


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	<p>The Chosen Season 4 Premier! - YOUNG ADULTS EVENT (18+)</p> <p>We are excited to announce the first of many Young Adult events of 2024! On Saturday 3Feb, we will have an outdoor “premier” screening of The Chosen’s first episode of season 4! The Chosen is the first ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus, receiving worldwide accolades. If you haven't yet experienced it, come along and enjoy your first taste of it with other young adults from throughout the Diocese. The event begins at 6.30pm and will be held at St Mary's Towers Douglas Park, 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park. The event is for our over 18 young adults, feel free to bring friends along! Please BYO picnic dinner, drink, and if you have one bring a picnic blanket or beach chair.</p> <p>Please register for the free event using the QR code provided</p> 	
NEW	<p>Beware of fake QR code stickers</p>  <p>Wollongong Police District would like to let you know that there has been an increase in QR code scams. The fake QR code stickers are normally placed over existing QR codes or fake signs are placed near locations. The user is then sent to a fake site where the user is asked to enter sensitive information that is then either sold or used for fraud related offences. Please be careful when using QR codes and stay vigilant.</p>	


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NEW	<p>Catholic Business Connections</p> <p><i>Memberships now on sale</i></p> <p>This year Catholic Business Connections (CBC) will celebrate its sixth year offering women and men the opportunity to network, share lunch and be inspired by guest speakers from across all the professional sectors. Memberships for 2024 are now available and everyone is welcomed to join!</p> <p>The first luncheon for 2024 is Wednesday 21 February at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm)</p> <p>Guest Speaker - Sue Lennox, Former Principal St Patrick's College for Girls, Campbelltown</p> <p>Sue Lennox was the principal of St Patrick's College Campbelltown from 2007 to 2023. Her greatest experience lies in her work in all girls schools, where she is passionate and committed to the empowerment of young women and their development into resilient contributors to their communities and their environment.</p> <p>Topic - <i>Are all-girls schools still relevant?</i></p> <p>For more information about Sue and CBC please visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. RSVP for February luncheon is Tuesday 13 February.</p>	
NEW	<p>Exciting news!</p> <p>The newest 'It's Who We Are' video has been launched. Narrated by our beloved Bishop Brian, this uplifting sub-three-minute clip illuminates the remarkable people and everyday works within our diocese. It celebrates all that is "Good News" in our diocese and features many of our Clergy, Seminarians, Parishes, Schools, CatholicCare programs and more! To view, please visit the diocesan website https://www.dow.org.au/about-us/ and/or its FB page https://fb.watch/oOktv0G8-6/</p>	
UPDATED	<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://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/ to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	

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UPDATED	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="384 412 1230 898" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>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)</p>	
Continuing	<p>Fr Bernard Gordon's Sabbatical in Ireland!</p> <p>When: 11am Tuesday 27 February 2024 Where: Xavier Centre 38 Harbour St Wollongong</p> <p>Join us for a captivating talk on Fr Bernard Gordon's sabbatical experience in Ireland. Fr Bernard will take us on a journey through the wild and wonderful landscapes, beautiful churches, and rich but sometimes troubled history of Ireland.</p> <p>Hosted by the Diocesan Catholic Women's League Wollongong. Come along for a stimulating and reflective experience about a truly significant and great people in the history of Europe. It's an event you won't want to miss!</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Day Retreat Walking with Jesus – to the joy of Resurrection</p> <p>Saturday 17 February 2024, Jamberoo Abbey</p> <p>Join us for a Lenten reflection day. The Easter story culminates in the joy of Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. Our Lenten retreat day invites you to reflect on how we will walk the Lenten journey in 2024, so that we are able to enter into the promise and joy of Easter morning. 9am Mass, followed by registration. Morning tea is provided.</p> <p>Bring your own lunch. The day ends at 3.30, and you are invited to stay for Vespers at 5pm. Cost: \$30 Book early, places limited to 50. Contact details for Lenten day retreat: register online at jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats or phone 4236 0011 xt106.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Weekend retreat at Jamberoo Abbey 23 & 25 February 2024</p> <p><i>‘When I return to my heart, I find you there’. Praying with the mystics.</i></p> <p>Pray with the mystics who teach us that when we return within God is met. The weekend will combine reflections from the mystics with centering prayer instruction and practice. As we follow the mystics along the path of contemplative practice we will be taken out of the realm of theory and invited into the felt sense and lived experience of the Divine Indwelling.</p> <p>To book/pay and for further details, contact Debbie at the Retreat Cottages Jamberoo, on 4236 0011 Ext. 2. A \$150 guided retreat payment is asked in addition to the accommodation costs. Pensioner discount or other reduction according to your need is available.</p>	
NEW <i>Save the Dates</i>	<p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 – 17 March 2024 • 23 – 25 August 2024 <p>These weekends are 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. Registration details and more information to follow.</p>	
NEW	<p>Behold I Make all Things New - A Eucharistic Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecelia –</p> <p>10am – 4pm 24 February 2024, St Michael Church, Nowra</p> <p>Men and women (13 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks, a personal testimony, and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Retreat Fee: \$20. Financial assistance is available.</p> <p>For questions, please contact the Sisters: sydney@op-tn.org</p>	Click to download flyer/register

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Continuing	<p>Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 400 Hour Foundational Unit</p> <p>Are you interested in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing in knowledge, understanding, and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care. • Deepening your awareness of God’s presence in your life and of people’s needs, hopes, and concerns during times of illness. • Becoming more aware of your own values, attitudes, and assumptions. <p>CPE Foundational Unit will be offered at Carrington Aged Care with face to face sessions conducted one day a week, Thursday from 8 February to 27 June 2024.</p> <p>Please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone 0419 430 676 for more information and/or application form. Applications are now open. Please apply early. Applications close 25 January 2024</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 21 January 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says that today’s readings pose a great challenge to us, on the difference between listening, hearing, and obeying. Mother Hilda says God wants to carry the heavy weights of our life. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Fr Dave Callaghan, and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	www.jcr.org.au .

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Continuing	<p>CLAIM THE DATE Enquiries and Registration are now OPEN!</p> <p>4th Annual St Joseph Motor Pilgrimage 15 -17 March 2024</p> <p>Have you saved the Date yet for this unique, men only, Spiritual Encounter venerating St Joseph for his great example of Fatherhood and a Virtuous life. Come for part or the full pilgrimage, it's your choice. 3 days of cars, bikes, men's gatherings, prayer, worship, mass, keynote speakers, small group discussions and fellowship across the (Arch) Diocese of Bathurst/Orange, Canberra/Goulburn and Sydney! Supported by Parousia Media, MenAlive and Maximus Men's Ministry Network</p> <p>Once registered you will receive updated information and be added to the Zoom pre-drive/ride briefing. Also, if you have been involved in organising something like this in the past and would like to help, please let us know by direct message.</p> <p>Register Here: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1110723</p>	<p>Download: Brochure</p> <p>Itinerary</p> <p>SJMP23 reflection</p>
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>“Just as the first apostles were called by the Lord to become fishers of men, during this Catholic Schools Week we remember that the role of our schools is to challenge young men and women to follow Christ.” (Mk 1:17)</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>CatholicCare are currently looking for Community Support Workers</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 catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/ or call 4227 1122.</p>	
	<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>	
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 Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</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. 	
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>	

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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>	