

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	<p>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!</p>	
NEW	<p>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Book of Condolence - Pope Francis</p> <p>Anyone wishing to write a message of condolence following the death of Pope Francis is invited to do so at this email address established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference condolencebook@catholic.org.au</p> <p>Messages will be passed on to the Apostolic Nuncio and in turn to the Vatican. You may wish to make this known in your newsletters</p>	
NEW	<p>The Marriage Course – Via Zoom</p> <p><i>Want to build a strong, better marriage?</i> The Marriage Course is for any couples married for 2 -102 years. Over 1.5 million couples have done this amazing course. It runs over 7 sessions covering topics such as resolving conflict, impact of family and the art of communication. It's a great way to strengthen your marriage, learn practical tools to deepen your connection from specialists starting Mondays 26 May - 7 July at 7.30pm. Register now at: https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/Marriagecoursedow</p>	
NEW	<p>Lay Leadership in the Absence of a Priest Formation</p> <p>Sr Monica Barlow is running a formation session for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of leading liturgical celebrations in the absence of a Priest. This ministry is open to both men and women.</p> <p>To be held at: Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong Saturday morning, 24 May from 10.00am – 12.00pm.</p> <p>The link to register for this formation session is https://dow.sh/LayLeadership</p>	

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NEW	<p>Formation Pathway May 2025 5 Systems of a Renewed Parish, presented by Tomasz Juszczak, Regional Lead for Australasia for Divine Renovation Campbelltown - Tuesday, 6 May Wollongong/Zoom - Wednesday, 7 May REGISTRATION: HTTP://dow.sh/fpmay2025</p> <p>As the old saying goes, how do you eat an elephant? One mouthful at a time. When it comes to parish renewal, with all the complexity and systems of a living breathing community, it can be overwhelming to try to think of renewing a whole parish community. That's why we don't! Instead, we look at a parish as being the sum total of five important systems. When we do this, like eating the elephant one mouthful at a time, we can start to see a path forward. Note: Please don't eat an elephant.</p> <p>If you'd like to attend, please register as soon as possible! And invite your friends.</p>	
NEW	<p>Charismatic Mass Praying for the Papal Election and our Bishop's Vision, Friday 9 May 2025, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong 7:00pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass</p> <p>A warm invitation is extended to all members of the public, to join us in charismatic praise for the Election of a new Pope, and to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after mass and cuppa. Celebrant: Bishop Brian Mascord. Everyone welcome. Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404</p>	
Continuing	<p>Feedback on Bishops Vision and Parish Life</p> <p>Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese, to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, <i>'In the Parish I see'</i>, 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. Take part today</p>	dow.sh/parishslides
Continuing	<p>Level 3 Catechist Diploma Course 2025</p> <p>All interested parishioners and catechists are encouraged to attend the Level 3 course. Taught by a variety of excellent presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The six-week course will be held in Rosemeadow on Fridays and Wollongong on Mondays, commencing Friday 2 May and Monday 5 May, respectfully. Each session will start at 9:30am and conclude at 2:30pm. Morning tea is provided but please BYO lunch.</p> <p>For more information and to register, please go to https://dow.sh/CCD-Level For course outline 2025-Level-3-Catechist-Course.pdf</p>	

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NEW each week	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Jesus asks us, “Do you love me?” Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live. (John 21:1-19) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing Free but Registration is Essential	<p>Our Lady Help of Christians Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk for Life</p> <p>Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Fri 23 May- Sat 24 May for all or part of the walk for life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected.</p> <p>Day 1: From Kiama to Gerringong, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord & overnight adoration.</p> <p>Day 2: Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with mass and dinner.</p> <p>For more information go to dow.sh/WFL or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au 4222 2407</p>	
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	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>Find signs of hope. Discover various signs of hope, including the desire for peace, support for the sick, elderly, migrants, and the poor. Foster a sense of community and compassion. – <i>Spes non Confundit</i></p>	

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Continuing	<p>An Evening of Liturgical Song and Praise – A public concert with Tony Alonso 7.00pm – 8.30pm, Friday 23 May 2025 The Gregorian Centre, St Gregory’s College. 100 Badgally Road, Gregory Hills.</p> <p>All welcome to experience an evening of beautiful and engaging contemporary Catholic liturgical music.</p> <p>Introducing fresh repertoire and bringing new life to some Catholic classics, internationally renowned composer, theologian and Grammy-nominated Tony Alonso will share his passion for full, conscious and active participation of the liturgical assembly through singing, one of the most expressive of all human activities. The concert will invite you to wonder at the music we make in worship, encouraging joyful acknowledgement of the richness of God’s gift of song.</p> <p>Cost: \$25, including canapes (from 6.30pm)</p> <p>More information and tickets available HERE via this link, or go to https://www.maristformation.org/liturgical-music-resources.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Tribunal of the Catholic Church</p> <p>In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that “charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her.” The Inter-diocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church. Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. Brochures are available from the church foyer or notice board area. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or tribunal@dow.org.au or visit www.tribunal.dow.org.au</p>	

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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>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>	
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>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>	
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>	