



BULLETIN NOTICES

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	<p>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</p> <p>Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. Stay informed by subscribing at dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	
NEW	<p>JUBILEE EVENT: 24 Hrs for the Lord Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Unanderra commencing 7am 28 March</p> <p>The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Unanderra - one of the Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites in the Diocese of Wollongong - is participating in the "24 Hours for the Lord", a worldwide initiative encouraged by Pope Francis, on 28-29 March.</p> <p>It will begin with 7am Mass and Rosary on Friday 28 March, with Eucharistic Adoration until the 7:30am Mass on Saturday 29 March, children's resources available to help them to pray between 3pm and 5pm, and Stations of the Cross on Friday at 5:30pm followed by Reconciliation until 9pm. You can see more information and commit to one or more one-hour time slots at jubilee24hoursfortheLord or simply come along for any part of the day.</p>	
NEW	<p>Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk for Life</p> <p>Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Fri 23 May- Sat 24 May for all or part of the walk for life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected.</p> <p>Day 1: From Kiama to Gerringong, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord & overnight adoration.</p> <p>Day 2: Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with mass and dinner.</p> <p>For more information go to dow.sh/WFL or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au/ 4222 2407</p>	

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NEW	<p>Vinnies NSW Disaster Appeal – Help those affected by Cyclone Alfred</p> <p>St Vincent de Paul Society NSW has launched an appeal to support communities in Northern NSW impacted by Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Thousands are without power and have been forced to evacuate due to severe weather conditions, including destructive winds and potential flooding. Vinnies NSW is providing immediate relief such as food, clothing, and essential household items, while also supporting long-term recovery efforts. Financial donations are the most effective way to help. To donate, call 13 18 12, visit www.vinnies.org.au/nswdisasterappeal, or donate at any Vinnies NSW Shop. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.</p>	
NEW	<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 23-25 May 2025 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & 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>	
UPDATED	<p>VOCARIS: PASSOVER, LAST SUPPER, FIRST MASS</p> <p>Join us for an unforgettable night as we celebrate a Passover Meal together, unraveling the deep significance behind Christ's words at the Last Supper, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and on the cross! What better way to start your Holy Week! Join us on Saturday, 12 April from 5pm to 10pm at the Wilton Community Centre: Main Hall (20 Broughton Street, WILTON, NSW, 2571) (25 minutes from Campbelltown and Wollongong). Use the QR Code or more details and to register!</p>	
Continuing REGISTER NOW	<p>Hope for the Illawarra Inter Church Evangelisation Event 2025</p> <p><i>'I invite Catholics in the Diocese of Wollongong, especially those in the Illawarra Region, to attend this Ecumenical Event, inviting others so as to hear the Gospel proclaimed anew. In embracing our Jubilee Year of Hope, consider attending Hope for the Illawarra on March 28-29 in Wollongong.'</i> Bishop Brian Mascord</p> <p>Main Events: Friday 28 March - An Evening for Youth (7pm) Saturday 29 March - A Morning Event for Children (11am) Saturday 29 March - A Celebration with Dr Michael Youssef (7pm) For more information contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au / P: 4222 2407 or go to: https://www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/about-1</p>	

