


## BULLETIN NOTICES

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| <b>From:</b>  | Mr Jude Hennessy | <b>Ref:</b>         | JH/hb:2023/41  |
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| <b>Date:</b>  | 15 November 2023 | <b>For weekend:</b> | 18 – 19 November 2023  |


*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>“Purpose Conference” - Free Bus from Wollongong/Macarthur - 18-35 Years Old</b></p> <p>The 'Purpose Conference' will feature world renowned Catholic speakers Jason Evert and Matt Fradd, and hundreds of young adults from Sydney and all over Australia. We are also providing a free bus from Wollongong Diocese where you can connect with other local young adults on the way to the event. Tickets to the event are limited and so are spots on the bus, so register for both as soon as you can!</p> <p><b>Book your tickets:</b> Book your own ticket to the conference via: <a href="http://dow.sh/Purpose23">dow.sh/Purpose23</a></p> <p><b>Book your travel on Free Gong Bus:</b> Feel free to make your own way to the Conference on Thursday 7 December, but be sure to reserve your spot on our Free Gong Bus for Friday 8 December by registering here (<a href="http://dow.sh/YA-BUS">dow.sh/YA-BUS</a>) and connect with other young adults from our Diocese on the journey - departing from West Wollongong Parish at 4pm or Rosemeadow Parish at 4.45pm.</p> <p><b>Deadline for booking a spot on the bus is 3 December.</b></p> <p>Contact Fr Duane and the team at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a> if you have any questions.</p> |               |
| NEW    | <p><b>CatholicCare are currently looking for Community Support Workers.</b></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 <a href="http://catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/">catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/</a> or call 4227 1122.</p>  |               |

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| Continuing | <p><b>Position Vacant   Safeguarding Support Officer</b></p> <p>Do you want to work for the mission of the Church by helping people ensure that our Diocese is a safe place for people to encounter Christ?</p> <p>Do you want to be a bearer of Christ’s love by ensuring that our Diocese is a place where people who have been hurt can feel safe and heard?</p> <p>If you answered yes to these questions, you may be interested in joining the Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding (OPSS) in the Diocese of Wollongong.</p> <p>OPSS is looking for an organised and articulate professional to join the team as a Safeguarding Support Officer. The successful applicant will provide case support, project support and represent the office at professional development sessions. The Safeguarding Support Officer will be part of a team that assists the pastoral works of the Diocese to safely carry out the evangelising mission of making Jesus known and loved in the Illawarra, Macarthur, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands.</p> <p><i>“Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth” – 1 John 3:18</i></p> <p>If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please email <a href="mailto:safeguarding@dow.org.au">safeguarding@dow.org.au</a> and the Application Pack will be emailed to you. The position description for this role is also available on the Diocesan website – <a href="http://www.dow.org.au">www.dow.org.au</a></p> <p>Applications close at 5pm on 21 November 2023</p> |  |
| Continuing | <p><b>Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal</b></p> <p>An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.</p> <p><i>‘This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.’</i></p> <p>Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia</p> <p>With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.</p> <div data-bbox="395 1845 580 2033">  </div> <p>Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.</p> <p>You can donate online <a href="http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza">www.caritas.org.au/gaza</a> or phone 1800 024 413</p>  | <p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p> |

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| NEW        | <p><b>The Journey, 19 November 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says that this is a parable about the Lord trusting us with talents and skills and burying them simply doesn't cut it with the Lord. Mother Hilda has been reading the book of Ezekiel and its recurring line "and they will know that I am God." Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Mark Raue, and Pete Gilmore.</p> <p><b>The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</b></p>  | <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">jcr.org.au</a> |
| Continuing | <p><b>One Music Festival   Saturday 25 November 2023   2pm-9pm</b></p> <p>A Christian music and arts festival for all ages to be held at Kiama Showground and Pavilion. Organised by local Kiama Churches in partnership with Scripture Union NSW.</p> <p>Live music including Emu Music, Aslandia, MayFair Lane, Seraph Music, Fern Johnston, Thirsty Tree Music, Naomi Grace and more. Creative arts space, Quizworx Kids Show, Food Vans, market stalls, games, messages of hope and all with scenic views. For more information and tickets go to <a href="http://www.onemusicfestival.com">http://www.onemusicfestival.com</a></p>   | <a href="#">Click to download flyer</a>        |
| Continuing | <p><b>Advent begins Year B &amp; the Gospel of Mark. To prepare come and meet Mark, his Gospel and his Jesus</b></p> <p>Three Tuesday evenings: 7.30pm - 9.30pm via ZOOM<br/>21 &amp; 28 November, 5 December<br/>Booking link: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CLYVL">https://www.trybooking.com/CLYVL</a> before 1pm 20 Nov<br/>This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.<br/>Further information: Emilia 0418 120 902</p>   |  |
| Continuing | <p><b>Retreat Day "Let There Be Light"   Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo Saturday 2 December 10am-3:30pm</b></p> <p>This day is especially set aside as a day of reflection with Christmas in mind. We see it as, a day to visit hope, a day to look forward toward the light that may just have escaped us during this past year, and yet still shines brightly beyond the clouds, beckoning us toward all that is good in the time head. There will be three input sessions by the Sisters along with time for quiet reflection and a guided meditation by one of the Sisters as well.</p> <p>MASS: 9am for anyone who would like to come<br/>LUNCH: Bring your own, plenty of tea and coffee here<br/>COST: \$30 (Morning Tea provided)</p> <p>To register please phone 42 360011 Ext 106 (Just leave your name and number)</p> |  |

