

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	10 September 2024	<b>For weekend:</b>	14 – 15 September 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>I Give You My Word: Encountering God in Lectio Divina Friday 27 – Sunday 29 September 2024. A weekend retreat, Jamberoo Abbey Retreat Centre</b></p> <p>Presenters: Sr Antonia Curtis OSB and Oblate Libby Denny Lectio Divina is sacred reading. It is a way of prayer whereby we allow the Word of God to touch our hearts and change our lives. It is a dialogue of love between the person and God as heart speaks to heart through the Word. This weekend retreat focusses on the process of Lectio Divina by engaging participants in the ancient art of reading/praying with the word of God in scripture.</p> <p>To register contact 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email <a href="mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au">cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au</a></p>	<a href="#">Click here to download flyer</a>
NEW	<p><b>A day retreat: Benedictine Values – fertile soil for an integral ecology, Saturday 5 October 2024</b></p> <p>Time is moving on and the cry of the earth and the poor is intensifying. The appeal of Pope Francis in “Laudato Si” and “Laudato Deum” is now an imperative. There is a wisdom in the Rule of St Benedict that can provide fertile soil for an integral ecology for our time. Come, let us listen to Mother Earth during this day of retreat.</p> <p>Presenter: Sr Mechtild Crawford</p> <p>Register at <a href="https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/events/2024-10-05/">https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/events/2024-10-05/</a></p>	<a href="#">Click here to download flyer</a>

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NEW	<p><b>Springtime Creative Retreat, 11 - 13 October 2024</b></p> <p>Come and experience the healing power of creativity as we step into the blossoming wonders of Spring. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God.</p> <p>Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW</p> <p>Bookings: <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/CNSWN">http://www.trybooking.com/CNSWN</a> (by 27 September)</p> <p>Contact: Judy - <a href="mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com">mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to download flyer</a></p>
UPDATED	<p><b>Foster Care Week 2024 – A Call For Foster Carers</b></p> <p>Foster Care Week, beginning on 8 September to 15 September, aims to raise awareness of the urgent need for foster carers. In NSW, over 350 children and young people are urgently seeking foster care, with close to 100 of those children and young people living in our diocese alone. CatholicCare is doing all it can to meet this need – but more carers are desperately needed. Bishop Brian has recorded a short video that outlines the challenges of the foster care system and is urging all parishioners within the Wollongong Diocese to discern if you can help: <a href="https://dow.sh/bmfc24">https://dow.sh/bmfc24</a>.</p> <p>For more information on becoming a foster carer, please contact CatholicCare on 02 4227 1122 or email <a href="mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au">fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a>. CatholicCare will provide you and your family with training, emotional support, and financial assistance to ensure that you are supported every step of the way.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>“COME &amp; SEE, GO &amp; MAKE” Formation Opportunity!</b></p> <p><b>Introduction to <i>Parish Renewal</i></b> (Module 103)</p> <p>What is "parish renewal"? How do we recognise and honour all that is good in our communities and courageously move forward into the future? Then we can walk the path of renewal of heart, culture, and practice, and rediscover our reason for being.</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION COMPULSORY FOR CATERING PURPOSES</b></p> <p><b>Campbelltown</b> – Tuesday, 1 October, 7-9:30pm  <b>Wollongong (&amp; Zoom)</b> – Wednesday, 2 October, 7-9:30pm  <b>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL:</b> <a href="https://dow.sh/oct2024">dow.sh/oct2024</a></p> <p><b>All welcome!</b></p>	

