


## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	25 August 2025	<b>For weekend:</b>	30 – 31 August 2025

*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)
<b>NEW</b>	<b>What's on around the Diocese?</b> 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 <a href="http://dow.sh/stayingconnected">dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> or visit <a href="http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin">dow.sh/weeklybulletin</a> to see everything that is on around our Diocese!	
<b>JUBILEE YEAR EVENT</b>	<b>Kangaroo Valley Jubilee Pilgrimage Day Saturday 30 August, 10.30 am</b> The Parish of Nowra invites the faithful to a Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass to be held at St Joseph's Kangaroo Valley, 130, Moss Vale Road, to be Celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord, who will impart the papal blessing, offering attendees the opportunity to gain the Jubilee indulgence under the usual conditions. Don't forget to bring you Pilgrim Passport, and have it stamped as a reminder of your visit.	
<b>JUBILEE YEAR EVENT</b>	<b>Rosemeadow Jubilee Pilgrimage Day Saturday 6 September 2025</b> The Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow invites everyone to a Jubilee Pilgrimage Day where we will uncover the profound meaning, history and significance of the Year of Jubilee and how we can continue living it out in our pilgrimage of life towards Christ. <b>The day begins with Mass at 10:00am</b> , followed by a catechesis led by Elise Duval, a time of Eucharistic Adoration with opportunity for confession, and concludes with Benediction at 3:00pm. Please BYO lunch. Come and be renewed in God's mercy!	<a href="#">Click to download flyer</a>

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<b>NEW POSITION VACANT</b>	<p><b>Parish Finance and Payroll Officer</b></p> <p>The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is seeking a full-time Parish Finance and Payroll Officer to join the Office of the Bishop (Finance Department). Reporting to the Financial Controller, this role supports parishes and clergy by managing payroll, assisting with bookkeeping and audits, and providing guidance on financial and sacramental systems.</p> <p><b>Applications close 5 September 2025.</b></p> <p><b>For a detailed position description or to apply,</b> please contact Nick Dyball (Financial Controller) by email (<a href="mailto:nick.dyball@dow.org.au">nick.dyball@dow.org.au</a>) and a detailed position description will be emailed to you or you can apply via <a href="#">Seek</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>St Joseph Camino Walk for Men</b></p> <p>Join men from around our Diocese for an overnight St Joseph walk praying for the needs of the Church, our families and the world. The Camino begins on <b>Friday 5 September</b> with 8pm Mass at St Joseph's, Como, concluding with 7am Mass at St Aloysius on Saturday 6 September and then hot breakfast and drinks. Overnight walk will see us visit 6 churches, with Catechesis and Adoration. Cost \$35 and booking via: <a href="http://trybooking.com">trybooking.com</a></p> <p>For more information regarding Wollongong Diocese Involvement, please email Jude Hennessy <a href="mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au">jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</a></p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>State Election Candidate Forum – Kiama Electorate</b></p> <p>Members of all Christian Churches are invited to hear from the major candidates for the Kiama by-election, a specific opportunity to ask questions that matter to Christians and hear where the candidates stand on issues such as education, religious freedom and sanctity of life.</p> <p><b>Details:</b> Monday, 8 Sept, 7:00pm Calderwood Christian School, 234 Calderwood Rd, Calderwood</p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW Hosting Jim Murphy from USA</b></p> <p>Jim Murphy from the USA a Worldwide Consultant to Renewal Groups is visiting Sydney on the 7 &amp; 8 September. There are 3 options to hear him - Sunday 7 Sept at 10.30 am at Servants of Jesus Centre Seven Hills and at OLQP Parish Centre Greystanes at 7.15 pm or Monday 8 Sept at St Elias Speleota Church Ashcroft @7 pm.</p> <p>Enquiries <a href="mailto:AGATENBY@CCRNSW.ORG.AU">AGATENBY@CCRNSW.ORG.AU</a></p>	

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NEW	<p><b>Praying for the Bishop's Vision - Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong Friday 12 September</b></p> <p>Join us for thirty minutes of charismatic praise 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: Fr George Condookala Everyone welcome. 7:00pm Praise and Worship / 7:30pm Mass Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Catechist Creative Storytelling and Craft Morning In-service</b></p> <p>Build up your confidence in storytelling and create anticipation in your lessons using simple visual items and techniques. We'll draw from the spirit of Advent and our upcoming Saints as role-models to guide us.</p> <p><b>ROSEMEADOW:</b> Friday 5 Sept 10am-1:30 Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Meeting Room, 80 Demetrius Rd <b>WOLLONGONG:</b> Monday 8 Sept 10am-1:30 Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St Morning Tea will be provided. Click here to register at either location: <a href="https://dow.sh/45ne1hV">https://dow.sh/45ne1hV</a> <b>Enquiries: Sue Clark 0457 427 583</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Upcoming Formation Pathway (September)</b></p> <p><b>ONLINE ONLY! Wednesday, 3 September - 7-9pm</b></p> <p>Foundations: Primacy of Evangelisation (Module 114) A renewed parish is built on three things - the primacy of evangelisation, empowering leadership, and moving in the power of the Holy Spirit. Evangelisation is not simply first on the list and equal amongst the other foundations. It should be given prime consideration in the life of a community. A parish that is actively involved in and trying to evangelise will redirect all efforts to reflect this fact.</p> <p>This formation will explore how we can prioritise evangelisation in our use of time, talent, and treasure, to make sure that the Great Commission doesn't become the Forgotten Suggestion. To register: <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/events">www.dow.org.au/events</a> <b>Note: This formation will only be available online via Zoom.</b></p>	



