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BULLETIN NOTICES

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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 POSITION VACANT	Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong	
	Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Leader in the Diocese of Wollongong.	
	Applications close on Tuesday, 12 December 2023.	
	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	
URGENT/	A New Vision for Parishes	
Continuing	Bishop Mascord has supplied multiple copies of <i>Come and See Go and Make - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong</i> 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	

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Continuing	"Purpose Conference" - Free Bus from Wollongong/Macarthur - 18-35 Years Old	
	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! Book your tickets: Book your own ticket to the conference via: dow.sh/Purpose23	
	Book your travel on Free Gong Bus: 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 (dow.sh/YA-BUS) 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. Deadline for booking a spot on the bus is 3 December.	
	Contact Fr Duane and the team at vocations@dow.org.au if you have any questions.	
Continuing	As the Program Coordinator at the Arete Centre, you will play a pivotal role in ensuring the efficient operation of our organisation. This position is part-time, with a commitment of one day a week. The Program Coordinator will be responsible for fostering a positive and professional student journey. They will coordinate four Intensive Retreats each year and serve as the primary point of contact for students. Additionally, they will oversee the coordination and management of Student Mentor groups, upkeep of student database, and be responsible for all associated administrative tasks. To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter to the Laura Neeson: office@aretecentre.org. Please specify "Program Coordinator" in	Click here for position description.
	the subject line. Only successful applicants will be contacted. Applications for this Position close Wednesday 6 December.	

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Continuing	Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. '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.' Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413	Click to download flyer
NEW	The Journey, 3 December 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Joshua Whitehead says that we're invited to have a four-fold response this Advent to cooperate and make sense of what God gives us. Mother Hilda says we'll love Jesus to mount a crown with our thumbprints all over it on our head. Plus, Fr Tony Percy and some special extra Advent reflections. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.	www.jcr.org.au.
Continuing	Summer School of Evangelisation (Sydney): 7-14 January 2024, Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW Summer School is a week-long, live-in, life-changing retreat featuring praise and worship, inspiring talks, engaging liturgy, time to chill & 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). More info: contact@summerschool.org.au. Bookings: summerschool.org.au	Click to download flyer

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NEW	A vocation view 'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight my heart rejoices, my soul is glad You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence.' Let our Vocation be, to be one with God - forever. If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au	
Continuing	CatholicCare are currently looking for Community Support Workers. 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.	
Continuing	Coniston Homeless Hub 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. 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: vinniesvan@vinnies.org.au for any queries	
Continuing	ARETE - Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program 2024 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. 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! Find out more: https://www.aretecentre.org/	

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Continuing	Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese 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.	
Continuing	A gift to the Church in your Will will help A gift to the Church in your will 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. 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. 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 (Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image - click here) https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg	
Continuing	Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong Cathedral Books & 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. Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.	
NEW	Social Justice Points We must consolidate "dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet", well aware that living out "our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect" of our experience of life. Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Participants in the Green And Blue Festival, on the occasion of the 2023 World Environment Day, Monday, 5 June 2023	

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Continuing	An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council 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 https://dow.sh/parishgiving to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.	
Continuing	FORMED (Free for DoW Parishioners) 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. To register for FORMED: 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.	
Continuing	menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions—Every Tuesday 7.30pm 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	
Continuing	CAtHFAMILY 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 https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/	

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Continuing	Faith Circles—free small group resource 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.	