

BULLETIN NOTICES



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Date:	2 June 2026	For weekend:	6 – 7 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!	
This Weekend	Corpus Christi Retreat – Sunday 7 June As we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, join with people from across the Diocese for a retreat to deepen your love of the Eucharist. St Joachim Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow from 11:00am–3:30pm (Following 10:00am Mass / Lunch provided) Open to adults (ages 14–17 with parent/guardian). For more information or to register go to dow.sh/corpuschristi26	
NEW & Coming Soon	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Overnight Prayer Vigil St Joseph's Parish, Bulli invites parishioners and visitors from across the Diocese, to celebrate together the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, 12 June 2026 . 7:30pm Mass of the Sacred Heart, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as part of an overnight vigil of prayer and praise With Our Lord Jesus. (Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Silent Prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation). The vigil concludes with Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 7:30am on Saturday, 13 June 2026.	


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BOOK NOW	<p>"Ephphatha: Be Opened!" Calling young men 18-35 years old</p> <p>How can we become more open to discovering God's plan in our daily lives? How do we know if we are called to marriage, priesthood or religious life? There are many opportunities now available through the Vocations and Youth Ministries of our Diocese, for young people to grow in faith and encourage each other. This is the first young men's discernment event, for all unmarried young men aged 18-35 to join Bishop Brian Mascord, the priests of the Vocations Team and our Seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&A, one to one chats and Eucharistic Adoration. Register as soon as you can!</p> <p>Where: St Therese Parish, 2 Powell Street West Wollongong When: Saturday 13th June, 12:30pm for 1pm lunch; finishing at 4pm Cost: Free, but registration is essential – through QR code or go to dow.sh/Ephphatha <i>If any young men or women would like help discerning their vocation, contact Fr Duane at vocations@dow.org.au</i> vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Tim Fischer Oration 2026:</p> <p>Come and join our group from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong for this vibrant event. This year's Oration will be delivered by internationally respected biblical scholar Dr Mary Healy. Topic: Citizens of the Kingdom in a Secular Age. Sponsored tickets are available for Year 11 and 12 students. Please email thomas.meney@sydneycatholic.org to acquire them.</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 17 June 2026, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Rosehill Gardens, Rosehill, NSW. Register here: tfo.org.au There is ample parking, and frequent public transport connections are available.</p>	
NEW	<p>Sanctus - Rosemeadow</p> <p>Join us for the Sanctus Summit at our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow on Wednesday 17 June.</p> <p>Sanctus Summit is a monthly adoration night, bringing youth and young adults together 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>	



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NEW	<p>Who is the Man Behind of the Shroud? 5:30pm–8:30pm Saturday, 27 June 2026 Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong</p> <p>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</p>	
REGISTER NOW	<p>Ignite Conference Sydney 2026</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9–12 July 2026 Light of Christ Centre Wahroonga</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For details and registration, visit igniteconference.com.au and enter the coupon code CYMWHigh or CYMWAdult to reveal the Wollongong group ticket.</p>	
NEW	<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>	

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POSITION VACANT	<p>Permanent Part-Time Role: Clergy Care Coordinator Assistant</p> <p>The Office of the Bishop Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Registered or Enrolled Nurse to join the team as an assistant to the Clergy Care Coordinator.</p> <p>This is a permanent part-time position, starting at two days per week with the possibility of extended hours in the future. The role involves providing general healthcare assistance including phone and email enquiries from clergy, providing transport for medical appointments and assisting with Clergy Health Assessments.</p> <p>Please note this role may be required to cover annual or personal leave relief for the coordinator as required.</p> <p>For further information or to request a full position description, please email louise.macdonald@dow.org.au</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>We are seeking someone who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a strong commitment to the mission of Caritas Australia, the ethos of the Catholic Church and Catholic Social Teaching • has a desire to represent Caritas Australia in the Diocese with flexible work hours depending on the project • has a preparedness to work collaboratively with Diocesan authorities and other agencies, parishes, schools and the wider community • has experience presenting to various age groups, including children <p>If you're committed to social and ecological justice, we'd love to hear from you!</p> <p>Scan the QR code to learn more about this rewarding role and to submit your application.</p>	
NEW	<p>Caritas Australia End of Financial Year Appeal</p> <p>As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax-deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need.</p> <p>Make a donation today at caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history</p>	

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NEW	<p>Caring support for you and your family</p> <p>When life feels challenging, support can make a difference. CatholicCare’s professional counsellors are here for you. We support children, adults, couples, and families, with appointments available in person, online, or by phone. Call 1800 967 894 or scan the QR code to get started. You’re not alone.</p>	
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 – a stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Join us for the next Catholic Business Connections event which will feature Stan Grant as the Guest Speaker Topic: Privacy of faith and the public nature of its expression</p> <div data-bbox="384 1088 1023 1765" style="border: 1px solid #00a6c9; padding: 10px; background-color: #00a6c9; color: white; text-align: center;"> <p>Catholic Business Connections</p> <p><small>NEXT EVENT</small></p> <p>Inaugural Dinner Friday 26 June 2026 5:30pm–9:30pm City Beach Function Centre, Wollongong</p> <p><small>GUEST SPEAKER</small> Stan Grant Journalist, Author, Moral Philosopher, Film Maker & Communicator</p>  <p> Catholic Business Connections <small>DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG</small></p> <p>BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW cbc.dow.org.au</p>  </div> <p>RSVP: Wednesday 17 June 2026 <i>Free admission for CBC Members (\$150 for Non-members (incl. GST))</i></p>	 <p>For Parish Info only: Any enquiries please contact Debbie Gates debbiegates@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 .
Continuing	<p>OneSydney Together in Christ - A Historic Celebration As One Sunday 14 June 2026 Sydney Opera House (Concert Hall)</p> <p>You are invited to be part of an ecumenical evening of prayer and unity. Christians from Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, Evangelical and Pentecostal traditions will gather as one on Australia's most iconic stage — the Sydney Opera House. programme includes Dr Mary Healy, Matt Maher, Fr Rob Galea, and many more.</p> <p>Click here for more information and to register</p>	Click here to download flyer
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>Spiritual & Pastoral Care Training</p> <p>Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others? An Introductory 40 Hour Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online via Zoom and would be suitable for kind and caring people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities, attendees at school or people in the parish.</p> <p>Applications are currently being taken for this 40-hour course commencing on Thursday, 18 June 2026, comprising 6 sessions ending on 23 July 2026. Times are 9.30 am to 4 pm. Dates are June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, and 23.</p> <p>For more information about this course and future courses please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676</p>	Click to download flyer

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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 1106 1137 1464" 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>	
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>	

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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="384 958 1267 1115" 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>	