

BULLETIN NOTICES


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Date:	10 April 2024	For weekend:	13 – 14 April 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	<p>CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning across the Diocese, with sessions in Campbelltown, Wollongong and Nowra. The half-day information session will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing. Expert presentations from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire & Rescue Service to discuss topics such as accessing support services, keeping your mind and body fit, and advocating and supporting older people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbelltown Wednesday 8 May at 9.30am-1pm. Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown. • Wollongong Wednesday 5 June at 9.30am-1pm. The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow. • Nowra Wednesday 19 June at 9.30am-1pm. Worrigee (Nowra) Sports Club, 131 Greenwell Point Road, Worrigee <p>Places are limited. To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events. For any other information, contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.</p>	
NEW	<p>“I Give You My Word” Manual/Notebook – Sr Antonia Curtis OSB</p> <p>The nuns of the Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo have published a manual for facilitators on Lectio Divina. The manual offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General information on Lectio Divina • Four complete lesson Plans • Online access to teaching aids that can be download and printed • Complimentary zoom session with Sr Antonia Curtis for extra help <p>An optional Notebook is also available for participants. To purchase your copy visit: www.jamberooabbey.org.au or visit Abbey Shop at 695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo</p>	<p>Click to download</p> <p>BrochureFront</p> <p>BrochureBack</p>


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NEW	<p>ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS Dead Theologians Society recommencing Sunday 21 April, 6pm Albion Park Catholic Church 6:00pm – 8:15pm</p> <p>Under candlelight, with a background of Gregorian chant and church incense, we tell the story of St Therese of Lisieux and her "Little Way" to heaven. A light meal follows. All welcome. Info: Jacob Hooker 0407 706 102, Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404</p>	
NEW	<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>	
<p>Updated Note: Campbelltown Change of Venue</p>	<p>Catechist Training Course Level 2</p> <p>The Level 2 Course is a chance for all SRE Teachers and Helpers to take their knowledge of teaching and the Catholic Faith deeper. It focuses on a variety of topics to help you grow as a Catechist and Catholic.</p> <p>Mondays – Wollongong – Xavier Centre (36 Harbour St, Wollongong) Fridays – Campbelltown – Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Dates: Week 1 - Mon 29 April / Fri 3 May Week 2 - Mon 6 May / Fri 10 May Week 3 - Mon 13 May / Fri 17 May Week 4 - Mon 20 May / Fri 24 May Week 5 - Mon 27 May / Fri 31 May Week 6 - Mon 3 June / Fri 7 June</p> <p>Please register your attendance at either the Level 2 Course in Wollongong or Campbelltown by clicking the link below, noting that you can attend either course and that if you miss one day, you can attend the other course so as to not miss any topics. Enquiries: Sue Clark 4222 2416 email support@ccdwoollongong.com or click here to REGISTER HERE</p>	

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NEW each week	<p>The Journey, 14 April 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Joshua Whicker says that Jesus is here now to redeem us in the fullness of our humanity in our current lived experience. Mother Hilda says speak and listen with the eyes of God. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron & Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au. (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>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>* Thursdays during school term</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</p> <p>Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at http://dow.sh/CSGMresources</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Charismatic Healing Mass 12 April 2024 Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart Street, Wollongong</p> <p>7pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass</p> <p>A warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join us in charismatic prayer for our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord. There will also be an opportunity for healing prayer after Mass. Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404 (Co-ordinator for the Wollongong Charismatic Leadership team)</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Schoenstatt Man A Reflection Day for Men at Mt Schoenstatt</p> <p>9am – 4pm Saturday, 20 April 2024</p> <div data-bbox="403 1137 579 1317">  </div> <p>For men who want to know what is at the heart of being a Schoenstatt Man with Fr Pawel OP More info: Jim Jankiewicz 0432 487 927 Email mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au</p>	

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NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter (14/4/24)</p> <p>Peter, who once denied even knowing Jesus, now boldly preaches in His Name. Do not let past weaknesses hold you back from being willing to share the power of His Message. (Acts 3:13-15,17-19)</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>‘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.</p> <p>More info, including the costs and itinerary, can be found HERE: www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop</p>	

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Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="384 792 1232 1283" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; 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)</p>	
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>	

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NEW	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>The family is the pillar of every Christian community. Parents and grandparents and all those who live and share their faith in the family are the first missionaries. The family, as a community of life and love, is a privileged place of education in faith and Christian practice, one that needs special accompaniment within communities. Support is especially needed for parents who must reconcile work, including within the Church community and in service to its mission, with the demands of family life.</p> <p>-- 'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</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>	
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. 	

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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>	