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| Continuing | <p><b>Summer School of Evangelisation (Sydney): 7-14 January 2024, Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW</b></p> <p>Summer School is a week-long, live-in, life-changing retreat featuring praise and worship, inspiring talks, engaging liturgy, time to chill &amp; learn and more in the midst of a community of 150+ young people aged 16-35. Registrations open 31st October. Register by 30th November to receive early bird rates (concession \$525/adult \$625).</p> <p>More info: <a href="mailto:contact@summerschool.org.au">contact@summerschool.org.au</a>.<br/>Bookings: <a href="http://summerschool.org.au">summerschool.org.au</a></p>   | <a href="#">Click to download flyer</a> |
| NEW        | <p><b>A vocation view</b></p> <p>“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (Matthew 25:13)”</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>Coniston Homeless Hub</b></p> <p>Our centre is located at 12-16 Miller St, Coniston. The Vinnies Van operates out of this centre and provides emergency food relief and items for daily living to people experiencing homelessness and those living in difficult circumstances, 5 days a week. The Vinnies Homeless Hub and the Vinnies Van would be grateful for any one off or regular donations of food items, small toiletry items, sleeping bags, warm jackets, gloves, beanies, and snacks/poppers for school aged children.</p> <p>The Vinnies Homeless Hub accepts donations 9am-12pm Monday-Friday. Please call the Vinnies Hub on 4228 9355 or Kelly McCrohon, Vinnies Van Coordinator on (02) 5612 1357 or M: 0476 532 002, or E: <a href="mailto:vinniesvan@vinnies.org.au">vinniesvan@vinnies.org.au</a> for any queries</p> |   |
| Continuing | <p><b>ARETE - Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program 2024</b></p> <p>Applications for our Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program 2024 are now officially open! If you have a strong desire to deepen your faith, acquire practical leadership skills, theological knowledge, and spiritual formation to effectively serve Christ in today's Church, then our program is specifically designed for you.</p> <p>Please note that spaces for our Foundations of Missionary Leadership program for 2024 are limited and expected to fill quickly. Don't hesitate, take action now to ensure your place!</p> <p>Find out more: <a href="https://www.aretecentre.org/">https://www.aretecentre.org/</a></p>   |   |

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| 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>Micah House Resource Centre Campbelltown</b></p> <p>All of the faithful, especially in the Macarthur Region, are invited to visit the CCD &amp; Evangelisation Resource Centre and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some fellowship.</p> <p><b>Exciting News! The Shop is Now Open</b>, with books, gifts, and cards for many occasions, particularly sacraments. We also have expanded the Resource Library, with a wider selection of materials that anyone from parishes can borrow for personal faith development.</p> <p>The Centre is open from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday, at 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown (Entry from the Rear). Please contact Cindy Oliver at <a href="mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au">cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</a> or call 4640 8550 for any inquiries. <b>We look forward to seeing you!</b></p>  |               |
| Continuing | <p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="437 1193 1219 1556" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A gift to the Church<br/>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 <b>4222 2446</b>, or scan the <b>QR code</b> here ▶ </p> </div> <p>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image - click here)<br/><a href="https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg">https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</a></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<br/>Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>  |               |

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| 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.</p> <p><b>Please visit <a href="https://dow.sh/parishgiving">https://dow.sh/parishgiving</a> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</b></p>   |               |
| <b>NEW</b> | <p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>[Environment] is an “immense” and demanding challenge, then, because it requires a change of course, a decisive shift in the current model of consumption and production, all too often entrenched in the “throwaway” culture that is indifferent towards both the environment and people. Today a group from the McDonald’s Corporation visited; they told me that they have abolished plastic and use only recyclable paper, for everything... In the Vatican plastic has been banned, and I understand that we are now 93% plastic-free. These are steps, real steps that we have to continue. Real steps.</p> <p><i>- Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Members of the "Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice" Foundation, Clementine Hall, Monday, 5 June 2023</i></p>  |               |
| Continuing | <p><b>FORMED (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.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"> <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> |               |

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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>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>   |               |
| Continuing | <p><b>Faith Circles—free small group resource</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> |               |