

BULLETIN NOTICES


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Date:	3 March 2026	For weekend:	7 – 8 March 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>	
Final Week	<p>Guadalupe: Mother of Humanity Special Film Screening Office of the Bishop, Xavier Centre Conference Rooms Wollongong, Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 6:30pm</p> <p>You're invited to a special community screening Guadalupe. To this day, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe remains perfectly intact after 5 centuries, defying time, science, and logic and contains an entire codex of hidden messages, has survived an acid spill and even a bomb blast. Come and join us for a screening of the acclaimed movie about this Marian apparition and the extraordinary events and miracles that have followed. Because some miracles refuse to fade! Light refreshments and finger food will be provided on the night and merchandise available for purchase.</p> <p>Tickets \$10 - Book and pay now to secure your ticket(s) dow.sh/Guadalupe</p>	
REGISTER NOW	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast, Friday 13 March 2026 6:30am-8am</p> <p>Guest Speaker & Topic: Tom Kadmon - <i>"Reading Scripture is central to our relationship with Jesus."</i></p> <p>Xavier Conference Room, 38 Harbour St Wollongong</p> <p>Enjoy a breakfast buffet, prayer and inspiring guest speaker input Be supported and inspired by other men, seeking to be authentic disciples on mission. Cost is just \$20. Book here dow.sh/MPB26 by Tuesday 10 March</p> <p><i>The Men's Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong</i></p>	


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SAVE THE DATE	<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>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.</p> <p>See @uowcathsoc on social media to find out more.</p>	
NEW	<p>Catechist Retreat - March 2026</p> <p>All Catechists and supporters of the Catechist Ministry are welcome to join us on a special day of retreat either in Wollongong on Monday 23 March or in Rosemeadow on Friday 27 March. Being the season of Lent, the theme for the retreat is "Gospel Conversion: Turning to the God of Jesus". Retreat facilitator, Fr Aloysius Rego OCD, will lead us into a greater understanding of the God of Jesus, as revealed to us in Scripture. There will be times for prayer, learning and discussion. Mass is planned before lunch. Please BYO lunch. Morning Tea provided. Donations are welcome however there is no cost for the retreat.</p> <p>Register now: dow.sh/CCDRETREAT26</p>	

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NEW	<p>Urgent Need for Foster Carers</p> <p>Could you open your heart and home to a child in need? There is an urgent need for foster carers in our community.</p> <p>For over 30 years, CatholicCare has supported carers to provide vulnerable children with a loving, safe home and a brighter future. Foster carers receive comprehensive training, regular case worker support, and a carer allowance for the child's day-to-day needs.</p> <p>If you've ever considered fostering, now is the time.</p> <p>Call: 1800 967 894</p> <p>Email: fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p> <p>We will support you every step of the way.</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>	
Continuing	<p>Summit Night- an evening with Dr Robert Haddad</p> <p>Young adults of the diocese (18+) are invited to the first Summit Night for 2026 - an inspiring evening of truth, formation, and community featuring Catholic author and apologist Dr Robert Haddad. Join us on Saturday 21 March, 6pm–9:00pm at the Xavier Conference Centre (next to Wollongong Cathedral) for <i>'The Eucharist- The Medicine of Immortality'</i>.</p> <p>Using his book, 'The Medicine of Immortality: The Eucharist in the pre-Nicene Church Fathers', our speaker will give us some insights into what the Church Fathers had to say, why the Eucharist is indeed so central in our Church history. The evening includes a wine & cheese reception, Dr Haddad's keynote, Eucharistic Adoration, Q & A and expo of some of our local ministries.</p> <p>Free event (donations are welcome), but registration is essential. Register here: dow.sh/SummitEucharist</p> <p>Follow @CYMDOW on socials for more details</p>	

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Continuing	<p>MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend: Discernment Retreat Friday 13 March - Sunday 15 March 2026</p> <p>A time for single women aged 18-35 to listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and sharing to help discern your vocation.</p> <p>More info and RSVP: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com OR 0402 602 520</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Sanctus - Unanderra</p> <p>Join us for Sanctus Summit at Immaculate Conception, Unanderra on Wednesday 18 March 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), Vespers, followed by dinner at Unanderra Hotel. Come along to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and connect with other young people from the area!</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Join Our Mission – Diocesan Director Opportunity</p> <p>Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate person for a paid casual role as Diocesan Director for Diocese of Wollongong. This position averages 3.75 hours per week across the year, with extra hours during our Project Compassion appeal (February–May). In partnership with the Diocese of Wollongong, you'll help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity by sharing Caritas Australia's mission through education, fundraising, advocacy, and building strong relationships with Catholic schools, parishes, and the wider Catholic community.</p> <p>If you're committed to social and ecological justice, we'd love to hear from you! Scan the QR code to learn more about this rewarding role.</p>	
Continuing	<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>	
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>	<p>www.jcr.org.au</p>

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NEW	<p>A vocation view:</p> <p>Jesus gives Living Water to those who come to Him in their need. Bring your weakness to Him, that His strength may help with your continued conversion of life. (John 4:14)</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 1348 1139 1711" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; 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 1249 1267 1406" 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>	