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NEW	Join Healthy Cities Illawarra for the <b>4th Illawarra Women's Day of Dance and Culture – Take me to the Islands on Friday 5 September 2025 from 10.30 to 2.30 at Wollongong Town Hall</b> . We are welcoming women from diverse cultures and backgrounds to connect in a safe space, sharing Pasifika traditional dances and delicious food from Empress Eventz. Come meet Rosemary Kariuki OAM from Oran Park Parish who founded this series of events across Sydney and beyond. To get your tickets for this women only event visit Healthy Cities Australia on Facebook or book online at Merrigong or buy tickets at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Wollongong	
Continuing	<b>The Journey, – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b> 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	<a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>
Continuing	<b>Compass: “Bush” family camping weekend</b> <b>Friday 12 – Sunday 14 September 2025 Guntawang - Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility</b> These weekends bring Catholic families of all ages, including couples with or without children, single parents and grandparents, together to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together. To secure your spot, register now. <a href="http://dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend">dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend</a> Cost: \$50 per adult or \$100 per family RSVP: Monday 8 September	
Continuing	<b>Being at Home in the Universe Story - Jamberoo Abbey</b> <b>Friday, 5 September – Sunday 7 September 2025</b> Speaker: Sr Mechtild Crawford OSB You are invited to a gentle retreat which will expands our minds and hearts to the unfolding mystery of the universe, helping us to see our place as human beings within this sacred unfolding. There will be times for listening and learning and times for personal reflection and creativity. Sr Mechtild Crawford leads this retreat at the Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo. Register and pay for this weekend retreat 02 4236 0011 ext 114 or email <a href="mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au">cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au</a>	<a href="#">Click to download Flyer</a>

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Continuing	<p><b>Catholic Business Connections (CBC) September Luncheon</b>  <b>Thursday 23 Sept 2025 Rydges Campbelltown 11.45 - 2.00pm</b>  <b>Topic: The Power of Intergenerational Learning</b>  The guest speakers will be Jane Hollier and David Gearin, from CatholicCare who will be speaking about The Power of Intergenerational Learning, part of the Cross+Gen digital literacy initiative which is being promoted throughout the diocese.  RSVP: 15 September 2025  <b>Link to buy guest tickets:</b> <a href="#">Guest Tickets</a></p>	
<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	<p><b>menALIVE Growing Good Men Weekend 2025</b>  <b>Friday 5 – Sunday 7 December 2025, The Tops Conference Centre</b>  A powerful weekend for fathers and their teenage sons (ages 12–17). Strengthen your bond, explore the journey into manhood, and share in engaging activities, reflection, prayer, and a memorable Rite of Passage.  Places are limited — register early to secure your spot!  \$500 per father &amp; son pair (includes accommodation, meals, activities &amp; resources)  For more information and registration, visit <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/events">www.dow.org.au/events</a></p>	

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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 <b>24-26 October 2025</b> at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning &amp; tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. 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>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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NEW	<p><b>A vocation view:</b></p> <p>Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognise your gifts and offer them in humble service. (Luke 14:1, 7-14)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="381 1223 1158 1583"> <p><b>A gift to the Church in your will ...will help!</b></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 <a href="https://dow.sh/legacy">dow.sh/legacy</a>, call the diocesan representative on <b>4222 2446</b>, or scan the <b>QR code</b> here ►</p>  </div> <p><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image <a href="#">click here</a>)</i></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 or restart your monthly gift at any time. 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>	



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Continuing	<p><b>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular &amp; FREE Catholic Podcasts</b></p> <p><b>Catechism in a Year</b> 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 <a href="http://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy">www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</a></p> <p><b>Bible in a Year</b> 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 <a href="http://www.ascensionpress.com/biy">www.ascensionpress.com/biy</a> and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.</p>	
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. Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	
NEW	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>Cultivate patience. In our fast-paced world, patience is vital for spiritual growth and resilience. Embrace this virtue to navigate life's challenges with grace." - <i>Spes non Confundit</i></p>	