

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	29 March 2023	For weekend:	1 – 2 April 2023

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	<p>Invitational Culture – Did you know?</p> <p>Recent research shows that 4 in 10 Australians would accept an invitation to an Easter service if invited by a close friend or family member. In December of 2022, the Australian Community Survey (2022 ACS) asked Australians if they would go to church this Easter if a close friend or family member invited them. Four in 10 (42%) would go if invited. A further 19% of those surveyed said they were unsure. 10% said they have no close friends or family who attend church. "Interestingly, people from all age groups were equally likely to say 'yes' to an invitation", said NCLS Research Director, Dr Ruth Powell.</p> <p>Please take the time to read Bishop Brian's Lenten Invitation if you haven't already and pray about who God might be asking you to invite this Easter, using the invitation cards that the Bishop provided to parishes</p>	
NEW	<p>Catechist Retreat 2023: Prayer, a journey of friendship with God</p> <p>The retreat will be facilitated by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD, the regional vicar of the Discalced Carmelite Friars in Australia-Oceania and is a much loved and experienced retreat facilitator.</p> <p>The retreat will be held in Campbelltown on Monday, 1 May, and in Gerringong on Friday, 5 May.</p> <p>Catechists will be able to register for either retreat and spouses are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Please register here or by visiting https://www.dow.org.au/events/ and selecting the Catechist Retreat.</p>	

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<p>NEW Save the date</p>	<p>Understanding Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality</p> <p>Come for an introduction in Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality. Designed as an in-service for SRE Catechists, the talk will be open to all parishioners interested about learning more about Aboriginal Spirituality, and in particular the beautiful Aboriginal Art Resource: Sacrament Series by artist Donna Marie Sadler.</p> <p>There are three options for attending the course, which will run at each location from 9:30am - 1:30pm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nowra - Monday 8 May • Campbelltown - 15 May • Wollongong - 22 May <p>Morning Tea will be provided. More information to come.</p>	
<p>NEW</p>	<p>Stabat Mater – Good Friday Musical Meditation – 7pm Good Friday 7 April 2023 at Holy Family Catholic Church Ingleburn</p> <p>GB Pergolesi's, "Stabat Mater" is a musical meditation on the suffering of Mary on Good Friday inspired by a poem by Jacopone da Todi.</p> <p>It refers to the prophecy of Simeon, that a sword shall pierce the heart of Christ's mother (Luke 2: 35,) describing Mary's intense sorrow at seeing her beloved Son on the cross.</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome to attend this special event. No tickets but donation at the door would be greatly appreciated.</i></p>	
<p>NEW</p>	<p>CatholicCare Marriage Preparation Courses</p> <p>CatholicCare's pre-marriage and relationship education courses help couples build loving foundations as they prepare for marriage and a lifetime together. CatholicCare offers both private sessions (Prepare/Enrich - By Appointment) and a group workshop for couples (Prepare).</p> <p>Locally run, with the help of a supportive facilitator, couples reflect on their relationship, build marriage and relationship skills and establish core values, goals and aspirations. They gain personal insights and a deeper and shared understanding of their relationship dynamics, commitment levels, personality, spiritual beliefs and family systems.</p> <p>Couples consistently provide positive feedback on this course. <i>"Our facilitator was very friendly, understanding, and a really good listener. She was very wise and insightful. We found the workbook very helpful."</i></p> <p>To download the brochure for couples, including 2023 dates click here For further information contact CatholicCare on 42549395 or enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	

