

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	15 April 2024	<b>For weekend:</b>	20 – 21 April 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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<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b></p> <p>This Sunday is the Annual “World Day of Prayer for Vocations”. “Vocation” means “calling”, beginning with our baptismal calling to a life of loving service, lived out in single life or through public commitments of Marriage, Consecrated Life or Ordained Ministry (Priests and Deacons). On this day we especially pray for more young people to be open to the vocations of Ordained Ministry and Consecrated Life. In the words of Pope Francis in his Message for this day: “More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him” (read full message at <a href="http://dow.sh/gss24">dow.sh/gss24</a>.)</p> <p>For young Catholics discerning their vocation there are many opportunities available, including connecting with young adult groups and events, gathering with Seminarians or Religious, or personal chats with the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez. To find out more go to <a href="http://vocations.dow.org.au">vocations.dow.org.au</a> or email <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a>.</p> <p><i>Let us pray for all who are discerning their vocation, and especially for our Diocesan Seminarians, Sinh, Joseph, Darren, Seth, Anthony and Quy.</i></p>	
<b>NEW each week</b>	<p><b>The Journey, 21 April 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Joshua Whitehead says we’re invited to reflect on our approach to faith, is it something that you do, or do you allow yourself to be led by God, the Good Shepherd? Mother Hilda says that words from God will fill up that space between your heartbeats. Plus Fr Tony Percy, Pete Gilmore and Fr Dave Callaghan. The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>. (Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or <a href="#">click to download the file</a> for parishes to display on their digital screen)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click to download jpg file</a></p>

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<p><b>UPDATED Additional Information</b></p>	<p><b>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 17 – 19 May 2024 at Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale</b></p> <p>Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size) Enquiries: Jude Hennessy (02 4222 2407 / <a href="mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au">jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</a>)</p> <p>Camping &amp; Bunk Room Options: You may like to pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents/guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.</p> <p><i>Mass and Star Gazing: Fr Paul Clark will celebrate a candlelit Mass in the stone chapel at 5pm on Saturday evening followed by some moon and star gazing. Fr Paul is an experienced astronomer and will be bringing his telescopes for us all to view the night sky.</i></p> <p><b>To register:</b> <a href="https://dow.org.au/events/compass-catholic-family-camping-weekend">dow.org.au/events/compass-catholic-family-camping-weekend</a></p>	
<p>Continuing <i>Note: Campbelltown Change of Venue</i></p>	<p><b>Catechist Training Course Level 2</b></p> <p>The Level 2 Course is a chance for all SRE Teachers and Helpers to take their knowledge of teaching and the Catholic Faith deeper. It focuses on a variety of topics to help you grow as a Catechist and Catholic.</p> <p><b>Mondays – Wollongong</b> – Xavier Centre (36 Harbour St, Wollongong) <b>Fridays – Campbelltown</b> – Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm</p> <p><b>Dates:</b> Week 1 - Mon 29 April / Fri 3 May Week 2 - Mon 6 May / Fri 10 May Week 3 - Mon 13 May / Fri 17 May Week 4 - Mon 20 May / Fri 24 May Week 5 - Mon 27 May / Fri 31 May Week 6 - Mon 3 June / Fri 7 June</p> <p>Please register your attendance at either the Level 2 Course in Wollongong or Campbelltown by clicking the link below, noting that you can attend either course and that if you miss one day, you can attend the other course so as to not miss any topics. Enquiries: Sue Clark 4222 2416 email <a href="mailto:support@ccdwoollongong.com">support@ccdwoollongong.com</a> or click here to <a href="#">REGISTER HERE</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence</b> forum is returning across the Diocese, with sessions in Campbelltown, Wollongong and Nowra. The half-day information session will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing. Expert presentations from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire &amp; Rescue Service to discuss topics such as accessing support services, keeping your mind and body fit, and advocating and supporting older people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Campbelltown</b> Wednesday 8 May at 9.30am-1pm. Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road, Campbelltown.</li> <li>• <b>Wollongong</b> Wednesday 5 June at 9.30am-1pm. The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow.</li> <li>• <b>Nowra</b> Wednesday 19 June at 9.30am-1pm. Worrigee (Nowra) Sports Club, 131 Greenwell Point Road, Worrigee</li> </ul> <p>Places are limited. To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit <a href="http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events">www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events</a>. For any other information, contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or <a href="mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au">janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a>.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>A New Vision for Parishes</b></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 <a href="http://dow.sh/CSGMvision">http://dow.sh/CSGMvision</a></p> <p>Come &amp; See, Go &amp; Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at <a href="http://dow.sh/CSGMresources">http://dow.sh/CSGMresources</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>CatholicCare's Fostering Futures program</b> are seeking separate forever homes for two boys, Lachlan* aged 11 years and Jacob* aged 9 years.</p> <p>Lachlan is a happy, loving boy would like a family who can take him to the park to ride his scooter, kick a football around or push him on the swing. An ideal carer for Lachlan is someone who can help him find his feet in new surroundings.</p> <p>Jacob has a strong connection to his Samoan heritage. He loves to play Pokemon on his Nintendo switch and watch superhero movies. He enjoys swimming, soccer, and basketball. Your consistency and stability will help create an environment that is loving, predictable and somewhere Jacob feels safe.</p> <p>There is a critical shortage of foster carers at the moment and Lachlan and Jacob have both been waiting for a long time for their forever homes. They are currently living with a roster of staff who are meeting their basic needs, but like all kids they deserve a home where they feel safe, secure and loved.</p> <p>CatholicCare have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. Carers receive comprehensive support including training, regular case worker support and career allowance for the child's day-to-day financial needs.</p> <p>If you can provide a safe and supportive home for Lachlan or Jacob, or kids like them, we'd love to hear from you. Please call 0418 783 956 or email <a href="mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au">fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a> for more information and we will support you every step of the way.</p> <p><i>*names have been changed for privacy</i></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Men’s Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men</b></p> <p>Men from the Parish of Rosemeadow invite other men from around the Diocese to join with them on the last Tuesday of the Month to pray the Rosary, commencing at 7pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow. Such men’s groups are, at this time, springing up around the world to honour Our Lady and to pray for the Church and the World. Mass is celebrated at 6.30pm on Tuesday evening's and you are welcome to also attend this prior to the Rosary if you wish.</p> <p>For more information, please contact David at <a href="mailto:djbarrett85@gmail.com">djbarrett85@gmail.com</a> or phone: 0410 487 630.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>‘Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage’ 10 – 20 October 2024</b></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.</p> <p>More info, including the costs and itinerary, can be found HERE: <a href="http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop">www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="384 792 1232 1283" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>A gift to the Church in your will ... <i>will help!</i></b></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><b>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image <a href="#">click here</a>)</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</b></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 <a href="http://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen">watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen</a> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (<a href="#">download</a>) or for your <i>Smart TV</i>. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</p>	
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>	

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<b>NEW each week</b>	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>If the mission is a grace involving all the Church, the lay faithful contribute in a vital way to advancing that mission in all areas and in the ordinary situations of every day. Above all, it is they who make the Church present and who proclaim the Gospel, for example, in digital culture, which has such a strong impact throughout the world; in youth culture; in the world of work and business, politics, and the arts and culture; in scientific research, education, and training; in the care of our common home; and especially through participation in public life. Wherever they are present, they are called to witness to Jesus Christ in daily life and to explicitly share the faith with others. In a special way, young people, with their gifts and fragilities, growing in friendship with Jesus, become apostles of the Gospel to their peers. -- <i>'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></p>	
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>	



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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>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</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>	