

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEW	<p>Bishop's Annual Appeal</p> <p>To Support the Dignified Retirement and Health of Clergy, and the Sound and Holistic Formation of our young Seminarians - will be promoted in our parish on the weekend of 17/18 September.</p> <p>To find out more, view the special appeal video and to make a secure on-line donation, please visit www.dow.org.au/giving , or call (02) 4222 2446 to make a donation over the phone.</p>	
NEW	<p>Blessing of Animals, 9:30a.m. Monday, 3 October 2022</p> <p>The Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 3 October at 9:30am, at the Church of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul.</p> <p>The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep the larger boa constrictors on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Tuesday, 4 October, with Mass at 5:30pm at St Michael Parish, Thirroul – animals are welcome at that Mass.</p>	

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<p>NEW POSITION VACANT</p>	<p>JOIN OUR TEAM - Team Leader: SRE Catechist Teachers (Parish SRE Coordinator)</p> <p>St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park, currently provides Special Religious Education (SRE) to over 1000 state school Catholic children within 6 state schools in the parish boundary, delivered by approximately 18 SRE Catechist Teachers. The number of state schools in the parish boundary is continuing to grow, seeing a need for further expansion of the parish's SRE/catechist ministry. The Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish Oran Park is seeking a suitably qualified Team Leader/Coordinator for the parish SRE ministry (often called 'catechist ministry'); to facilitate the ongoing provision of SRE in the state schools in the parish boundary, to support the SRE Catechist Teachers and Helpers who lead each school team, and to lead the whole parish catechist team in SRE delivery throughout the year. The role being offered is a casual, paid position during school terms, and scheduled to commence in Term 4, 2022.</p> <p>Detailed job description available on request by emailing: oranpark@dow.org.au</p> <p>Applications to be sent in confidence to: Fr David Catterall PP, St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish, PO BOX 889, Narellan NSW 2567 or to: oranpark@dow.org.au</p> <p>Applications close at 5pm on Friday 16 September 2022</p>	
<p>Continuing</p>	<p>Chaldean Holy Mass at Oran Park</p> <p>Fr David Catterall, Parish Priest, St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park, is pleased to announce that after a period of discussion with Archbishop Amel Nona DD - the Archbishop of the Chaldean Catholic Church - a Chaldean Holy Mass will commence on 11 September and will be celebrated every second Sunday (2nd and 4th Sunday of every month) at 12.30pm at St Mary MacKillop Church at Oran Park.</p> <p>This Mass will offer Chaldean Catholics residing in the diocese, especially the exponentially growing region of South-West Sydney, the opportunity to celebrate Mass in their own language and with their own customs and rituals.</p> <p>For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4648 2226 or email oranpark@dow.org.au.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Season of Creation 2022</p> <p>We are in the Season of Creation and there are some wonderful activities and resources for families delve into at https://seasonofcreation.org</p> <p>Take the time as we move into Spring to pray, to plant, to recycle and enter into the awe and wonder we find in dwelling on and being in God’s creation.</p>	
Continuing	<p>National Child Protection Week 2022</p> <p>To recognise the importance of National Child Protection Week, CatholicCare is holding a competition where entrants are asked to identify what makes them safe.</p> <p>Using your creativity tell us what makes you feel safe. You can draw, paint, write a poem or story or record a video. Submit your entry to competitions@catholiccare.dow.org.au Please ensure your name, age, contact number and email are included in your submission. For further information visit the events page on our website: https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/</p>	
Continuing	<p>Embrace the Call to Global Mission</p> <p>American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.</p> <p>Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday 24 September at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Catechist Retreat 2022</p> <p>All SRE teachers and helpers are welcome to attend the Catechist retreat planned for Monday, 12 September in Varroville OR Friday, 16 September in Gerringong.</p> <p>Sr Magdalen Mather OSB will facilitate the retreats in both locations. With God's help, Sr Magdalen will help us to move into an Ocean of Grace to be rejuvenated through prayer, contemplation and sharing with each other. Register for the retreat at dow.org.au/events or contact Cindy Oliver by emailing support@ccdwoollongong.com or calling 4640 8550</p>	
Continuing	<p>menALIVE to the MAX2022</p> <p>5pm Friday 7 October – 2pm Sunday 9 October 2022</p> <p>Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale</p> <p>menALIVE to the MAX is a National Catholic Gathering of men. The theme this year is-- RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be: better husbands, fathers, and men of God.</p> <p>A group of men from our Diocese will be making the journey together – so contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information about carpooling. For registration https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend 28 – 30 October 2022</p> <p>Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville Join us to learn together to live your best life in love! A stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. 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>Synod of Bishops – National Synthesis Report</p> <p>The National Synthesis report, contributed to by all Dioceses, has been published and sent to the General Secretariat in Rome. A copy is now available at https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch along with the media release from the ACBC.</p>	

