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| From: | Mr Jude Hennessy | Ref: | PG/hb:2023/30 |
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| Date: | 29 August 2023 | For weekend: | 2 – 3 September 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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| Continuing (Final Week for Notices Please) | <p>MenALIVE Macarthur Regional Weekend, 9-10 September, Micah House, Campbelltown. Cost \$70 per person (\$50 concession)</p> <p>St Irenaeus: "God is glorified when men are fully alive!" With that in mind, come along to the Macarthur Region menALIVE experience and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life. Register: dow.sh/MACampbelltown2023</p> | |
| NEW | <p>The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our parish on the weekend of 16/17 September</p> <p>"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated." + Bishop Brian Mascord</p> | |
| NEW | <p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 27 – 29 Oct 2023</p> <p>The weekend is 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. To avoid missing out on this incredible opportunity, contact us now to secure your spot. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size) For more details and to register: www.dow.org.au/events/</p> | |

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| NEW | <p>Mary in the Bible Talk</p> <p>The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) in the Diocese of Wollongong invites you to discover the unique role of Our Lady as the Ark of the Covenant, New Eve, and Queen Mother in an eye-opening in-service presented by our very own CCD faith education office, Daniel Saliba, revealing the deep theological connections between Mary and her ancient biblical types.</p> <p>Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the rich theological significance behind titles the Church has historically assigned to Our Lady and their implications for Mary's relationship with Christ and the Church. Whether you are a catechist, a devoted Catholic, or someone seeking to deepen their understanding of Mary's role in salvation history, this talk will provide invaluable insights into the profound symbolism and theological depth of Catholic teaching on Mary. Join us on this spiritual journey as we uncover the beauty and significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the pages of Sacred Scripture.</p> <p>There are two options for attending the talk:</p> <p>Campbelltown Monday 18 September 10.00am - 12.30pm Level 1, Micah House 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown</p> <p>Wollongong Friday 22nd September 9.30am - 12.00pm Conference Room, Xavier Centre 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong</p> <p>Please register by following this link: Register Here Or by visiting our website: www.dow.org.au/events/ and following the links for the event.</p> | |
| NEW | <p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</p> <p>An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 27-29 October 2023 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, a stunning and 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> | |
| Continuing | <p>Season of Creation 2022</p> <p>We are in the Season of Creation and there are some wonderful activities and resources for families delve into at https://seasonofcreation.org</p> <p>Take the time as we move into Spring to pray, to plant, to recycle and enter into the awe and wonder we find in dwelling on and being in God's creation.</p> | |

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| Continuing | <p>CBC September Luncheon - All welcome</p> <p>The next Luncheon will be held Friday 8 September 2023 at Rydges Campbelltown between 11:45 AM -2:00 PM The guest speaker is Pauline Carrigan OAM founder of <i>Where there's a Will</i>, an organisation which exists to create a community where enhanced mental health and wellbeing allows the Upper Hunter community to thrive and flourish. Pauline will share her journey and how she is effecting true cultural change in our schools.</p> <p><i>Education is the key, more specifically, Positive Education.</i> For more information or to purchase a ticket please scan the QR code OR visit https://www.dow.org.au/events/cbc-september-2023-luncheon/ RSVP Thursday 31 August</p> |  |
| Continuing | <p>Maltese Festa-Tal Vitorja Sunday 10 September 2pm St Francis of Assisi Warrawong</p> <p>The annual Maltese Festa- 'Tal Vitorja' is on Sunday 10 September at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 93 Flagstaff Rd Warrawong. The Wollongong Brass band will start playing at 2pm, marching, carrying the statue of Our Lady, the Holy Rosary and Mass by Bishop Brian Mascord. Then join us for some Pastizzi and refreshments at the George Cross Maltese club, 25 Lake Ave Cringila.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>CatholicCare Fostering Futures</p> <p>The Fostering Futures team are urgently looking for a forever home for Ollie* who is 8 years old. Ollie is a very engaging, outgoing, polite and active boy. Ollie enjoys swimming, going to the park, playing Nintendo, watching movies, colouring in, and trying new foods. Ollie would love to learn to ride a bike and play soccer or Oz Tag. Ollie is looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, caring, calm, and patient who can give him a sense of security and belonging.</p> <p>You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au for more information. Fostering Futures will support you every step of the way.</p> <p>*name has been changed for privacy</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>The Dead Theologians Society Young Adults Group, 18+ years, Meeting fortnightly</p> <p>Through the Saints of yesterday the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today, to become the Saints of tomorrow.</p> <p>Date: Sunday 3 September 2023 (then Sept 17, Oct 1,15,29) Place: St Paul's Catholic Church, Albion Park Time: 6pm-8pm, (Includes a light meal.) RSVP: Saint Paul's Church (for catering) Ph: 4256 2038 COME AND SEE.</p> | |

