

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	24 June 2025	For weekend:	28 – 29 June 2025

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NEW	What's on around the Diocese? Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!	
Continuing Final Week	Feedback on Bishops Vision and Parish Life Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese, to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, 'In the Parish I see', by completing the online activity @ dow.sh/csgmactivity The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives.	dow.sh/parishslides
LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER	Ignite Conference Sydney 10 – 13 July 2025 Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic conferences for Youth and Young Adults from around the country, forming them and sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group of 30 youth and young adults to the conference at a subsidised price. If you'd like to be part of the diocesan group or would like more details, please email Arnie Hurdoyal at arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or visit www.dow.org.au/events/the-light-ignite-conference-2025/	

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NEW	<p>Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) Information Nights</p> <p>In 2025, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne will host ACYF - a national gathering of young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops, from 30 November to 2 December.</p> <p>In preparation for this exciting diocesan pilgrimage to the festival, there will be two <u>online</u> information nights on Wednesday 2nd July & Tuesday 8th July from 7.30 to 8.30pm. Whether you are a young adult, student, parent, parish leader, these information sessions are designed to answer all your key questions about participating in ACYF with our diocesan group and will cover travel and accommodation plans, key dates, festival & group itineraries, fundraising strategies, etc.</p> <p>Register now: Wednesday 2nd July: dow.sh/43TxvLC or Tuesday 8th July: dow.sh/45wozNr</p>	
Continuing REGISTER NOW	<p>Formation Pathway Foundations: Empowering Leadership</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 1 July (Online Only) Time: 7 – 9pm Speaker: Peter Gilmore Registration: dow.sh/fpjuly2025</p> <p>Everyone knows at least one person who has served in their parish for years, sometimes decades. When that person inevitably moves on or passes away, there is a momentary panic as we all scramble to find someone, anyone, to do the thing that they used to do.</p> <p>When we give tasks, we create workers. When we share responsibility and authority, we empower leaders. This creates ownership, commitment and passion. Everyone is called to lead, each in their own sphere of influence. So, what are we looking for in parish leaders? And how do we lead in a way that continues to empower new leaders?</p> <p>This formation will explore the fundamentals of what it means to be an empowering leader and how that can help you discover untapped potential and talent in your community.</p>	
NEW	<p>Lectio Divina in the Benedictine Tradition – Jamberoo Abbey 3:30pm Friday 18 – 1pm Sunday 20 July 2025</p> <p>Speaker: Sr Antonia Curtis OSB and Libby Denny (oblate)</p> <p>Both informative and practical this retreat takes a dive into the Lectio experience. Book and pay for this retreat by ringing 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Benedictine Values: A fertile soil for integral ecology</p> <p>A weekend retreat (4 - 6 July) at Jamberoo Abbey with Sr Mechtild Crawford OSB. Book your place on this retreat by ringing 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au. Costs on application.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Sanctus Summit Unanderra – Eucharistic Adoration and dinner Wednesday, 16 July 2025, Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Monthly adoration for youth and 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>Dinner: Unanderra Hotel</p>	
Continuing SPECIAL EVENT	<p>Creating a Culture of Invitation: An evening with Michael Harvey</p> <p>Date: Monday 21 July (Campbelltown) & Tuesday 22 July (Wollongong) Time: 7:9:30pm Speaker: Michael Harvey Registration: dow.sh/culture</p> <p>Some people in church feel that if people wanted to come to church or get to know Jesus Christ, they would already have done it. But nowadays, it takes a brave person to walk into a church building on their own or start a God conversation with a Christian. This is why building a culture of invitation, alongside a culture of welcome and transformation, is vital.</p> <p>When Jesus called and invited the first two disciples, Andrew was one of them. The first thing Andrew did was invite his brother Simon. That invitation alone has impacted the world today. Jesus is still inviting and calling people today. A culture of invitation is not new; it speaks of the heart of God, who sent Jesus to invite the world into an eternal relationship.</p> <p>Join Michael Harvey and the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation for an incredible evening of wisdom, insight, and practical steps to becoming people who are willing to extend God's invitation.</p>	

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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>	
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>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</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 www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Sts Peter and Paul proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. Do we help others know Jesus by the way we live our lives?</p> <p>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>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>	

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Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div> <p>A gift to the Church in your will ... <i>will help!</i></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>	
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 electronic</p>	

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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</p> <p>Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <p>Catechism in a Year</p> <p>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</p> <p>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>	
Continuing	<p>Weekly Mass at UOW</p> <p>UOW Catholic Society is back for 2025 and we're inviting all UOW students, staff, and friends to be a part of the adventure. Join us for Mass on Campus 12.30pm every Thursday during semester (Clubs Room, Bldg 11). For details, see @uowcathsoc on social media or email uowcatholicsociety19@gmail.com</p>	