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 11 September 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week, Fr Joseph Murphy says Our God, the True Shepherd, is searching for us to lead each of us home. Mother Hilda calls us to be an observer of life and God’s creation.” A faith testimony from Ann Byrne (Darwin, NT), and Josh Clayton is staring into a firepit. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au
POSITION VACANT	<p>Catholic Mission “Reach out and Give Life”</p> <p>Diocesan Director Wollongong Full-time or Part-time</p> <p>Catholic Mission seeks Wollongong Diocesan Director to lead and support the life flourishing work of Catholic Mission in our universal church Applications for the role of Diocesan Director for the Diocese of Wollongong are being accepted now.</p> <p>For position advertisement and description go to: https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission</p> <p>For further information please contact Alan Wedesweiler, NSW/ACT Director, 0400 327 315 or email AWedesweiler@catholicmission.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>2022 Pilgrimage – In the Footsteps of St Mary Mackillop</p> <p>You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest, St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and parishioners from across our diocese and beyond on a 2022 pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop.</p> <p>This pilgrimage (departs Melbourne Thursday 13 October 2022 and returns Adelaide Sunday 23 October 2022) is a graced opportunity to set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes, and spirit of our nations’ first canonized saint.</p> <p>If you would like more information you can download the pilgrimage brochure HERE: www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop (Alternatively, please contact the Oran Park Parish Office – oranpark@dow.org.au or 02 46482226 – and a brochure can be emailed or posted to you) As places are limited, you are encouraged to book soon to avoid disappointment.</p>	

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NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>We are called to proclaim God’s abundant love for all people. Become an instrument of that love. Our world needs you! (Luke 15:1-32)</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</p> <p>We believe that respect, dignity and justice, transformation and hope are possible. – <i>Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2022-203</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops</p> <p>The Diocese has completed its XVI Synod Synthesis Report, with the advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing of the faithful of the Diocese, used as the basis of Bishop Mascord’s submission in contributing to the XVI Ordinary Synod global church feedback.</p> <p>The Diocese of Wollongong Synthesis Report may be viewed at https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch. Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</p> <p>The Diocesan Resource Centre is in transition to its new premises at the Catholic Education Office, 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong. Resources are still available to borrow during this transitional period.</p> <p>For more information or to request resources, please contact Anne Russell on 0427 072 363. By arrangement, resources can be collected and returned to the Office of the Bishop, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House is now open! Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm - 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au for any enquiries.</p>	

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Continuing FOR MACARTHUR HIGHLANDS	<p>LIVE Local Macarthur Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm–8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music.</p> <p>For more information, please contact youth@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</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>	
Continuing	<p>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</p> <p>Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.</p> <p>Please visit www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</p> <p>Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (insert phone number/email) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.</p>	

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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. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</p> <p>During this period of COVID pandemic, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by skype/phone with others at this time, with its 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>	

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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 cathfamily.org/activities/</p>	