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Continuing POSITION VACANT	<p>Part-time employment opportunity – Parish Secretary St Patricks Parish Port Kembla</p> <p>Port Kembla parish is seeking the services of a part-time secretary for 16.5hrs per week – Tuesday to Friday, start and finish times negotiable. The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The parish secretary needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who has good relational skills and works well with others, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work.</p> <p>If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au Applications close 5pm Friday, 28 March 2025.</p>	
Continuing REGISTER NOW and JOIN US!	<p>Formation Pathway - Parish Culture & Cultural Change (106)</p> <p>TWO EVENTS! Cost: Free</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAMPBELLTOWN (NOTE: DATE CHANGE) Tuesday 1 April, 7-9 pm • WOLLONGONG & ZOOM (NOTE: DATE CHANGE) Wednesday, 2 April, 7-9 pm <p>Registration: https://dow.sh/fpaprill2025</p> <p>Description</p> <p>Culture is the strongest human force your parish must overcome in order to lead it toward renewal. Stronger than mission, vision, strategy, or values. Culture eats strategy for breakfast. Learn how to identify the culture operating out of sight and mind in your community, embrace all that is good, and challenge those ways of thinking and acting that make renewal difficult. This formation event will introduce participants to the cultural change pyramid - a straightforward approach to creating a vision for cultural change.</p> <p>What is the Formation Pathway?</p> <p>To assist parish communities in understanding and implementing Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes (CSGM), we have developed a program of formation, known as the Formation Pathway. Consisting of introductory, intermediate and advanced formation, the Formation Pathway is designed to explore core concepts of parish renewal, equip and encourage the faithful, and help to nurture the existing culture of growth – personally and as a community. For more information, please see the Formation Pathway overview.</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 REGISTER NOW	<p>Penrose Park: Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage, Saturday 26 April 2025, Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park, 10am – 3pm</p> <p>Join us for a special Youth Pilgrimage—a day of prayer, reflection, and encounter as we journey in faith through: Mass, Reconciliation, Rosary Walk, International Chapels, Fellowship & Lunch, and Creative Prayer Stations</p> <p>Bring your passports to get stamped along the way! Come as Pilgrims of Hope, embracing the grace of this Jubilee Year! To register: dow.org.au/events/penrose-park-jubilee-youth-pilgrimage/</p>	
Continuing	<p>Weekly Mass at UOW</p> <p>UOW Catholic Society is back for 2025 and we're inviting all UOW students, staff, and friends to be a part of the adventure. Join us for Mass on Campus 12.30pm every Thursday during semester (Clubs Room, Bldg 11). For details, see @uowcathsoc on social media or email uowcatholicsociety19@gmail.com</p>	
NEW each week	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be. (Exodus: 3:18, 13-15) 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>Legion of Mary: All Legions are warmly invited to attend ACIE's at Immaculate Conception church at 2pm on Sunday 30 March. All are invited to join us afterwards for refreshments in the parish room. Please bring a plate. Any enquiries phone Susan 0449 807 814.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>Hope does not disappoint. The critical role of hope in Christian faith is highlighted in Romans 5:5: "And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." - <i>Spes non Confundit</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Parish, Rosemeadow warmly invites you to join us for our First Friday Exposition and Benediction and special First Saturday Devotions. These beautiful opportunities for prayer and reflection are open to everyone:</p> <p>First Friday of each month: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon</p> <p>First Saturday Devotions (7 June, 6 September, 6 December): 10am: Mass 11am – 3pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 2pm: Confessions</p>	
Continuing	<p>Medjugorje Pilgrimage commences Monday 1 September 2025</p> <p>Accompanied by Fr Patrick Vaughan</p> <p>Queen of Peace – Medjugorje Pilgrimage <i>A tiny Croatian village, six children and the faith of millions from all over the world have shed new light on what it means to be a true pilgrim on life's journey. In this hallowed place of Medjugorje, this valley of miracles, the Mother of God beckons us forward.</i></p> <p>For full details, itinerary and bookings, Visit: harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje</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 or restart your monthly gift at any time. Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/ to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="384 1503 1230 1995" 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>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image click here)</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>Want Netflix for Catholics? Get 'FORMED' Free for DoW Parishioners</p> <p>Join hundreds of other families around the Diocese of Wollongong in nurturing your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace? FORMED is a fantastic Faith Formation Resource library website containing thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio, and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children.</p> <p>To register for FORMED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to www.formed.org and click 'Formed for Individuals' button. • Enter your email address and Submit. • Type 'Wollongong' into the box then click the Diocese's name and address (38 Harbour St) which will appear. Click Next. • Enter your name and email address. You'll get a confirmation email asking you to sign in and then follow the prompts – and get formed! 	

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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. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	