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| From: | Mr Jude Hennessy | Ref: | JH/hb:2024/01 |
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| Date: | 9 January 2024 | For weekend: | 13 – 14 January 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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| POSITION VACANT CLOSING DATE EXTENDED | <p>CCD/SRE Administration and Support Officer – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for this position. Appropriate skills and a passion for the work of SRE Catechists in State schools is essential. Applications now close on Wednesday 17 January 2024</p> <p>For more information and a detailed role description, please go to: https://dow/sh/ccdadminpv</p> <p>For enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p> | |
| NEW | <p>Micah House – Free Items for collection</p> <p>With the closure of the CCD Resource Centre at 23 Cordeaux St Campbelltown, there are numerous items including furniture, cupboards books and resources available for parishioners to claim for free, and pickup from Micah House with the closure of the CCD Resource Centre. Photos can be seen at our gumtree link.</p> <p>https://www.gumtree.com.au/s-ad/campbelltown/other-furniture/various-office-furniture-items-are-free-office-relocation-/1320723552?utm_source=copylink&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=socialbuttons&utm_content=web MyAds</p> <p>Items can be collected on Wednesday 10th and 17th January or by booking a pick up time, via on nick.dyball@dow.org.au or 0438 184 064 All items need to go by 19 January at the latest.</p> | |

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| NEW | <p>Fr Bernard Gordon's Sabbatical in Ireland!</p> <p>When: 11am Tuesday 27 February 2024 Where: Xavier Centre 38 Harbour St Wollongong</p> <p>Join us for a captivating talk on Fr Bernard Gordon's sabbatical experience in Ireland. Fr Bernard will take us on a journey through the wild and wonderful landscapes, beautiful churches, and rich but sometimes troubled history of Ireland.</p> <p>Hosted by the Diocesan Catholic Women's League Wollongong. Come along for a stimulating and reflective experience about a truly significant and great people in the history of Europe. It's an event you won't want to miss!</p> | <p>Click to download flyer</p> |
| NEW | <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> | |
| NEW | <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></p> <p>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> | |

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| NEW <i>Save the Dates</i> | <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. Registration details and more information to follow.</p> | |
| NEW | <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> | Click to download flyer/register |
| 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>Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 400 Hour Foundational Unit Are you interested in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing in knowledge, understanding, and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care. • Deepening your awareness of God’s presence in your life and of people’s needs, hopes, and concerns during times of illness. • Becoming more aware of your own values, attitudes, and assumptions. <p>CPE Foundational Unit will be offered at Carrington Aged Care with face to face sessions conducted one day a week, Thursday from 8 February to 27 June 2024.</p> <p>Please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone 0419 430 676 for more information and/or application form. Applications are now open. Please apply early. Applications close 25 January 2024</p> | |
| NEW | <p>The Journey, 14 January 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista traces the term “Lamb of God” back to Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah. Mother Hilda says that unlike all the sporting replays of player mistakes, God doesn’t do replays of our life mistakes. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron and Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> | www.jcr.org.au . |
| 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> | |

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| Continuing | <p>CLAIM THE DATE Enquiries and Registration are now OPEN!</p> <p>4th Annual St Joseph Motor Pilgrimage 15 -17 March 2024</p> <p>Have you saved the Date yet for this unique, men only, Spiritual Encounter venerating St Joseph for his great example of Fatherhood and a Virtuous life. Come for part or the full pilgrimage, it's your choice. 3 days of cars, bikes, men's gatherings, prayer, worship, mass, keynote speakers, small group discussions and fellowship across the (Arch) Diocese of Bathurst/Orange, Canberra/Goulburn and Sydney! Supported by Parousia Media, MenAlive and Maximus Men's Ministry Network</p> <p>Once registered you will receive updated information and be added to the Zoom pre-drive/ride briefing. Also, if you have been involved in organising something like this in the past and would like to help, please let us know by direct message.</p> <p>Register Here: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1110723</p> | <p>Download: Brochure</p> <p>Itinerary</p> <p>SJMP23 reflection</p> |
| NEW | <p>A vocation view</p> <p>"We have found the Messiah!" After his encounter with Jesus, St. Andrew goes first to find his brother Peter to also bring him to Christ. Do not be afraid to bring others to Christ as well! (John 1:41)</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 style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <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> </div> | <p>Click to download flyer</p> |

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| Continuing | <p>CatholicCare are currently looking for Community Support Workers</p> <p>Becoming a CatholicCare Community Support Worker will give you a career that you love, whilst providing a valuable connection to people living with a disability or the aged in our Diocese. If you want to find out more about becoming a Community Support Worker go to catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/ or call 4227 1122.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Coniston Homeless Hub</p> <p>Our centre is located at 12-16 Miller St, Coniston. The Vinnies Van operates out of this centre and provides emergency food relief and items for daily living to people experiencing homelessness and those living in difficult circumstances, 5 days a week. The Vinnies Homeless Hub and the Vinnies Van would be grateful for any one off or regular donations of food items, small toiletry items, sleeping bags, warm jackets, gloves, beanies, and snacks/poppers for school aged children. The Vinnies Homeless Hub accepts donations 9am-12pm Monday-Friday. Please call the Vinnies Hub on 4228 9355 or Kelly McCrohon, Vinnies Van Coordinator on (02) 5612 1357 or M: 0476 532 002, or E: vinniesvan@vinnies.org.au for any queries</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="437 1176 1219 1541" style="border: 1px solid black; 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) https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</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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| 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. Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</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://dow.sh/parishgiving to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p> | |
| NEW | <p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>Those in poverty ask the Church for love. By love, they mean respect, acceptance and recognition, without which providing food, money or social services represents forms of support that are certainly important but which do not fully take account of the dignity of the person. Each person needs to be enabled to determine their own means of growth rather than be the object of the welfare action of others. Being afforded recognition and respect are powerful ways of enabling this.</p> <p>-- 'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod Of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</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.</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>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>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> | |