Suggested Bulletin Notices:

1. You are invited to participate in the NSW Pastoral Conference taking place on **Tuesday, 26 February** 2019 at Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe. Our theme of *Drawing and Giving Life* invites us to renew our pastoral life in the post Royal Commission Church. The conference features Father Frank Brennan SJ as Keynote Speaker and a number of other high profile presenters including Lana Turvey-Collins (National Plenary 2020 Facilitator) and Dr Patrick McInerney SSC (Director of Columban Mission Institute) as well as Sister Susan Connelly RSJ. It is a great opportunity for parish clergy, staff and volunteers including those in ministry and on pastoral councils to be inspired, network and share in some great ideas and resources. This day is hosted by the NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates and Pastoral Workers (NAPPA). This network has a liaison role with the NSW Bishops.

For further information please visit our website [www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference](http://www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference)

1. Thread Day will be held on **Saturday 1 March** at 1pm in the Toohey Room, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle. Run by Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People, it aims to gather those involved in youth ministry across the diocese to network and be refreshed. For more info E youth.ministry@mn.catholic.org.au or call 0437 192 603.
2. Pints With A Purpose will be held on **Monday 4 March** at 6.30pm at the Northern Star Hotel Beaumont St Hamilton. More info E youth.ministry@mn.catholic.org.au or call 0437 192 603.
3. Catholic Schools Week Liturgy and Launch of Project Compassion will be held on **Tuesday 05 March** at 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Hamilton.
4. Bishop’s Award Liturgy and presentation of awards will be held on **Friday 8 March** at 6.30pm at St John’s Chapel Maitland. All welcome.
5. **2019 Magdalene Award**

International Women’s Day will be celebrated on **Sunday 10 March** with the presentation of the annual Magdalene Award.

Please gather for Mass at 9.30am celebrated by Bishop Bill at Sacred Heart Cathedraland then enjoy morning tea with the nominees for the 2019 Magdalene Award, their families and friends. All are welcome!

1. A new young adults group has begun at St Laurence O’Toole, Broadmeadow. It includes praise and worship, prayer, discussion and mission. It is held every first and third Thursday of the month at 7pm. For more information, call Wayne on 0466631394
2. Please join as we celebrate 100 years since the arrival of the Sisters of St Joseph and the commencement of Catholic Education in Gloucester on **Saturday 9 March** 2019. 11am Celebration Mass followed by a light luncheon and open school. Then 6pm casual drinks at the Roundabout Inn. RSVP by 22 February to stjoeys100@gmail.com.
3. Sisters in Faith Dinner will be held on **Tuesday 19 March at 6pm** at Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. An opportunity for all women of faith to join together. RSVP by 13 March to jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au or 4979 1334.
4. *Mission: one heart many voices* conference will be held from **13-15 May** 2019 in Sydney. 500 delegates will gather again for the Australian church’s premier conference on mission hosted by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia and endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. *Mission: one heart many voices* provides an opportunity for serious reflection on the role of mission which is at the heart of church life. Dialogue then leads to action as we work together to build the community of faith.

Visit <https://mohmv.com.au/2019conference/registration.html>

1. Annual TWEC Dinner will be held on **Friday 31 May** at 6:30 PM at Therry Centre, New England Hwy, East Maitland. Speaker will be Dr Michele Connolly rsj on ‘Does the New Testament speak to contemporary Australia?’ Enquiries P 4979 1111.
2. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life.  During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . .  your Marriage!  **26 – 28 April** at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Useful Links

Here are some useful links and resources that may be new to you. Feel free to share with parish contacts or publish in parish bulletins (as appropriate):

* [Diocesan Information Directory](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/490469/dio_directory_2014_a4_56pp_final_lr7.pdf) - important contact information for the various agencies and groups.
* [Liturgy page](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/catholic-faith/liturgy) – regularly updated
* [Spirituality & Faith page](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/catholic-faith/spirituality-faith) – regularly updated
* [MNnews.today](http://mnnews.today) – Diocesan News Service
* [Subscribe to Diocesan Update eNewsletter](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/diocesan-e-news)
* [*Aurora* Magazine articles online](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora)
* [Full Diocesan Calendar and Community Noticeboard](http://mnnews.today/calendar/)

Diocesan Social Media Links:

Feel free to follow these diocesan social media channels and link your own parish feeds (if applicable):

* [MNnews.today on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mnnewstoday/)
* [MNnews.today on Twitter](https://twitter.com/mnnewstoday)
* [CatholicCare on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/catholiccarehm)
* [CatholicCare on Twitter](https://twitter.com/CatholicCareHM)