





## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	10 December 2024	<b>For weekend:</b>	14 – 15 December 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><b>Summit Night: "God, the universe &amp; everything"</b></p> <p>Join us for a transformative evening of faith formation. Young adults of the diocese, it's time to climb the highest peak and seek truth — and we invite you to do it with us at our Summit Night, a brand-new event designed just for you! Whether you're seeking deeper understanding or simply craving a vibrant community of like-minded young adults, this night is for you.</p> <p><b>When:</b> 6.30pm-9.15pm Wednesday 29 January 2025  <b>Where:</b> The Xavier Conference Centre, next to the Wollongong Cathedral  <b>For whom?</b> This is an 18+ event and primarily for young adults</p> <p>We're thrilled to welcome <b>Matt Fradd</b>, renowned Catholic speaker, author, and apologist. Matt will lead us in an inspiring talk on seeking truth through our faith, challenging us to deepen our relationship with God and discovering the fullness of the Gospel.</p> <p>This Summit night is more than just an event — it's a chance to encounter Christ, dive deep into the faith, and be part of a community that is committed to growing together in truth. Whether you're new to faith formation or looking for ways to strengthen your spiritual life, this is the place for open, honest conversations.</p> <p>Bring your friends, bring your questions, and be ready to experience a night that will leave you feeling inspired, encouraged, and closer to Christ. <b>Registration is essential</b>, secure your place ASAP and scan the QR code to register.</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click to download poster</a></p>

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<p><b>NEW</b> <b>DATE</b> <b>CLAIMER</b></p>	<p><b>A Women’s Opportunity to Experience A Cursillo 3-Day Weekend.</b></p> <p>A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville (Near Campbelltown) from Thursday evening 6 March to Sunday afternoon 9 March 2025. To view brochure and find out more, please scan the QR code, email <a href="mailto:cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com">cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com</a> or ring Margaret on 0417 041 721.</p>	
<p>Continuing</p>	<p><b>Share Hope This Christmas - Invite Others to Christmas Mass</b></p> <p>All of us know friends and family who are disconnected from faith. Recent research shows that 37% of people would attend church if invited by close friends and family and 30% are yet to make up their minds (or don't have close friends or family who attend Church) [NCLS, Australian Openness to Invitation, 2020].</p> <p>That means in practice that if we are courageous enough to invite, there's a good chance you will encounter someone who will say yes or at least be open to considering your invitation. We often think that we need to have all the answers, be a master in apologetics or arguing the faith, or be one of "those types" of Christians. In reality, all that's needed is presence, relationship, willingness to listen, and the courage to say, "<i>hey, this is a bit out there, but I was wondering if you'd like to come to Church with me this Christmas?</i>" Have a look at the helpful tips for inviting others to Church this Christmas and share hope this Christmas.</p>	
<p>Continuing</p>	<p><b>Catholic Youth &amp; Young Adults Wollongong</b> serves young people in Illawarra, Macarthur, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven regions. To stay up to date with what is happening around the diocese, head to our social media and scan the code to see to access the youth calendar.</p> <div data-bbox="386 1447 1267 1603" style="text-align: center;">  <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE: <a href="http://cymw.org.au">cymw.org.au</a></p>  </div>	
<p>Continuing</p>	<p><b>Vinnies South Coast Retail shops - Volunteer Recruitment</b></p> <p>Vinnies shops are seeking new Retail Volunteers to assist them in supporting their local Community. if you are passionate about people, love to chat and putting a smile on someone's face, then we would like to hear from you. You can scan the QR Code, email us or pop into one of our shops for a chat to find out more.</p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer Across Wollongong</a></p> <p><a href="#">Across Shoalhaven area</a></p>

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NEW each week	<p><b>The Journey, 15 December – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr James McCarthy says that the readings this week encourages giving selflessly without expecting anything in return. Mother Hilda reflects on the power of small gestures, both in human relationships and in how we express love for God. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, and two The Light Advent Series reflections.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>. (Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or <a href="#">click to download the file</a> for parishes to display on their digital screen)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Click to download jpg file</a></p>
NEW each week	<p><b>A vocation view</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Advent (15/12/24)</b></p> <p>“What ought we to do?” Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus. (Luke 3:10-18)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</b></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 <a href="http://dow.sh/stayingconnected">dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> or visit <a href="http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin">dow.sh/weeklybulletin</a> to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</b></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 <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/">www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/</a> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	Continuing
Continuing	<p><b>Catholic Bible Study   Thursdays, 7:30-9pm* Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong)</b></p> <p>Come and explore the Bible with the mind and heart of the Church in an open and friendly environment. All are welcome. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086</p> <p><b>* Thursdays during school term</b></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</b></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.</p> <p>The shows are of the highest quality, and it continues to receive acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <a href="http://watch.thechosen.tv">watch.thechosen.tv</a> to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!</p>	
NEW each week	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>I consider it essential to insist that “to seek only a technical remedy to each environmental problem which comes up is to separate what is in reality interconnected and to mask the true and deepest problems of the global system”. [34] It is true that efforts at adaptation are needed in the face of evils that are irreversible in the short term. Also, some interventions and technological advances that make it possible to absorb or capture gas emissions have proved promising. Nonetheless, we risk remaining trapped in the mindset of pasting and papering over cracks, while beneath the surface there is a continuing deterioration to which we continue to contribute. To suppose that all problems in the future will be able to be solved by new technical interventions is a form of homicidal pragmatism, like pushing a snowball down a hill. - <i>Laudate Deum – Pope Francis - To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis</i></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="384 770 1232 1263" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>A gift to the Church in your will</b> ... <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 <a href="http://dow.sh/legacy">dow.sh/legacy</a>, call the diocesan representative on 4222 2446, or scan the QR code here ▶</p>  </div> <p><b>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image <a href="#">click here</a>)</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Cathedral Books &amp; Gifts Wollongong</b></p> <p>Cathedral Books &amp; 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>	
Continuing	<p><b>CAtHFAMILY</b></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 <a href="https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/">https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</a></p>	

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