

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	14 March 2023	For weekend:	18 – 19 March 2023

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NEW	<p>A Lenten Invitation from Bishop Brian Mascord</p> <p>For notices (IF THE RESOURCES HAVE ARRIVED IN YOUR PARISH)</p> <p>"I would like to take this opportunity to remind us of the call of Jesus—a call that was given to all of us—to go out and make disciples (Mt 28:18–20). It is not enough to live good “saintly” lives and then remain silent. This mission is to share the invitation of Christ to “come and see” (Jn 1:39). It is not the work of certain special individuals, but rather the responsibility of all Christians and the communities of faith in which they live." (Bishop Brian Mascord)</p> <p>Many of us have family and friends that are disconnected from the Church or faith. As Bishop Brian has said, "What are you willing to give for the sake of those you love?" Please take a few moments to read the letter from Bishop Brian and prayerfully consider the question: Who is God asking me to reach out to this Lent?</p>	
NEW	<p>Joelle Maryn: Master of the Pieces Book Tour</p> <p>We would like to invite all those interested in adult faith formation to join us for a very special evening on Monday 20 March 2023 at 7pm.</p> <p>Award winning Actress, Speaker and TV Host, Joelle Maryn will be speaking at the new CCD and Evangelisation Resource Centre in Campbelltown and sharing her message of God’s healing love as a part of her “Master of the Pieces” book tour.</p> <p>The event will include refreshments, good company, as well as the opportunity for Q and A and books to purchase.</p> <p>To register: www.dow.org.au/events</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

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NEW	<p>St Columbkille's Retreat Afternoon – St Michael the Archangel 3:00pm Saturday, 1 April 2023 at St Columbkille's Parish Centre and Church, 99 Princes Hwy, Corrimal</p> <p>On the First Saturday of each month, Fr Patrick Vaughan hosts a retreat afternoon. Each month there will be a film shown on either Our lady or one of the Saints, with afternoon tea to follow before moving into devotions in the Church. There will be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation before joining the Corrimal parish community for the Vigil Mass.</p>	
NEW	<p>Good Friday - Taize Around the Cross 7 April 2023 at 7:30pm St Joseph's Catholic Church, 48 Park Road, Bulli</p> <p>Gabriella De Battista will lead us in chants during a solemn period of prayer, silence, and contemplation in front of the Cross.</p>	
NEW	<p>Divine Mercy Sunday at St Columbkille's Corrimal 1:30pm – 5:00pm Sunday 16 April 2023</p> <p>Come and join us at St Columbkille's Corrimal to celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, 16 April 2023. The celebration starts at 1:30pm with a period of devotion and reconciliation, which helps prepare us for the Divine Mercy Mass that follows at 3:00pm. We will also have the opportunity to pray with a first-class relic of St Faustina. The music will be led by Gabriella De Battista.</p> <p>There will be an afternoon Tea to follow Mass (please bring a plate to share, if possible.)</p>	
NEW	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</p> <p><i>Learn to live your best life in love!</i></p> <p>Join us on 14-16 April 2023 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville A stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.</p> <p>Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	

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NEW	<p>Could you provide a forever home?</p> <p>CatholicCare urgently needs foster carers to provide love, care and support to help 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>We are currently looking for a forever home for two siblings, Liam* and Sofia* aged 10 & 8 years. Liam is an outgoing & active boy who loves to joke around and makes friends easily. He enjoys playing with Lego, fishing, being outdoors, riding his bike, watching movies, drawing and colouring in. His sister Sofia is a resilient, confident and kind young girl who loves playing with her friends, riding her bike, gymnastics and writing stories. Liam and Sofia are looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, loving and patient and who can give them safety, family and a sense of belonging.</p> <p><i>*names have been changed for privacy</i></p> <p>If you would like to learn more about becoming a carer with CatholicCare, please call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au for more information and we will support you every step of the way.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Liturgy Training Workshop Saturday 1 April 2023</p> <p>Ingleburn Parish is hosting a Ministry Workshop, specifically for Readers, Ministers of Communion and Acolytes, both for existing ministers and those interested in joining these ministries. The day will begin with mass at 9am, followed by the workshop at 9.30am and conclude with a light lunch at approximately 1pm. A contribution to the lunch would be appreciated.</p> <p>If you would like to register for this Workshop please click on the following link Liturgy Training Form</p> <p>If you have any difficulty with the form, please ring Sr Monica Barlow on 0417881001</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Palms Australia Mission: Change their lives...and yours.</p> <p>Palms Australia is offering Australian Catholics the opportunity to enter Global Mission and they are inviting parishioners to join their overseas placements program.</p> <p>Visit www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Catholic Family Camping Weekends for 2023</p> <p><i>Save these dates and join us for a good time with great people.</i></p> <p>May 19-21 & October 27-29, 2023 - Fridays 4pm till Sunday 3pm, 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, single parents, grandparents and aims to bring us together to celebrate the great gift of catholic family life. 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 for families.</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, bushwalks, treasure hunts, music, prayer and Sunday Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord.</p> <p>Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (Regardless of size)</p> <p>Enquiries or to register your interest: Helen Bennett (02 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au)</p>	

