

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	27 January 2026	For weekend:	31 January – 1 February 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>	
DATE CLAIMER	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast, Friday 13 March 6:30am-8am</p> <p>Xavier Conference Room, 38 Harbour Street Wollongong</p> <p>Guest speaker: Tom Kadmon</p> <p><i>"Reading Scripture is central to our relationship with Jesus.</i></p> <p>Men are invited to join other men for a morning of prayer, fellowship, and formation.</p> <p><i>Registration details to follow.</i></p>	
NEW	<p>Implementing Cultural Change – Formation Pathway</p> <p>Want to see real change in parish life — not just good intentions? Lasting change doesn't begin with more programs or better announcements. It begins with culture.</p> <p>Join us for a practical formation evening on Implementing Cultural Change, where we'll explore: why parish culture forms the way it does, how it shapes what's possible, and how small, intentional leadership actions can create change that lasts.</p> <p>This is a hands-on, hopeful formation for anyone who cares about the future of parish life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CAMPBELLTOWN Tuesday 3 February, 7–9pm ● WOLLONGONG & ZOOM Wednesday 4 February, 7–9pm <p>Register: dow.sh/fpfeb2026</p>	

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NEW	<p>Sanctus- Rosemeadow</p> <p>Join us for the first Sanctus Summit for the year at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow on Wednesday 11 February 2026.</p> <p>Sanctus Summit is a monthly adoration night, bringing together youth and young adults from different parts of the Diocese! Eucharistic Adoration from 6.30 – 7.30pm (Reconciliation will be available), followed by dinner at Ambarvale Hotel.</p> <p>Come along to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and connect with other young people from the area!</p>	
NEW	<p>Catechist Level 1 Course</p> <p>The Level 1 course is essential for all new volunteers to the catechist ministry and is also helpful as a refresher for experienced SRE Catechists. On the first day of the course, Safeguarding and Classroom Management training will occur, which must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years to remain active in the ministry.</p> <p>The course will run from 9.30am till 1:30pm in Rosemeadow and Wollongong on the following dates: Rosemeadow: Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27 February and 6 March Wollongong: Mondays 9, 16, 23 February and 2, 9 March</p> <p>To register for the 5-week Level 1 course: dow.sh/ccd_one Alternatively, register for the Safeguarding and Classroom Management update only: dow.sh/ccd_sg</p>	
NEW	<p>Jamberoo Abbey Retreat. Radical Amazement: A Contemplative Prayer weekend retreat Fri 13 – Sun 15 Feb 2026</p> <p>Presenter: Sr Magdalen Mather OSB</p> <p>Awaken to wonder. In the quietness of monastic rhythm and the beauty of the south coast, discover the practice of presence through contemplative prayer. Learn to see the ordinary with fresh eyes and cultivate radical amazement—that deep sense of awe that opens the heart to the sacred in every moment. Guided by Benedictine wisdom, this weekend offers silence, reflection, and the gentle invitation to be fully present to God, to yourself, and to creation.</p> <p>Cost: \$150 plus accommodation costs. RSVP: 29 January 2026. For more details and to book and pay for this retreat ring 02 4236 0011 (Extension 114) or email cottageretreats@jamberoabbey.org.au</p>	

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NEW	<p>Vocaris: Love & Responsibility</p> <p>Young Adults of the diocese! Come and discover Saint John Paul II's teaching exploring how to live and love well in every vocation. Drawing on John Paul's teachings in Love and Responsibility, we'll explore the single life, dating, marriage, religious vocations, and how chastity is life giving when lived in truth and love!</p> <p>The night will include Eucharistic Adoration, with optional Reconciliation available.</p> <p>When: Saturday 28 Feb (6pm to 9:30pm) Where: St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park Address: 415 Douglas Park Drive Douglas Park (25 minutes from Campbelltown and Wollongong)</p> <p>Register to grab your spot now dow.sh/VocarisLR</p>	
NEW	<p>Diocesan Choir</p> <p>Sending out an invitation to all those people who are interested in joining the Wollongong Diocesan Choir. The choir prepares music for special Diocesan Masses where all parishes are invited to attend. Rehearsals are on a Monday night in the lead up to a celebration, between 7pm-8.30pm. Rehearsals are usually held in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.</p> <p>If you are interested in being involved, email the Diocesan Choir Director, Angela Quinn, with details of your name, email and parish that you attend. quinna01@dow.catholic.edu.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Prayer Request – Kairos Prison Ministry (Please join with hundreds around the Diocese making this prayer)</p> <p>Lord, we ask that you bless the members of the Kairos Prison Ministry team, preparing to share the Gospel at the South Coast (Nowra) Correctional Centre from 23–26 March 2026. We pray that your Holy Spirit will empower the work of the team, and prepare the hearts of the inmates, to be transformed by your love and mercy.</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.</p> <p>Reach out today and let us walk with you: Call (02) 4254 9395 or visit http://www.catholiccare.dow.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 .
NEW	<p>A vocation view:</p> <p>Jesus shares with us the great commands of the Beatitudes as He seeks to bless us in our faith.</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>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>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>	
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="384 1541 1139 1904" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <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><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image click here)</i></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 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>	
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 data-bbox="384 1265 1267 1424" style="text-align: center;">  <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE: cymw.org.au</p>  </div>	
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>	