

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	7 May 2024	For weekend:	11 – 12 May 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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Final Week to Promote in Parishes – Many thanks	<p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 17 – 19 May 2024 at Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale</p> <p>A few spots remain to join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size) Enquiries: Jude Hennessy 02 4222 2407 / jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</p> <p><i>Mass and Star Gazing: Fr Paul Clark will celebrate a candlelit Mass in the stone chapel at 5pm on Saturday evening followed by some moon and star gazing. Fr Paul is an experienced astronomer and will be bringing his telescopes for us all to view the night sky.</i></p> <p>Camping & Bunk Room Options: You may like to pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents/guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.</p> <p>To register: dow.org.au/events/compass-catholic-family-camping-weekend</p>	
Final Week to promote	<p>Banquet: Pentecost Intensive 2024</p> <p>Friday 17 May - Wednesday 22 May @ Carmel House, Varroville Join the MGL Sisters for Pentecost 2024 as we discover the depths of God's love through our Banquet Intensive and accept the invitation to radical intimacy with the Trinity. Feast on God's powerful love for you, open up to the gifts of the Spirit, savour times of powerful input, prayer, and practical workshops, and find the charismatic generosity of God unleashed in your own life of mission and discipleship. Enquiries: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com Registrations: http://www.trybooking.com/CNSXA</p>	


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NEW	<p>40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination – Fr Sean Cullen</p> <p>In August, Fr Sean Cullen (Corpus Christi Parish, Bowral) celebrates 40 years of ordination to the priesthood.</p> <p>Parishioners are invited to celebrate this significant milestone event with Fr Sean with Mass at Corpus Christi parish Bowral on Sunday, 4 August 2024 at 10:00am. All are invited to the anniversary lunch at Mittagong RSL Club at 12 noon.</p> <p>Bookings are essential for the lunch. Ticket price is adult \$55.00 and children 12 years and under \$20.00. Because the lunch is being held at Mittagong RSL Club, attendance numbers need to be confirmed well in advance, hence bookings will close on 19 July 2024.</p> <p>Use this link to book online: https://www.trybooking.com/CROPD or scan the QR code below:</p> <div data-bbox="746 898 903 1055" style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
NEW	<p>Mary Help of Christians Walk for Life Friday 24 May & Saturday 25 May 2024</p> <p>We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, suicide, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. We unite our prayer with sacrifice and entrust everything to the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are warmly welcome to join us on any or both days. B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to point of departure on both days.</p> <p>BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.</p> <p>Day 1: Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km) <i>Start 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass) Finish 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession available).</i></p> <p>Day 2: Day 2 - Gerringong to Shoalhaven Heads (16km) <i>Start 8:00am Gerringong Catholic Church (Holy Mass) Finish 3pm Shoalhaven Heads (final blessing)</i></p> <p>For information contact Sue Hill, 0435 336 195, Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404</p>	

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NEW	<p>Marriage Encounter Weekend 28 – 30 June 2024 at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville</p> <p>We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Danny & Leila Abdallah to speak at May Catholic Business Connections Luncheon</p> <p>In 2020 the Abdallah's tragically lost 3 of their children when they were tragically killed by a speeding driver. The story of their decision to forgive has become an inspiring example worldwide, and a witness to their faith. Come and hear their story and the power of forgiveness.</p> <p>Friday 31 May at City Beach, Function Centre, Wollongong (11.45am-2pm). For more information and to book please visit https://dow.sh/CBCMay2024</p>	
Continuing	<p>Sunday 26 May: RCIA - A New Way - Strategies to engage enquirers all year round</p> <p>An RCIA Formation Day is being conducted on Sunday 26 May, by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Max Norden is facilitating an opportunity for interested Clergy / persons from the Diocese of Wollongong to come together in a hub at the Xavier Centre from 1-4pm, and benefit from this formation by participating online.</p> <p>For more information contact Max on max.norden@dow.org.au or 0414 733 823</p> <p>To register go to: https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/RCIAformationday_2024</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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NEW each week	<p>The Journey, 12 May 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says that the ascension calls us to yearn for the Holy Spirit in spreading the Gospel to all people. Mother Hilda on harnessing the energy of love to handle life's ill-winds. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Francine Pirola, and Fr Dave Callaghan MGL.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or click to download the file for parishes to display on their digital screen)</p>	<p>www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p>Click to download jpg file</p>
Continuing	<p>CatholicCare National Family Week – Family Fun Day Saturday 18 May 2024, 2pm – 4:30pm</p> <p>Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dapto – St John's the Evangelist Church 24 Jerematta Street, Dapto • Ruse – St Thomas More Church, 43 Acacia Avenue Ruse <p>To Celebrate National Families Week, CatholicCare are hosting a FREE Family Fun Day for the whole Family, with a variety of activities to enjoy, including Petting Zoo, face painting, Ice Cream Van, Lawn Games, Sausage Sizzle, Kids Craft Stations, and Appearances from the Dragons.</p>	<p>Click to download Flyer-Ruse</p> <p>Flyer-Dapto</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. A missionary work of the Disciples of Jesus. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086</p> <p>* <i>Thursdays during school term</i></p>	

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Continuing	<p>CCR NSW Celebrating Pentecost Eve “Anointing”</p> <p>Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve “Anointing” on Saturday 18 May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Any inquires: email@ccrnsw.org.au Booking essential. Register https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true</p>	
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>	
NEW each week	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Seventh Sunday of Easter – Feast of the Ascension (12/05/24)</p> <p>We are called to live in accord with the calling we have received, whether as priest, religious, married or single; encouraging one another by the example of our lives. (Eph. 4:1)</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>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>	
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. 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>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. 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>	
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>	

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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>	
Continuing	<p>Get 'FORMED' - know & love your faith (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 is a fantastic 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. 	
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>	