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NEW	<p>Eastern Europe Pilgrimage of Mercy commences 13 June 2023</p> <p>A rare combination of Eastern Europe's most intriguing cities of Budapest, Krakow and Prague. Be blessed by the powerful graces of the great Shrines of Divine Mercy and the Black Madonna of Czestochowa. Relish a 3-night stay in spectacular Krakow as we retrace the places and graces of Pope St John Paul II. Departing on 13 June 2023 with Fr Richard Healey.</p> <p>More info: https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/pilgrimage-of-mercy/</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony Sunday 16 April 2023 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am – 3.30pm</p> <p>Hosted by: Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. Please see flyer for contacts and additional details.</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Caritas</p> <p>Caritas Turkey are responding to a series of powerful earthquakes. Thousands of lives have been lost already and the death toll increases by the hour. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from disaster.</p> <p>Visit https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support to our East Emergency Appeal.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Early Bird Registrations are now Open for: Mystery & Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration 28 – 30 September 2023, Brisbane</p> <p>The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council are delighted to announce a combined Liturgy and Music Conference. For all enquiries contact liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

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Continuing	<p>CatholicCare – Family education and group work programs</p> <p>Our education and group work programs are held in a supportive environment with others who share similar life challenges. Our range of groups focus on strengthening relationships, parenting, post-separation, supporting parents with children in care, managing challenging emotions and loss and grief. Term 2 dates are now available.</p> <p>Learn more: https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/services-and-programs/family/family-care/courses/</p>	
Continuing	<p>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bible in a Year <p>Last year, Ascension Press ran the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. It was the world’s number 1 Religious Podcast with over 250 million downloads. It will run again throughout 2023 – and 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Catechism in a Year <p>This year, Ascension Press have commenced 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>	

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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. 	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 19 March 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says this Gospel takes us on a journey into true spiritual insight. Mother Hilda says it is not what we see that has its lasting effects, it is how we see it. The Triumph Lenten series continues with Sr Anastasia Reeves and Ken Bryant. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney and God in the Everyday. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au

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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>	
Continuing	<p>The CCD Resource Centre – Micah House Campbelltown</p> <p>The Catechist Resource Centre - Level 1 at Micah House 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown has resumed operating and is open for borrowing upstairs at Micah House, with entry from the rear of the building. We look forward to having our catechists accessing 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 in 2023, to a range of quality faith resources they can borrow. Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.</p>	

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NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p><i>A key element of this journey is examining our relationship to poverty. We can an start by considering what the Apostle Paul said of Jesus Christ: “For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” This seeming contradiction, Pope Francis explains is a way of loving that ultimately enriches us.</i></p> <p>https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice</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:</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>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>Calling all Women of the World to Rome</p> <p>His Holiness, Pope Francis, has granted the women of the world, by an invitation from the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) to an Audience with him at Paul VI Hall, the Vatican, at 11.30am on 13 May 2023.</p> <p>Mass will be celebrated, that afternoon, at St Peter's Basilica, by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.</p> <p>For Further Information contact: Catherine V McGrath DSG Phone: +61 407 419 5002 Email: cvm2090@gmail.com Booking for the Audience is not necessary.</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>	
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