

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	4 March 2025	For weekend:	8 – 9 March 2025

RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.

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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>	
Register Now	<p>Formation Pathway for Parish Renewal All welcome!</p> <p>Topic: Evangelisation (Module 105)</p> <p>At the heart of the mission of the Church, to go and make disciples, is the challenging language of Evangelisation. We often equate evangelisation with “Bible bashing” or door-knocking, but it really is just the sharing of the Good News of the Gospel. As the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference states, Evangelisation is encounter with Jesus, becoming disciples, and then continuing to make disciples. This formation will give you a deeper understanding of our mission as a Church and your role in it.</p> <p>Presenter: Jude Hennessy, Director of the Office of Renewal & Evangelisation</p> <p>Date: Campbelltown 11 March Wollongong/Zoom 12 March</p> <p>When: 7-9pm</p> <p>Registration: dow.sh/fpmar2025 (essential for catering)</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	
NEW	<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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NEW	<p>Bishop’s Jubilee Visit to Unanderra Saturday 15 March From 10am</p> <p>Bishop Brian will be making his Jubilee Visit to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Unanderra, one of the six pilgrimage sites of the Diocese, on Saturday 15 March. The day will begin with a 10am Jubilee Mass with the Bishop, followed by Reconciliation and Adoration, a BYO picnic lunch at 12:30pm, Rosary led by the Bishop at 2pm, then a talk by Bishop Brian on the Jubilee with opportunity for Q and A, concluding with prayer and the Papal Blessing from the Bishop. Bishop Brian will then remain at Unanderra to celebrate the 6pm Vigil Mass that evening. Come along for all or part of this special day to learn more about the Jubilee, receive the Papal Blessing which is connected with the Jubilee Indulgence, and spend some time with the Bishop and other pilgrims from near and far. All are welcome!</p>	
NEW	<p>VOCARIS: Passover, Last Supper, First Mass</p> <p>Ever wondered where the Mass came from? Join us for an unforgettable night as we celebrate a Passover Meal together, unravelling the deep significance behind Christ's words at the Last Supper, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and on the cross! The Last Supper wasn't just a Jesus' last dinner with Christ and His disciples – it's a major feast that Jesus pilgrimage to Jerusalem for on Palm Sunday, one made new in the Upper Room on Holy Thursday, and one He fulfilled on the cross with His dying words: "It is finished" (John 19:30). This experience will forever change the way you celebrate the Mass! For more details and to register go to: https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/VOCARIS-Passover</p>	
Continuing	<p>Charismatic Healing Mass – 14 March 2025 Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St, Wollongong Celebrant: Fr James Arblaster</p> <p>A warm invitation is extended to all members of the public, all prayer groups, Alpha graduates, and members of Cursillo, Couples for Christ and Disciples of Jesus, to join us in charismatic praise to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa. Everyone welcome. 7:00pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404</p>	
Continuing	<p>Jubilee Day of Prayer: You are my Hope Saturday, 22 March 2025 St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 8am - 8pm</p> <p>A day of extended Eucharistic adoration and reflection at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong (36 Harbour Street). The day will commence with Lauds, leading into Mass, followed by extended Eucharistic Adoration with the opportunity for reconciliation. There will be a time of adoration and talks by Fr Bernard on St Francis Xavier and St Thérèse of Lisieux, exploring Hope through mission and contemplation. The day will conclude with Sung Vespers and Solemn Benediction. Visit: jubilee.lumenchristi.org.au</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Hospitality - A Versatile Charism 14 - 16 March 2025 Presenter: Sr Magdalen Mather</p> <p>This weekend we are invited creatively to explore some ways in which the Benedictine charism of hospitality can nourish, sustain and stabilise us in a deeper security that is rooted in faith, hope and love. From the embrace of an unconditionally hospitable God, we are enabled to embrace ourselves and our neighbour with that same accepting love taught us by God. Cost: \$150 plus accommodation costs</p> <p>Book and pay for this retreat by ringing 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au.</p> <p>For more details https://www.jamberoobbey.org.au/events/2025-03-14</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>	
Continuing	<p>Young Adults - Sanctus Summit – Wednesday 19 March 2025, Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Unanderra</p> <p>New monthly adoration for young adults of the diocese at two locations, rotating each month. 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30pm-7:30pm (followed by dinner) for adoration in a beautiful and sacred space.</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 .
NEW each week	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life. (Luke 4:1-13)</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>2025 Catholic Business Connections Memberships are now open and you are invited to join us</p> <p>March Luncheon Guest Speaker</p> <p>Hugh Mackay AO Social psychologist, researcher and best selling author. Hugh will speak about his latest non-fiction book <i>The Way We Are</i></p> <p>WED 26 MAR 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown</p> <p>To join CBC or to find out more information please scan the QR code or visit: dow.sh/CBCMach2025</p> <p>For more information, please visit dow.sh/CBCMach2025</p>	
Continuing	<p>Catholic Bible Study Thursdays, 7:30-9pm* Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong)</p> <p>Come and explore the Bible with the mind and heart of the Church in an open and friendly environment. All are welcome. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086</p> <p><i>* Thursdays during school term</i></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>  <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE: cymw.org.au</p> <p>OFFICE OF THE BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG</p>	

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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>Jubilee Invitation from Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn</p> <p>You are invited and encouraged to add Ss Peter & Paul’s Old Cathedral, Goulburn, NSW to your list of Pilgrimage Churches for the Jubilee Year of Hope. It is the only Greenstone Church in the world, from 440 million years old stone. Constructed in 1872, its restoration was completed in 2022. Please come to experience the beauty of the building, the stain glass windows, Altar and Ambo, Tabernacle, Baptismal Font, Side Altars, and new confessionals. Of particular attraction to pilgrims are the fully restored 19th Century French Stations of the Cross and the recent addition of the Way of the Family, which surrounds the beautiful statue of Mary, Mother of Families. Ss Peter & Paul’s is ideal for the pilgrimage experience of prayer: Family, Rosary, Sacrament of Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Contemplative Prayer, Prayer of Silence and Stillness. We look forward to welcoming you and your parishioners so that hope is renewed. Book your pilgrimage: m: 0403 631 797 / E: goulburn@cg.org.au W: https://www.mqagoulburn.com.au/</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture. The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful. Let us realize, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society.</p> <p>- <i>Laudate Deum – Pope Francis - To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis</i></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 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 electronically.</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 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>	
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>	

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Continuing	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</p> <p>The Chosen is a new 'free to view', series, now in its fourth season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers.</p> <p>The shows are of the highest quality, and it continues to receive acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to watch.thechosen.tv to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!</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>	