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NEW	<p>Sandon Point Combined Churches Sunrise Service 9 April Easter Sunday at 6am</p> <p>The combined Christian Churches of the Northern Illawarra have extended an invitation across denominations to join for a combined celebration of hope as the sun rises at Sandon Point on Easter Sunday morning. No need to book, just turn up.</p>	
Continuing	<p>National Liturgy & Music Conference</p> <p>If you would like to register for this Conference to be held in Brisbane 28-30 September 2023, please follow this link: https://mysteryandmission.com.au/register</p>	
Continuing	<p>Catholic Family Camping Weekends for 2023</p> <p><i>Save these dates and join us for a good time with great people.</i></p> <p>May 19-21 May & October 27-29, 2023 - Fridays 4pm till Sunday 3pm, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)</p> <p>The weekend is for families of all ages, including couples with or without children, single parents, grandparents and aims to bring us together to celebrate the great gift of catholic family life. Be nurtured by each other's company and emboldened as families to witness to the love of God in our world, a key hope articulated by Pope Francis for families.</p> <p>This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the Diocese to come together in a relaxed environment to enable connection, sharing in meals, games, bushwalks, treasure hunts, music, prayer and Sunday Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord.</p> <p>Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (Regardless of size)</p> <p>Enquiries or to register your interest: Helen Bennett (02 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au)</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Good Friday – Taize Around the Cross 7 April 2023 at 7:30pm</p> <p>St Joseph's Catholic Church, 48 Park Road, Bulli</p> <p>Gabriella De Battista will lead us in chants during a solemn period of prayer, silence, and contemplation in front of the Cross.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Divine Mercy Sunday at St Columbkille's Corrimal</p> <p>1:30pm – 5:00pm Sunday 16 April 2023</p> <p>Come and join us at St Columbkille's Corrimal to celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, 16 April 2023. The celebration starts at 1:30pm with a period of devotion and reconciliation, which helps prepare us for the Divine Mercy Mass that follows at 3:00pm. We will also have the opportunity to pray with a first-class relic of St Faustina. The music will be led by Gabriella De Battista.</p> <p>There will be an afternoon Tea to follow Mass (please bring a plate to share, if possible.)</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</p> <p>Learn to live your best life in love! Join us on 14-16 April 2023 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville A stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.</p> <p>Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Eastern Europe Pilgrimage of Mercy commences 13 June 2023</p> <p>A rare combination of Eastern Europe’s most intriguing cities of Budapest, Krakow and Prague. Be blessed by the powerful graces of the great Shrines of Divine Mercy and the Black Madonna of Czestochowa. Relish a 3-night stay in spectacular Krakow as we retrace the places and graces of Pope St John Paul II. Departing on 13 June 2023 with Fr Richard Healey.</p> <p>More info: https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/pilgrimage-of-mercy/</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Caritas</p> <p>Caritas Turkey is responding to a series of powerful earthquakes. Thousands of lives have been lost already and the death toll increases by the hour. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from the disaster. Visit https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/ or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much-needed support to our East Emergency Appeal.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Men’s Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men</p> <p>Men from the Parish of Rosemeadow invite other men from around the Diocese to join with them on the last Tuesday of the Month to pray the Rosary, commencing at 7pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow. Such men’s groups are, at this time, springing up around the world to honour Our Lady and to pray for the Church and the World. Mass is celebrated at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening's and you are welcome to also attend this prior to the Rosary if you wish.</p> <p>For more information, please contact David at djbarrett85@gmail.com or phone: 0410 487 630.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus</p> <p>The Chosen is a new 'free to view', series, now in its third season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and are receiving acclaim around the world across denominations.</p> <p>Go to watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (download) or for your Smart TV. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</p>	
Continuing	<p>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.org is a large 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 Click 'Sign up' button. Click 'Sign Up as a Parishioner' Type 'Catholic Diocese of Wollongong' into the box on the left. Then click the Diocese's name and address (38 Harbour St) which will appear Enter your name and email address. You'll get a confirmation email asking you to sign in and then follow the prompts. 	

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 2 April 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: A program to start the Church’s “Great Week” with Palm Sunday reflections from Fr Mark De Battista and Mother Hilda, plus three Holy Week reflections from Darren McDowell, Fr Sean Cullen and Fr Antony Jukes, and some great contemporary Christina music.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="437 712 1219 1072" 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>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image - click here) https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</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://dow.sh/parishgiving to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	

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NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Our Lord identifies with our suffering and offers His for our salvation. When we unite our sufferings with His, we are bound to Him on the Cross for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.</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>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement (MSC Mission Office)</p> <p><i>It is through our weakness and vulnerability that God's love manifests in the world.</i> He is an ongoing, creative force in our lives: "In every time and place God continues to save mankind and the world through the poverty of Christ, who makes himself poor in the sacraments, in his word and in his Church, which is a people of the poor. God's wealth passes not through our wealth, but invariably and exclusively through our personal and communal poverty, enlivened by the Spirit of Christ" (Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2014)</p> <p>https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice</p>	
Continuing	<p>menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm</p> <p>reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise "catch up" with great men from across Australia and New Zealand. gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men. pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. <p>Join via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</p>	

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Continuing	<p>CAtHFAMILY</p> <p>CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</p>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</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>CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?</p> <p>We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future.</p> <p>For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>We're always here if you ever need...</p> <p>These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes. To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 4254 9395 or email intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	