

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	15 July 2024	For weekend:	20 – 21 July 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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Urgent message from Bishop Brian on the foster care system	<p>Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ</p> <p>It has been brought to my attention a crisis affecting our diocese that I feel compelled to share with you all. Currently, over 350 children and young people in NSW are in urgent need of foster care, with nearly 100 of them residing in our diocese. These vulnerable young people are placed in high-cost emergency accommodations, such as hotels and caravan parks, without the stability and nurturing relationships they deserve. It is imperative that we come together to offer these children a loving and secure environment by opening our homes and hearts. Whether through weekend respite care or full-time fostering, we can make a significant impact on their lives.</p> <p>I urge you to watch and share a video I have created outlining the challenges faced by the foster care system in our diocese at dow.sh/bmfc24 and consider reaching out to CatholicCare Wollongong at 4227 1122 to inquire about becoming a foster carer. Your support can provide these children with the love and stability they need to thrive. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and may we all strive to be the loving, faithful families these children deserve.</p>	
Continuing	<p>CCD Level 1 Catechist Course (Term 3) via Zoom starts on 19 August for four Mondays.</p> <p>Dates: Mondays, 19, August, 26 August, 2 September and 9 September (via Zoom) Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm</p> <p>Beginning and experienced SRE Catechists are invited to register by following this link dow.sh/ccdlevel1onzoom or contact Sue Clark at support@ccdwoollongong.com. <i>Please note that the first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years.</i></p>	

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Updated	<p>Ignite Conference 2024: Rise Up! (Sydney) 26-29 September 2024</p> <p>A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God’s people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.</p> <p>The Diocese of Wollongong is looking to take a group 30 young people to the conference at a subsidised cost.</p> <p>If you would like to join us, know someone who would, or would like to sponsor someone to attend, please contact Arnie Hurdoyal, Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader, Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or 0431 611 128.</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
NEW	<p>The University of Notre Dame Australia Open Day Saturday, 31 August 10am-3pm</p> <p>Join us to discover what Notre Dame has to offer! Explore Sydney Campus, meet students, academic staff and graduates. Contact: sydney@nd.edu.au 02 8204 4404 Register: notredame.edu.au/openday</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Milton Parish is holding a Pre-Marriage Seminar on 27 July from 9:00am to 4:00pm.</p> <p>This seminar will be facilitated by Fr Michael, at St Mary Star of the Sea Parish House, 3 Corks Lane, Milton. Following the seminar couples are asked to please attend Mass, at either the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm in Sussex Inlet, or 9:00am Mass at Sunday Holy Family Church, Ulladulla. The cost is \$200 per couple. For more Information contact Milton Parish 4455 1313 or milton@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>2024 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass</p> <p>If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 25 August 2024 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.</p> <p>Please register online at https://dow.sh/MA2024 or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday, 29 July 2024.</p>	

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NEW each week	<p>The Journey, 21 July 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: The Gospel reflection with Fr John Corrigan. Mother Hilda says forget getting even, let Jesus be our first point of reference. Plus, Fr Tony Percy and Jude Hennessy discuss the Tim Fischer Oration. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or click to download the file for parishes to display on their digital screen)</i></p>	<p>www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p>Click to download jpg file</p>
Continuing	<p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 13 – 15 September 2024 at Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale</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).</p> <p>Camping & 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>To register: https://dow.sh/cfwsept24</p>	
Continuing	<p>Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 25–27 October 2024 Cataract Activity Centre, 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 17 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: https://dow.sh/ggm24</p>	
Continuing	<p>Come and See, Go and Make: A Vision for Parishes</p> <p><i>More resources now available to help breathe new life into your parish</i></p> <p>Bishop Mascord has sent multiple copies of Come and See Go and Make for distribution amongst the faithful. New Videos of the entire vision broken into sections that align with the <i>Come and See Workbooks</i> for parishes may be accessed at http://dow.sh/CSGMresources along with digital copies of all resources. Read, pray, discuss and support your pastor in bringing this vision to life in your parish.</p>	

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NEW each week	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>“I will appoint shepherds for my people.” The call to priestly and religious life is to be a shepherd after the heart of Christ, to give of yourself so that others may live. (<i>Jeremiah 23 and Mark 6</i>)</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>	
Continuing	<p>Parish Renewal Conference 2024: For Such A Time As This</p> <p>The Parish Renewal Conference (Archdiocese of Sydney) is back in 2024! Join us for an inspiring gathering of clergy and lay faithful who desire renewal for parishes and the wider Church. Gather with Archbishop Anthony Fisher, special guest speaker Bishop John Adams and hundreds of fellow Catholics for illuminating keynotes, practical workshops, and beautiful liturgy to be equipped and strengthened for mission. Be part of the transformation in our Church today!</p> <p>Date: Saturday 3 August Time: 8:45am – 5:00pm Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club Cost: Early bird \$75 plus booking fees (closes 31 May) \$90 plus booking fees (1 June onwards) To register go to gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events by 19 July.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Caritas Australia’s Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster</p> <p>Thousands are feared dead and many more are displaced after a devastating landslide struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your urgent support is needed now.</p> <p>Donate at www.caritas.org.au/png</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</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 watch.thechosen.tv to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!</p>	

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Continuing	<p>26 – 27 October Retreat weekend: Pilgrims of Hope</p> <p>A retreat for men in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Hope at Mt Schoenstatt with Mass and Reconciliation. Facilitated by Fr Pawel OP. Email mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au or ring 0432 487 927 (Jim)</p> <p>QR code for information and bookings or click on https://bit.ly/4coasDO</p> 	Click to download flyer
NEW each week	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>We cannot evangelise digital culture without first understanding it. Young people, and among them, seminarians, young priests, and young consecrated men and women, who often have profound and direct experience of it, are best suited to carry out the Church's mission in the digital environment, as well as to accompany the rest of the community, including pastors, in becoming more familiar with its dynamics. – <i>'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</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>	
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. 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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Continuing	<p>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible in a Year Ascension Press will again run the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins in 2024. It remains one of the world's leading podcasts with over 400 million downloads. While a new podcast is released daily, you can do it at your own pace signing up at www.ascensionpress.com/biy and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace. • Catechism in a Year This year, Ascension Press will also again run the Catechism in a Year podcast which will slowly and prayerfully read through and break open the Catechism over 365 days. It's not too late to catch up, and the daily podcasts can be listened to at your own pace. It is available at www.ascensionpress.com/ciy 	
Continuing	<p>Men's Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men</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 djbarrett85@gmail.com or phone: 0410 487 630.</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>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>Get 'FORMED' - know & love your faith (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 is a fantastic 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. 	

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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/	