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NEW each week	<p><b>The Journey, 15 September – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Sheldon Burke CRS says Jesus reminds us that life involves suffering. Mother Hilda calls all to go to church on Sunday instead of worshipping a God of another kind somewhere else. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Fr Dave Callaghan, and Peter Abela. The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p> <p><i>(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)</i></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>
Continuing	<p><b>Catechist Retreat 2024: <i>Known and Loved</i> 9:30am – 2:30pm</b></p> <p>All who support the Catechist ministry, including SRE Teachers, Helpers, Prayer Partners, and Spouses are invited to attend what will be an excellent Catechist Retreat, <i>Known and Loved</i>. <b>Facilitated by Katherine Stone MGL</b>, the retreat will help us to gain a greater understanding of who Jesus is and who we are in the light of Jesus.</p> <p>The retreat will include Mass, reflections, prayer, and friendly discussion. Morning Tea will be provided, but please BYO lunch. There are two options to attend the retreat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Macarthur-Highlands Retreat</b> Friday 20 September 2024 Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 80 Demetrius Rd, Rosemeadow</li> <li>• <b>Illawarra-Shoalhaven Retreat</b> Monday 23 September 2024 St Mary Star of the Sea Church, 166 Fern St, Gerringong</li> </ul> <p>Registration is essential. Please register: <a href="https://dow.sh/knownloved2024">dow.sh/knownloved2024</a> For more information please email <a href="mailto:support@ccdwoolongong.com">support@ccdwoolongong.com</a></p>	
NEW each week	<p><b>A vocation view</b></p> <p>“The Lord GOD is my help.” When Christ calls one to follow as a priest or religious, He also gives the strength to overcome the obstacles that are sometimes in the way, but we must ask to receive this strength! (Isaiah 50:5-9)</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>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 25–27 October 2024 Cataract Activity Centre, Appin</b></p> <p>One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12 and 17 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.</p> <p>Register online: <a href="https://dow.sh/ggm24">https://dow.sh/ggm24</a></p>	
<b>NEW each week</b>	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>Jesus chose to speak in parables in order to announce the Reign of God. He found image to speak of the mystery of God in the ordinary experiences of human life: the natural world, the workplace, elements of the everyday. In this way, he let us know that the Reign of God transcends us yet is not distant from us. Either we see God's Reign in the things of this world, or we will never see it. - <i>'XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></p>	
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>26 – 27 October Retreat weekend: Pilgrims of Hope</b></p> <p>A retreat for men in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Hope at Mt Schoenstatt with Mass and Reconciliation. Facilitated by Fr Pawel OP. Email <a href="mailto:mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au">mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au</a> or ring 0432 487 927 (Jim) QR code for information and bookings or click on <a href="https://bit.ly/4coasDO">https://bit.ly/4coasDO</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</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	<p><b>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council</b></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 <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/">https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/</a> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular &amp; FREE Catholic Podcasts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <b>Bible in a Year</b></p> <p>Ascension Press will again run the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins in 2024. It remains one of the world's leading podcasts with over 400 million downloads. While a new podcast is released daily, you can do it at your own pace signing up at <a href="http://www.ascensionpress.com/biy">www.ascensionpress.com/biy</a> and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.</p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Catechism in a Year</b></p> <p>This year, Ascension Press will also again run the Catechism in a Year podcast which will slowly and prayerfully read through and break open the Catechism over 365 days. It's not too late to catch up, and the daily podcasts can be listened to at your own pace. It is available at <a href="http://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy">www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</a></p> </li> </ul>	
Continuing	<p><b>Men's Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men</b></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 <a href="mailto:djbarrett85@gmail.com">djbarrett85@gmail.com</a> or phone: 0410 487 630.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm</b></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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Want Netflix for Catholics? Get 'FORMED'</b></p> <p><b>Free for DoW Parishioners</b></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"> <li>• Go to <a href="http://www.formed.org">www.formed.org</a></li> <li>• Click 'Sign up' button.</li> <li>• Click 'Sign Up as a Parishioner'</li> <li>• Type 'Catholic Diocese of Wollongong' into the box on the left.</li> <li>• Then click the Diocese's name and address (38 Harbour St) which will appear</li> <li>• Enter your name and email address. You'll get a confirmation email asking you to sign in and then follow the prompts.</li> </ul>	
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>	