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BULLETIN NOTICES

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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	A Gift to your Church in your Will will help	
	A gift to the Church in your will will help!	
	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.	
	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.	
	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 ▶	
	To access this image, click here https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg	
IEW	St Mary MacKillop Parish Oran Park hope to create a Community Garden behind their Southern Mass Centre at Oran Park. This initiative is envisioned by their Parish Pastoral Council and local St Vincent de Paul Conference and hopes to be a welcoming space for all people to enjoy creation and community.	
	It could be a space to grow fruits and vegetables, sit and enjoy beautiful landscaped gardens, gather with family and friends – it's up to you and we'd love to hear your thoughts!	
	If you would like to be involved with making this vision a reality, please send an email to oranpark@dow.org.au to be sent an online Expression of Interest form. And if you'd like to know more and meet with other likeminded members of the community, please join us for a discussion forum	

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NEW	LIVE Local This year was a great restart for our LIVE Local youth group in Campbelltown and our first full year of LIVE Local in Wollongong. Last week was our last weekend of youth groups for 2022, with the NET team departing this weekend to their debrief training we have paused all youth groups until February 2023. Please look out for more information over the New Year as we look to find more volunteers for our youth groups in the future. Thank you so everyone who has come and helped this year we are so grateful for your support.	
NEW	Enemy Love Records (David Kruse & Emma Fradd) are an independent record label producing and promoting good Catholic music. They are touring Australia to present three brand new releases and they will be playing in Wollongong! When: Sunday 4 December 2022 @ 07:00 PM Where: The Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street Wollongong Tickets: EnemyLoveRecords.com (limited tickets) Entry by ticket with donation upon entry. Finger food and drinks will be served.	
NEW	Catholic Mission "Reach out and Give Life" Diocesan Director Wollongong Full-time 37.5hpw or Part-time 30hpw 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. For position advertisement and description go to: https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission For further information please contact Trish Dalton, HR Coordinator on Tue-Wed-Thu only via email pdalton@catholicmission.org.au	

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NEW	Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.	
UPDATED	An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council 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.	
UPDATED	Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. Since the conflict began over seven million people have been forced from their homes, and at least 6000 civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at https://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free.	

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Continuing	Men's Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men 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 on Tuesday 29 November 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. For more information contact David on 0410 487 630 / e: djbarrett85@gmail.com	
Continuing	Beware of SPAM / SPOOF emails I would like to bring to your attention that we have discovered that there is an email scam circulating using names of priests of the Diocese. It includes a prayer, designed to make it seem genuine, and a "request that must be managed discreetly". Eventually the scammer asks for money, or gift cards, or similar. It is easy for scammers to set up an email address and then sign off with the name of a priest, so please be wary of this scam. Also, note that my email address, firstname.surname@dow.org.au is the standard format of an email address for a priest of our Diocese. If ever in doubt, please contact the Parish Office before replying to a message. Be assured that I will never personally contact any of you via email or text asking for money, gift cards, or other financial support. If you require any further information or assistance do not hesitate to contact me or Karl Wrigley karl.wrigley@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop.	
Continuing	DLC Expression of Interest The Diocesan Liturgical Commission (DLC) actively promotes liturgy and advises the Bishop so that, in the Diocese of Wollongong, all liturgies express that in all things we are bearers of Christ's love. The DLC is now accepting expressions of interest. Learn more here: dow.org.au/news	

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NEW	The Journey, 13 November 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection on life's last things: death, judgement, heaven, and hell. Mother Hilda says we are often looking in the wrong places to find God. Plus, Robert Falzon, Fr Brian Lucas and Deacon Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au	jcr.org.au
Continuing	Closed – but reopening again soon	
	New CCD Resource Centre Location in Campbelltown	
	Unfortunately, the Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown will remain closed till 20 November while work continues on the centre. When we reopen, Catechists will again have access to great resources and a much-improved training space, or the ability to come in for a cuppa and a bite to eat as they prepare lessons. The Centre will also give access to all Catholics, to a range of quality faith resources they can borrow. Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.	
NEW	A vocation view	
	Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes." (Luke 21:5-19) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au	
NEW	Social Justice Statement	
	We affirm the work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. We look for further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence. https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au	

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Continuing	The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops 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. 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.	
Continuing	Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre 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. 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.	
Continuing	menALIVE's—reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm 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. pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. Join via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468	
Continuing	Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese 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.	
Continuing	Formed (Free for DoW Parishioners) 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	

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Continuing	Faith Circles—free small group resource: 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.	
Continuing	CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? 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. For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au	
Continuing	We're always here if you ever need 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	
Continuing	CAthramily CAthramily 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 Cathramily.org/activities/	