

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	13 February 2024	For weekend:	17 – 18 February 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 each week	<p>The Journey, 18 February 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: We begin our Lenten reflection series with Sr Katherine Stone MGL. This week Sr Katherine says Lent leads us into the wilderness to face the wild beasts of our life. Mother Hilda tells the story of Archbishop Thuc of Saigon and how he handled humiliation. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Darren McDowell, and Sr Mary Helen Hill.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or click to download the file for parishes to display on their digital screen)</i></p>	<p>www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p>Click to download jpg file</p>
NEW	<p>Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo</p> <p>Encouraged by the wonderful response we received last year, we are now asking again for help with outdoor gardening and general clearing.</p> <p>AIM: To plant and restore various gardens and to continue the removal of shrubs etc., which are now too close to the building.</p> <p>DATES: Saturdays 9TH and 16TH March 2024</p> <p>TIME: Commencing 9am but feel free to come whenever suits.</p> <p>MORNING TEA and LUNCH PROVIDED</p> <p>Chain saws, Utes, general gardening tools, whatever you think useful would be very helpful.</p> <p>CONTACT: Please contact Vince 0488 360 110</p> <p>Many thanks and blessings to you all.</p>	

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NEW	<p>Light to the Nations - 2024 Easter Youth Pilgrimage</p> <p>You're invited to an Easter experience like no other. Camp under the open skies, joining in the celebration of Easter through prayer, worship, liturgy, drama, music & personal sharing with 1000 people under a massive marquee. Held from 28-31 March, LTTN will be held on the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW.</p> <p>It is a transformative experience deigned to bring families, especially youth and young adults, to an encounter with the person of Jesus in the context of the Easter Triduum through prayer, worship, drama, music, and personal sharing.</p> <p>Register at dow.sh/LTTN24</p>	
Continuing URGENT	<p>Restore Palliative Care Funding</p> <p>In the last State budget, \$150 million was slashed from palliative care, having a direct effect on how people die in NSW. It flies in the face of guarantees made at the time of the passing of new laws for Euthanasia, ensuring that everyone in NSW would have true choice as to how they died. No one should be pushed into euthanasia because of funding issues. People of faith need to urgently stand up for the sanctity of human life by objecting to these cuts. Please urgently sign this petition and invite friends and family to do the same https://bit.ly/restorethefunding</p>	
POSITION VACANT RE- ADVERTISED	<p>Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Leader in the Diocese of Wollongong.</p> <p>Applications close on Thursday, 29 February 2024 For more information and a detailed role description, please go to: dow.org.au/position-vacant-diocesan-youth-ministry-leader/ or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au</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 Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at http://dow.sh/CSGMresources</p>	

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UPDATED	<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> <p><i>If you'd like to pay on the day please contact St Michaels Parish Centre on 44231712 or email chittick7@pm.me and register your name and bring \$20 on the day. There will also be a Mass at 8am at St Michael's before the retreat with the sisters for those interested in attending. For more information call Shannon on 0414 521 404</i></p>	<p>Click to download flyer/register</p>
Save the Dates	<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.</p> <p>Registration details and more information to follow.</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 Smart TV. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Bible in a Year</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 www.ascensionpress.com/biy and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.</p> <p>Catechism in a Year</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 www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</p> 	
Continuing	<p>National Fertility Conference – Melbourne 23 – 24 February 2024</p> <p>Registrations are now open for a wonderful gathering of fertility educators, medical practitioners and academics.</p> <p>For more details and registration: National Fertility Conference - Melbourne 2024 (airrm.org.au)</p>	
Continuing	<p>Catholic Business Connections</p> <p><i>Memberships now on sale</i></p> <p>This year Catholic Business Connections (CBC) will celebrate its sixth year offering women and men the opportunity to network, share lunch and be inspired by guest speakers from across all the professional sectors. Memberships for 2024 are now available and everyone is welcomed to join!</p> <p>The first luncheon for 2024 is Wednesday 21 February at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm)</p> <p>Guest Speaker - Sue Lennox, Former Principal St Patrick's College for Girls, Campbelltown</p> <p>Sue Lennox was the principal of St Patrick's College Campbelltown from 2007 to 2023. Her greatest experience lies in her work in all girls schools, where she is passionate and committed to the empowerment of young women and their development into resilient contributors to their communities and their environment.</p> <p>Topic - <i>Are all-girls schools still relevant?</i></p> <p>For more information about Sue and CBC please visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. RSVP for February luncheon is Tuesday 13 February.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Touched by Abortion. Need Healing?</p> <p>Rachel's Vineyard next retreat 1 – 3 March 2024</p> <p>Held at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville NSW Cost is negotiable. Part /full scholarships available. To book or further information, phone 0400 092 555 or 0407 626 079 EMAIL: rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com</p>	
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>

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NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>In order to hear a call from the Lord, our hearts must be opened to receive His Word. Lent begins with a call to repent so that all which clouds our ears might be stripped away to hear His voice clearly. (Mark 1:12-15)</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>‘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. More info, including the costs and itinerary, can be found</p> <p>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="384 842 1230 1335" 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>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>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 Church’s commitment must address the causes of poverty and exclusion. This includes actions to protect the rights of those who are excluded, and this may require public denunciation of injustices, whether perpetrated by societal structures or by individuals, corporations or governments. Essential to hearing the voice of those in poverty is listening to their demands and points of view, and utilising their own words. -- <i>'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod Of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></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>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. 	

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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>	