

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	6 February 2024	For weekend:	10 – 11 February 2024

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 & URGENT	<p>Restore Palliative Care Funding</p> <p>In the last State budget, \$150 million was slashed from palliative care, having a direct effect on how people die in NSW. It flies in the face of guarantees made at the time of the passing of new laws for Euthanasia, ensuring that everyone in NSW would have true choice as to how they died. No one should be pushed into euthanasia because of funding issues. People of faith need to urgently stand up for the sanctity of human life by objecting to these cuts. Please urgently sign this petition and invite friends and family to do the same https://bit.ly/restorethefunding</p>	
NEW	<p>National Fertility Conference – Melbourne 23 – 24 February 2024</p> <p>Registrations are now open for a wonderful gathering of fertility educators, medical practitioners and academics.</p> <p>For more details and registration: National Fertility Conference - Melbourne 2024 (airrm.org.au)</p>	
NEW	<p>Men around the Country invited to participate in a 33-day consecration to St Joseph</p> <p>Men are invited to be part of a 33-day Consecration to St Joseph and to get to know St Joseph more deeply and as a model for men. The start of the Consecration, via Zoom, will be on Ash Wednesday being 14 February 2024. Please register HERE to receive all the information. If you are not able to join us on the Pilgrimage, just click Consecration only or any of the other options.</p>	

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POSITION VACANT RE-ADVERTISED	<p>Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Leader in the Diocese of Wollongong.</p> <p>Applications close on Thursday, 29 February 2024</p> <p>For more information and a detailed role description, please go to: dow.org.au/position-vacant-diocesan-youth-ministry-leader/ or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>CCD Level 1 Catechist Course</p> <p>The Level 1 course is mandatory for all new SRE Catechists (Teachers and Helpers). Experienced Catechists are also welcome to attend to refresh skills and knowledge.</p> <p>The course will run 9:30am - 1:30pm for 5 weeks on Fridays in Campbelltown and on Mondays in Wollongong: Campbelltown: Fridays 9th, 16th, 23rd February and 1st and 8th March at the Campbelltown Catholic Club (20/22 Camden Rd, Campbelltown) Wollongong: Mondays 12th, 19th, 26th February and 4th, and 11th March at the Xavier Centre Conference Room (38 Harbour Street, Wollongong).</p> <p>To register for the Level 1 course click here dow.sh/ccdtrain1</p> <p>The first day of the course in both locations will include the Child Protection and Classroom Management training, which is required of all SRE Catechists every three years.</p> <p>To register for the Child Protection and Classroom Management update click here dow.sh/ccdcpcm</p>	
Continuing	<p>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Bible in a Year</p> <p>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> <p>Catechism in a Year</p> <p>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> 	



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Continuing	<p>Caritas request for a parishioner to speak about Project Compassion at Parish Masses on one weekend in Lent</p> <p>The season of Lent is the time when Project Compassion is promoted in our parishes and schools. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s main annual fundraising campaign to help alleviate poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity in the most vulnerable and marginalised communities in the world.</p> <p>Caritas is seeking the help of a parishioner from each parish to speak about Project Compassion at the parish masses over one weekend in Lent. It makes a significant difference when a member of the community stands up to draw the attention of the congregation to this great work. Speakers will be provided with a script and short film to use.</p> <p>If this sounds like something you can assist with and in so doing, assist the great work of Caritas through Project Compassion. Please contact Caritas Diocesan Director for Wollongong, Kerrie Hennessy on 0422 987 058 or wollongongcaritas@gmail.com if you have any questions or for support and resources.</p>	
Continuing	<p>‘Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage’ 10 – 20 October 2024</p> <p>The October 2024 itinerary for the ‘Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop’ pilgrimage has been released. Set out on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscape, and spirit of our nation’s first saint. Please share this news with family, friends, and fellow parishioners. As it is expected that this pilgrimage will ‘sell out’, everyone wanting to attend is encouraged to submit your deposit as soon as possible. It is the hope of Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) to be chaplain on the October 2024 departure. More info, including the costs and itinerary, can be found</p> <p>HERE: www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4 starts this week</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. The shows are of the highest quality and it continues to 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 <i>Smart TV</i>. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>A New Vision for Parishes</p> <p>Bishop Mascord has supplied multiple copies of Come and See Go and Make - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong for distribution amongst the faithful. Further to this, a short introductory video message from Bishop Mascord may be viewed / downloaded at http://dow.sh/CSGMvision Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at http://dow.sh/CSGMresources</p>	
Continuing	<p>Catholic Business Connections</p> <p><i>Memberships now on sale</i></p> <p>This year Catholic Business Connections (CBC) will celebrate its sixth year offering women and men the opportunity to network, share lunch and be inspired by guest speakers from across all the professional sectors. Memberships for 2024 are now available and everyone is welcomed to join!</p> <p>The first luncheon for 2024 is Wednesday 21 February at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm)</p> <p>Guest Speaker - Sue Lennox, Former Principal St Patrick's College for Girls, Campbelltown</p> <p>Sue Lennox was the principal of St Patrick's College Campbelltown from 2007 to 2023. Her greatest experience lies in her work in all girls schools, where she is passionate and committed to the empowerment of young women and their development into resilient contributors to their communities and their environment.</p> <p>Topic - <i>Are all-girls schools still relevant?</i></p> <p>For more information about Sue and CBC please visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. RSVP for February luncheon is Tuesday 13 February.</p>	