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| Continuing | <p>Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 20–22 October 2023 Cataract Scout Camp Appin</p> <p>One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12–and 16 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.</p> <p>Register online: www.dow.org.au/events/ or contact Jude Hennessy on 42222407 jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Coniston Homeless Hub</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: vinniesvan@vinnies.org.au for any queries</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration</p> <p>You are invited to register for the national liturgy and music conference "Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration" hosted by the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network together with the National Liturgical Council, commencing 28 - 30 September 2023 at the Hilton Hotel in Brisbane.</p> <p>This promises to be an outstanding conference for the Australian Catholic community in response to the Pope's call for a "serious and dynamic liturgical formation" within the Catholic church.</p> <p>For all the details, including keynote speakers and workshop presenters, please go to http://www.mysteryandmission.com.au You may watch the promotional video here https://youtu.be/0pyclmMFrGA</p> | |

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| Continuing | <p>ARETE - Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program 2024</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: https://www.aretecentre.org/</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Micah House Resource Centre Campbelltown</p> <p>All of the faithful, especially in the Macarthur Region, are invited to visit the CCD & Evangelisation Resource Centre and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some fellowship.</p> <p>Exciting News! The Shop is Now Open, 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 cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or call 4640 8550 for any inquiries.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing 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> | |
| NEW | <p>The Journey, 3 September 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week Christopher del Rosario says that there is no mediocre path of Christianity. Mother Hilda has been using AI and Siri to check out where God is. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> | jcr.org.au |
| NEW | <p>A vocation view</p> <p>“O God, you are my God whom I seek.” As St. Augustine recognized, our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord; eliminate that which blocks your seeking for God. (Psalm 63:2)</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> | |

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| Continuing | <p>St Padre Pio Retreat Day at St Columbkille’s Parish Centre and Church 3:00pm to 7:00pm Saturday 9 September 2023</p> <p>Fr Patrick Vaughan is hosting a retreat afternoon where people can come together for prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join. During this retreat, a video on St Padre Pio will be shown. After the video, there will be an afternoon tea before moving on to devotions in the Church. Participants will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation before attending the Vigil Mass with the Corrimal parish community.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>A women’s opportunity to experience a Cursillo three-day weekend</p> <p>A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville from Thursday evening 5 October to Sunday afternoon 8 October 2023. To view brochure and find out more, please scan the QR code, click the link, email cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com or ring Geraldine Dayball on 0421 329 365.</p> |  |
| Continuing | <p>Centenary celebration for St Michael's Parish, Thirroul</p> <p>St Michael's parish Thirroul will be celebrating the parish centenary on 28 October 2023 at 5.30pm. Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord followed by community picnic/BBQ in school grounds. We are seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com 0407 672 417.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="437 1330 1219 1693" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">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) https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</p> | |

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| Continuing | <p>Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm</p> <p>Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</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. | |
| 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>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> | |

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| NEW | <p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>In the Apostolic Exhortation <i>Evangelii Gaudium</i>, I wanted to warn against the danger of experiencing the economy in an unhealthy way. “Such an economy kills” (n. 53), I said in 2013, decrying an economic model that produces waste and that fosters what we could call the “globalization of indifference”. Many of you work in the economic sector: you know how everyone can benefit from a way of imagining reality that places the person at the centre, that does not belittle the worker and that seeks to create good for all.</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>CAtHFAMILY</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 https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</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> | |