

BULLETIN NOTICES


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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	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!	
NEW	Sanctus Summit Monthly adoration for youth and young adults of the Diocese. Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 18 June 2025, Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rosemeadow . Eucharistic Adoration from 6.30 – 7.30pm, followed by Dinner at Ambarvale Hotel. Come along to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament- and bring a friend with you!	
NEW	UOW Catholic Society Retreat Day, 9:30am Monday 6 Jun at Carmelite Priory Varroville, \$20 includes light lunch UOWCathSoc invites students and other young adults (18-30) to our Winter Retreat Day. This is a great opportunity to pause and recentre our busy lives on Christ. On offer are some excellent talks, opportunities for prayer, Holy Mass, Confessions, adoration, and small group conversations. See our social media for more details @uowcathsoc. To register: shorturl.at/jZd3i	
Continuing	Hear from Pope Leo XIV 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.	

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NEW	<p>Charis Monthly Mass</p> <p>Praying for our needs and the Bishop's Vision Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong Friday 13 Jun 2025</p> <p>Are you struggling with praying alone? Join others in charismatic praise for all our needs, and to implement our Bishop's <u>V</u>ision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after mass and cuppa. Celebrant: Fr Patrick Vaughan. Everyone welcome.</p> <p>7:00pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404</p>	
Continuing Take part today	<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.</p>	dow.sh/parishslides
REGISTER NOW Continuing	<p>Formation Pathway - Understanding Vision & Mission (110)</p> <p>CAMPBELLTOWN Tuesday 3 June, 7-9 pm WOLLONGONG & ZOOM Wednesday, 4 June, 7-9 pm REGISTRATION: https://dow.sh/fpjune2025 COST: Free</p> <p>DESCRIPTION "The future starts today, not tomorrow. Each of you must be a radiant light of Christ in the world, carrying His truth and love into every corner of your mission." — <i>St John Paul II</i></p> <p>Without any hesitation, the vision of your community should come to mind and be readily sharable and yet, so often, we have a "just turn up" mentality. But where are we going? And how are we going to get there? A vision is a picture of the future that produces passion and, without it, we can often feel aimless. Vision and mission infuse purpose and power into all that you are doing and are pivotal to any attempt at renewal. This formation evening will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the importance of the parish vision and mission, • the process for creating and refining a vision and mission that produces passion, • ways you can cast your vision so you ignite passion in your people. <p>WHAT IS THE FORMATION PATHWAY? To assist parish communities in understanding and implementing Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes (CSGM), we have developed a program of formation, known as the Formation Pathway. Consisting of introductory, intermediate and advanced formation, the Formation Pathway is designed to explore core concepts of parish renewal, equip and encourage the faithful, and help to nurture the existing culture of growth – personally and as a community.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>menALIVE Regional Weekend 9 – 10 August 2025, Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong</p> <p>Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life.</p> <p>For more information and to register: https://menalive-weekend-2025</p>	
Continuing	<p>Summit Night- an evening with Real Talk</p> <p>After the success of the first Summit Night with Matt Fradd, we are excited to bring the young adults of the diocese another transformative night of community, truth and encounter with Jesus. This time, we will be welcoming two presenters from Real Talk Australia who will present on "<i>What Am I Made For? The Good News about Love, Sex & Marriage</i>".</p> <p>When: Tuesday 10 June, 6.30pm- 9pm Where: Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong What: <i>Wine + Cheese Reception, vibrant community, guest speakers, meaningful conversation and Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral.</i> Cost: Free- donations will graciously be accepted on entry. Registration is essential. Visit to app.tickets.org.au/DOW/SummitNight2 to secure your seat!</p>	
Continuing	<p>Jubilee Year Liturgy Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow. Saturday, 7 June. Mass at 10am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11am – 3pm. Confessions 11am – 12noon and 1pm – 2pm. Benediction (simple) 2.50pm. Bishop Mascord will be present for this day and will celebrate the Mass at 10am, at which he will impart the Papal Jubilee Blessing. All are welcome to attend</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Wollongong Vocations Promotions Team is excited to invite all young adults (over 18) from across the diocese to our June VOCARIS with the theme of Jubilee, followed by a Trivia Night! Saturday, 14 June (5:30pm to 9.30pm). 20 Broughton Street, Wilton (25 minutes from Campbelltown and Wollongong). For more information and to register please use the QR Code</p>	
Continuing	<p>Spiritual Exercises retreat in daily life given by an Ignatian Spiritual Direction formation candidate</p> <p>A fellow parishioner and Ignatian Spiritual Direction formation candidate invites you to a <i>Spiritual Exercises retreat in daily life</i>—a personal journey to deepen your relationship with Jesus. The retreat is individually guided over 6–9 months through weekly 30–45 minute meetings (in person or via Zoom), tailored to your pace. Cost: \$40 for the full retreat.</p> <p>For more information email meriden168@gmail.com or 0411 845 118</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Cross + Generation technology programs at St Benedict's Catholic College Oran Park - a partnership between CatholicCare, Catholic Education DoW and St Benedict's Catholic College The program pairs students with seniors to assist you with technology. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident and familiar with downloading apps, sending messages, using google maps or other help you may need. Refreshments will be provided at each session. The dates are: Tuesday 3 June 1pm-2.30pm Tuesday 10 June 1pm-2.30pm Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting here at the high school. Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</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>Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness. (Luke 24:46-53) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament & Song National liturgy and music conference 1 - 3 October 2025 in Adelaide bringing together liturgists, musicians, educators and pastoral leaders from across Australia and New Zealand to explore how sacrament and song can renew our life of worship and mission. For more information and to register, visit: www.pilgrimsofhope.com.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Social Justice Points Seek amnesty and pardons. Governments should undertake amnesty or pardon during the Jubilee Year to restore hope and reintegrate individuals into society. <i>"Spes non Confundit"</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="381 1218 1275 1733"> <p>A gift to the Church in your will ...will help!</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>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>	

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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>	
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>	

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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 Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	