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 11 February 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says we’re invited to trust ourselves to Jesus, ask him; if you want to you can cure me and see what he says to you. Mother Hilda tells how the Word of God always speaks to us in all our circumstances. Plus, Fr Tony Percy and two lead-in Lenten reflections from Fr’s Sean Cullen and Chris Sarkis.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	www.jcr.org.au .
Continuing	<p>Day Retreat Walking with Jesus – to the joy of Resurrection</p> <p>Saturday 17 February 2024, Jamberoo Abbey</p> <p>Join us for a Lenten reflection day. The Easter story culminates in the joy of Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. Our Lenten retreat day invites you to reflect on how we will walk the Lenten journey in 2024, so that we are able to enter into the promise and joy of Easter morning. 9am Mass, followed by registration. Morning tea is provided.</p> <p>Bring your own lunch. The day ends at 3.30, and you are invited to stay for Vespers at 5pm. Cost: \$30 Book early, places limited to 50. Contact details for Lenten day retreat: register online at jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats or phone 4236 0011 xt106.</p>	

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Save the Dates	<p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 – 17 March 2024 • 23 – 25 August 2024 <p>These weekends are designed to unite families of every age, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, all to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Mark your calendars now for a wonderful chance to bring families from all over the Diocese together in a laid-back setting to connect and enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together.</p> <p>Registration details and more information to follow.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Weekend retreat at Jamberoo Abbey 23 & 25 February 2024</p> <p><i>‘When I return to my heart, I find you there’. Praying with the mystics.</i> Pray with the mystics who teach us that when we return within God is met. The weekend will combine reflections from the mystics with centering prayer instruction and practice. As we follow the mystics along the path of contemplative practice we will be taken out of the realm of theory and invited into the felt sense and lived experience of the Divine Indwelling.</p> <p>To book/pay and for further details, contact Debbie at the Retreat Cottages Jamberoo, on 4236 0011 Ext. 2. A \$150 guided retreat payment is asked in addition to the accommodation costs. Pensioner discount or other reduction according to your need is available.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Behold I Make all Things New - A Eucharistic Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecelia –</p> <p>10am – 4pm 24 February 2024, St Michael Church, Nowra</p> <p>Men and women (13 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks, a personal testimony, and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Retreat Fee: \$20. Financial assistance is available.</p> <p>For questions, please contact the Sisters: sydney@op-tn.org</p>	<p>Click to download flyer/register</p>

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Continuing	<p>Pilgrimage of Mercy 11 – 21 June 2024</p> <p>Father Christopher Sarkis, Parish Priest of Rosemeadow, will be the Chaplain accompanying Harvest Journeys Eastern Europe <i>Pilgrimage of Mercy</i> in June 2024, visiting Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic. It includes the Shrines of Divine Mercy, the Black Madonna of Czestochowa and the Infant of Prague. It visits places of importance to St John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximillian Kolbe, among others.</p> <p>Optional Extension: There is also an optional 6 night/7-day extension (21 – 27 June) to Bavaria and Austria. It will include the Marian Shrine of Altotting, as well as Marktl in Bavaria; Salzburg of the Sound of Music fame and the hometown of Mozart; and the historic, cultural, and artistic city of Vienna in Austria. We will also visit various other shrines and attractions along with some spectacular churches and monasteries.</p> <p>Enquiries: 4628 1385 or directly at harvestjourneys.com/tour/pilgrimage-of-mercy Bookings only through Harvest Journeys.</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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NEW	<p>A vocation view 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today?</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>	
Continuing	<p>Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal</p> <p>An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.</p> <p><i>'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'</i></p> <p>Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia</p> <p>With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.</p> <div data-bbox="392 1850 580 2033" style="float: left; margin-right: 10px;">  </div> <p>Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.</p> <p>You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

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Continuing	<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>	
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>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>Standing with those who are poor requires engaging with them in caring for our common home: the cry of the earth and the cry of those living in poverty are the same cry. The lack of responses to this cry makes the ecological crisis, and climate change in particular, a threat to the survival of humanity. -- <i>'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod Of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></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: 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 and pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. 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>	