

Who We Are

Bearers of Christ's love



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A snapshot of the people, communities and ministries that make up the Diocese of Wollongong



Our region

9 Local Government Areas: Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Wingecarribee, Wollondilly, Camden, Campbelltown and Liverpool, and **29** parishes ministering to over **200,000** people. The **8th** largest diocese in Australia.



Our clergy

Over **50** active and retired clergy serve our diocese, supporting parish communities and ministries, with **3** seminarians preparing for priesthood.



Gathered in faith

Celebrating Mass in over **55** churches, in **20** languages for **15,000** people every weekend.



Our schools

46 schools (38 systemic and 8 congregational), educating **27,000** students every year. 1 in 5 students in the region is educated in a Catholic school.



Reaching the masses

We produce *Mass for You at Home*, a free-to-air televised ministry viewed by **55,000** people around Australia each week.



Our volunteers

One of the largest and most extensive volunteer networks in the region including over **2,000** volunteers in our parishes.



Media and evangelisation

We produce the *Journey Podcast* which goes to air in over **30** radio stations and via multiple platforms across Australia each week.



Our staff

One of the biggest employers in this region, with a workforce of nearly **4,500** people.



Pastoral care

Over **15** chaplains working alongside our people living with disability, our young people, aged, non-English speaking, prison, juvenile justice, hospital, *Mass for You at Home* and university communities.



Our social services

4 CatholicCare sites offering social services to over **9,000** people every year.



Special religious education

400 volunteer catechists teaching Special Religious Education (SRE) to around **6,500** students in **115** government schools each week.

We are present at many of life's most important milestones, at times of great sadness and at times of great celebration.

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