



BULLETIN NOTICES


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Date:	17 June 2026	For weekend:	20 – 21 June 2026



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 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!	
BOOK NOW	Who is the Man Behind of the Shroud? 5:30pm–8:30pm Saturday, 27 June 2026 Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong Come join us for this inspiring evening with renowned Catholic speaker Francine Pirola as we explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin and what it reveals about the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception, view a rare life-size replica of the Shroud, connect with others, and conclude the evening with Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral. This is a free event, but registration is essential. Register: dow.sh/summitshroud	
LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER	Ignite Conference Sydney 2026 Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong is gathering a group of youth and young adults to attend Ignite Conference Sydney, one of Australia's largest and most dynamic Catholic conferences. Join over a thousand young people, families, clergy, religious, teachers, and ministry leaders from across the country for four days of inspiring speakers, powerful worship, practical faith formation, and vibrant community. 9–12 July 2026 Light of Christ Centre Wahroonga Cost: \$220 subsidised conference ticket (includes meals) + \$270 accommodation. For high school students and young adults (18–35). Limited places remain. Registrations close 22 June. For details and registration, visit igniteconference.com.au and enter the coupon code CYMWHigh or CYMWAdult to reveal the Wollongong group ticket.	LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

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NEW	<p>2026 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass</p> <p>If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.</p> <p>Registration is essential and must be completed online at dow.sh/ma26 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026.</p> <p>Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>How To Raise Up Leaders - 21 & 22 July</p> <p>Every parish has people whom God is already calling and gifting for mission. Our next Formation Pathway session, Raising Up Leaders, will explore practical ways to recognise those gifts, invite people forward, entrust real responsibility, and form confident leaders without relying on the same few people. Participants will learn the difference between recruiting volunteers and raising leaders, along with a simple apprenticeship model for developing others. Join us at Campbelltown Catholic Club on Tuesday 21 July, 7–9pm, or via Zoom on Wednesday 22 July, 7–9pm.</p> <p>Registration is essential dow.sh/fpjuly2026</p>	
Continuing	<p>Jubilee of St Francis, Warrawong Parish</p> <p>Warrawong Parish warmly welcomes pilgrimage groups to visit St Francis of Assisi Church during the Jubilee Year of St Francis. A plenary indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, to all the faithful "who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis" (Decree, 10 January 2026).</p> <p>The parish will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis with a special Mass on Sunday 4 October 2026.</p> <p>Please contact the parish at berkeleywarrawong@dow.org.au to arrange a time for your group's visit.</p>	
POSITION VACANT	<p>Join Our Mission – Diocesan Director Opportunity</p> <p>Caritas Australia is still seeking a successful candidate to fulfill the Diocesan Director for Diocese of Wollongong. This paid casual position averages 3.75 hours per week across the year, with extra hours during our Project Compassion appeal (February–May).</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 and to submit your application.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Ageing with Confidence 2026 is a free CatholicCare event for older people, families, and carers that focuses on ageing with dignity, confidence, and choice.</p> <p>It provides practical guidance on navigating care systems, raises awareness of ageism, and offers tools, support, and local connections to help people age well at home and in the community.</p> <p>Registration required. Campbelltown (22 July 2026), both 9am–1pm.</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>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>	
Continuing	<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 Photehnpampil</p> <p>For full details, including itinerary and booking information, please Click to download brochure</p>	Click to download brochure
NEW	<p>A vocation view:</p> <p>Courage is needed to speak God’s word. Let no one intimidate you. God gives you the power to speak the truth. (Matthew 10:26-33)</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>	

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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="384 741 1137 1099" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <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><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image click here)</i></p>	
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>	

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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 is running the global hit Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz. It is the world's leading religious podcast, now with over 1 billion downloads worldwide. A new episode is released every day, but you can listen entirely at your own pace! It is never too late to catch up or start your journey. Sign up to download your free reading plan at Ascension Press BIY.</p>	