

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	31 March 2026	For weekend:	4 – 5 April 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>	
REGISTER NOW	<p>Formation Pathway Leading People Well</p> <p><i>The conversation you avoid today becomes the conflict you manage tomorrow.</i></p> <p>Every leader eventually discovers the same thing. The most difficult part of leadership is not vision, planning, or organisation. It is people.</p> <p>Our next Formation Pathway evening will focus on the practical side of leading people well. The session will explore several areas that often determine whether teams thrive or struggle, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • handling conflict constructively • having honest and respectful conversations • setting clear expectations and responsibilities • supporting the people entrusted to our leadership <p>If you are involved in any form of leadership or ministry, this evening will offer practical help for one of the most important parts of leadership: caring for and guiding people well.</p> <p>All are welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAMPBELLTOWN Tuesday 21 April 7-9pm • WOLLONGONG & ZOOM Wednesday 22 April 7-9pm <p>To register: Dow.sh/fpapril2026</p>	

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NEW	<p>Sanctus- Rosemeadow</p> <p>Join us for Sanctus Summit at our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow on Wednesday 15 April 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>Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekends</p> <p>Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food!</p> <p>For more information and to register go to: dow.sh/familycamping26</p>	
<i>Register Now</i>	<p>Diocesan Youth Sports Festival</p> <p>Young people from ages 15 to 35 are invited to come together for the very first Diocesan Youth Sports Festival- a huge day of sport, faith and community.</p> <p>When: Saturday 18 April 2026 Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm Where: Holy Spirit College, Bellambi Cost: \$50 per team \$10 per person</p> <p>Grab your friends, cousins, youth group or young adult crew and form a team of 7+ to compete in a fast-paced round-robin tournament. The twist? Teams vote on the main sport of the day, so register early and get training! Prefer something lower intensity? A table tennis competition will run throughout the day with plenty of chances to jump in.</p> <p>Morning tea and a BBQ lunch are included, and the day will finish with Mass celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Columbkille's Church in Corrimal.</p> <p>Register here: dow.sh/youthsportsfest</p>	
NEW	<p>VOCARIS Young Adult Night (18+)</p> <p>Join us on Saturday 16 May, 6:00–9:30pm at Wilton Community Centre for a soul-quenching evening of faith, community, and fun! Enjoy a practical session on building a prayer life and the sacraments, delicious cinnamon scrolls, and a lively trivia night.</p> <p>To Register dow.sh/VocarisPrayerLife OR via the QR Code to secure your spot!</p>	

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NEW	<p>Medjugorje Pilgrimage - Vatican Approved Harvest Journeys COMMENCES MONDAY 31 August 2026</p> <p>Queen of Peace - 8 Days / 7 Nights. Medjugorje (7 Nights) • Dubrovnik day. Optional 4-night post-tour extension to Rome. Accompanied by: Fr Joseph Photehnparampil</p> <p>For full details, including itinerary and booking information, please Click to download brochure</p>	<p>Click to download brochure</p>
NEW	<p>Sing with the Wollongong Diocesan Choir</p> <p>Singers from across the Diocese are invited to join the Wollongong Diocesan Choir, which prepares music for special Diocesan Masses where parish communities from across the region gather to celebrate. Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings in the lead up to each celebration, from 7pm–8.30pm, usually at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.</p> <p>If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of this ministry, you're warmly invited to get involved.</p> <p>To express your interest, visit: dow.sh/choir</p> <p>All are welcome.</p>	
Continuing	<p>ASIST Workshop Monday 20 April - Tuesday 21 April 8.30am - 4.30pm both days Location: 36 Harbour Street Wollongong, NSW 2500</p> <p>CatholicCare is an accredited provider of LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). It is two-day in-person workshop where you'll learn how to recognise when someone may be thinking about suicide, and how to provide a skilled intervention and develop a safety plan with the person to connect them to further support.</p> <p>To book call Rita Maher on 0458 472 983 or email ritam@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</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 19-21 June 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.</p> <p>Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Understanding the Billings Ovulation Method®</p> <p>The Billings Ovulation Method® helps couples understand the natural signs of fertility and infertility. Through this knowledge, couples can plan their families in a way that is fully consistent with Catholic teaching—whether to achieve or to postpone pregnancy.</p> <p>This natural method encourages deeper communication and mutual respect within marriage, while supporting reproductive health through a simple, science-based approach that honours God’s design.</p> <p>For more information or to connect with a trained teacher, please contact: Liz Gandy 0457 298 823 or visit lizgandynaturopathy.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Catholic Chaplaincy at UOW</p> <p>UOW students and staff are warmly invited to become involved with the UOW Catholic Society. Join us for Mass and lunch, 12:30pm Thursdays during semester in the Building 11 Clubs Room. See @uowcathsoc on social media to find out more.</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 / Easter Sunday</p> <p>He is Risen! Salvation has been won; the power of death is broken. Be inspired by Christ’s triumph over death that you might be a confident witness of His Resurrection. (Matthew 28:6-7)</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>	

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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.</p> <p>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484</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 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 1783 1267 1939" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE:</p> <p>cymw.org.au</p> </div>  </div> </div>	

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