>
Continuing <i>Register Today</i>	<p><b>Men's Prayer Breakfast, Friday 22 May 2026   6:30am–8:00am</b></p> <p><b>Speaker: Ben Galea, Chief Operating Officer for the International Eucharistic Congress. Topic: Historic Eucharistic Congress 2028 Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong</b></p> <p>Join other men for a morning of breakfast, prayer and inspiring input from our Guest Speaker, Ben Galea.</p> <p>Be inspired and strengthened as you connect with others seeking to live as authentic disciples on mission. Cost is just \$20.</p> <p>Book here <a href="https://dow.sh/MPB26">dow.sh/MPB26</a> 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>	
Continuing	<p><b>Corpus Christi Retreat – Sunday 7 June</b></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 <a href="https://dow.sh/corpuschristi26">dow.sh/corpuschristi26</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>OneSydney   Together in Christ - A Historic Celebration As One Sunday 14 June 2026 Sydney Opera House (Concert Hall)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> for more information and to register</p>	<a href="#">Click here to download flyer</a>

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Continuing	<p><b>Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal</b></p> <p>Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon.</p> <p>Learn more or make a donation today at <a href="http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon">www.caritas.org.au/lebanon</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</b></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 &amp; tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.</p> <p>Book online at <a href="http://www.wwme.org.au">www.wwme.org.au</a> or contact Christine &amp; Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or <a href="mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au">nswbookings@wwme.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>The Journey – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></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 <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a> and we will send it to you each week.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p>

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Continuing	<p><b>Catholic Chaplaincy at UOW</b></p> <p>UOW students and staff are warmly invited to become involved with the UOW Catholic Society. Join us for <b>Mass and lunch, 12:30pm Thursdays during semester in the Building 11 Clubs Room.</b></p> <p>See <a href="#">@uowcathsoc</a> on social media to find out more.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Seeking Peace and Healing? CatholicCare Counselling Can Help</b></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 <a href="http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au">http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Hear from Pope Leo XIV</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Echo</b> is a <b>limited-release resource</b> the Diocese has developed that contains, using the Holy Father's most recent homily or reflection and accompanying discussion questions. <b>Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent Sunday Gospel readings</b> go to <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/">https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/</a> to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</b></p> <p>Faith Circles is a weekly resource to help individuals but mainly small groups to come together in Parishes. In doing so it assists in the development of faith and community, a strong desire expressed in our Diocesan feedback from the National Church Life Survey. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use with simple questions and prayer points. It is available to download at <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/">www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/</a> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Cathedral Books &amp; Gifts Wollongong</b></p> <p>Cathedral Books &amp; 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><b>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council</b></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 <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/">https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/</a> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronic</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Catholic Youth &amp; Young Adults Wollongong</b> 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 data-bbox="384 1783 1267 1939" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE:</p> <p><a href="http://cymw.org.au">cymw.org.au</a></p> </div>  </div> </div>	

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