

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	11 October 2022	For weekend:	15 – 16 October 2022

RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.

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Continuing	<p>Growing Good Men Father & Teenage Son Weekend Experience Friday 6.30pm 21 October – Sunday 1.30pm 23 October 2022 to be held at Cataract Activity Centre, Appin</p> <p>Just a few days left to be able to book one of the few remaining spots for this father and son weekend. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10).</p> <p>Don't miss this! Spots are limited to just 20 fathers with their sons. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon (founder of menALIVE) and his team.</p> <p>Please Register and pay online at www.dow.org.au/events Any enquiries: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	dow.org.au/events

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UPDATED	<p>Catholic Family Camping Weekend 5pm Friday 4 November – 3pm Sunday 6 November 2022, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)</p> <p>The weekend is for families of all ages, including couples with or without children, and single parents with their children and aims to bring them together to celebrate the great gift of family life. The weekend allows us to be nurtured by each other's company and emboldened as families to witness to the love of God in our world, a key hope articulated by Pope Francis at the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families earlier this year.</p> <p>This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the Diocese to come together in a relaxed environment to enable connection, sharing in meals, games, music, prayer and Sunday Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord.</p> <p>Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (Regardless of size) RSVP Date: 1 November 2022</p> <p>Enquiries: Helen Bennett (02 4222 2403 / helen.bennett@dow.org.au) For more information and to register go to www.dow.org.au/events</p>	dow.org.au/events
NEW	<p>Open Wide: Spirit-Led Discipleship Retreat, 28 – 30 October at Carmel House, Varroville</p> <p>Join the MGL Sisters on retreat as we deepen in God's love, seek restoration, and be empowered to live life open wide to the Holy Spirit! The retreat will include inputs, the sacraments, prayer times and opportunities for spiritual conversation with others. It's for men and women aged 18+ and offers you a great chance to rest and restore before the final two months of the year are upon us! More info and register: http://www.trybooking.com/BWMKC</p>	
Continuing FOR ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN	<p>LIVE Local Illawarra</p> <p>LIVE Local is a Regional Youth Group run by the CYMW and NET Team which runs every Friday night during school term from 7 - 9pm, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall. This regional youth group is for all parishes and is open to young people aged 13 -17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music.</p> <p>For more information, please contact youth@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</p>	

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Continuing	<p>DLC Expression of Interest</p> <p>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</p>	
Continuing	<p>Free Technology Training for Seniors – Holy Spirit College</p> <p>If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or anything else that you may need, CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Holy Spirit College offering free technology training again to seniors within our diocese.</p> <p>The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an ‘exchange of gifts’ between both students and seniors. This program has been successful in the Macarthur, Shellharbour and was great to see the connections formed between the seniors and students and to hear the things that the seniors needed assistance with.</p> <p>There are only four Friday sessions this term with the dates being 21 October, 4 November, 18 November, and 2 December 9.30-11am at Holy Spirit College Bellambi.</p> <p>To secure your place, please call Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer at CatholicCare 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 16 October 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Ken Café’s Gospel reflection on prayer, love, and justice. Mother Hilda tells how to see things the way God sees them. And Robert Falzon in conversation about the Men Alive ministry. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au</p>	jcr.org.au

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UPDATED	<p>New CCD Resource Centre Location in Campbelltown</p> <p>The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown will be closed from 26 Sept - 17 October as we relocate from downstairs to upstairs to a larger space. 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.</p> <p>Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to ‘Evangelise’, a national, online conference to be held from 20 – 22 October 2022.</p> <p>The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at: http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal</p> <p>The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Donate today or call 1800 024 413 toll free.</p>	
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)</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>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>We know that most often those who suffer violence and abuse in homes and families, in workplaces, and in communities, are women and children while the perpetrators are most often men. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred. https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Join via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</p>	
Continuing	<p>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</p> <p>Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.</p> <p>Please visit www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</p> <p>Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (insert phone number/email) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.</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>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</p> <p>During this period of COVID pandemic, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by skype/phone with others at this time, with its 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>	
Continuing	<p>CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>We're always here if you ever need...</p> <p>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</p>	

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