

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	17 October 2023	For weekend:	21 – 22 October 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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NEW	<p>Diocesan Annual Catechist Mass</p> <p>The Annual Catechist Mass and awards ceremony will occur on Saturday 11 November, at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming all our Life Members, award recipients, active and retired Catechists, special guests and their families.</p> <p>The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord and concelebrated by clergy of the Diocese. A light luncheon will follow in the Xavier Conference Rooms.</p> <p>Please check your email for your invitation. To RSVP click here or for more information please contact Helen Bennett on helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>FEARLESS Catholic Online Gathering Tuesday 14 November 2023</p> <p>NSW VIC ACT TAS - 7:00pm</p> <p>Join Alpha Catholic teams from across Australia to share your Alpha stories, be renewed in the Spirit and encouraged to continue forward in the Lord's Great Commission to "Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19).</p> <p>Register Here Now</p>	
NEW	<p>El Roi: The God Who Sees Me (Women's Retreat) Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville 17-19 November 2023</p> <p>Prepare for Advent through this women's retreat with the MGL Sisters, as we spend time together listening to God's unique heart of love for each one of us. This retreat is supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney.</p> <p>Bookings: trybooking.com/CFBRE (by 3 November) Contact: Bernadette - mgl SISTERS.sydney@gmail.com</p>	Click to download flyer

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NEW	<p>Summer School of Evangelisation (Sydney): 7-14 January 2024, Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW</p> <p>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).</p> <p>More info: contact@summerschool.org.au. Bookings: summerschool.org.au</p>	Click to download flyer
Continuing	<p>Called by Name: Macarthur Young Adults Gathering Campbelltown Catholic Club, Saturday 28 October 6:45pm - 9pm <i>About 40 young adults have registered already - registration closes THIS SUNDAY 22nd October</i></p> <p>We live in a chaotic world that often leaves us struggling to understand who we truly are, our purpose, and our calling in life. If you've found yourself contemplating these questions, you're not alone! We all crave a profound sense of purpose in our lives, and an understanding of "whose" we are and what we were created for.</p> <p>We extend to you this personal invitation to engage with fellow young adults from 17—35 years old, guided by a panel who will openly share the stories and learnings from their own journeys, with an opportunity for Q&A throughout the discussion.</p> <p>This event is the beginning of a regional initiative connecting young adults in the Macarthur, though young adults from all throughout the Diocese are most welcome. Register now: dow.sh/cbn23. If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing POSITION VACANT	<p>Position Secretary/Office Administrator Corpus Christi Parish Mittagong/Bowral</p> <p>To express interest or to find out more information, please contact Frances Van Leerdam, at the Office of the Bishop, 0409 901 204 or email frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au</p> <p>Applications close 27 October 2023</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Centenary of St Michael's Parish, Thirroul</p> <p>Now taking orders for Centenary keepsakes - centenary book, engraved wine glasses and wine (red or white). Order forms available on the parish website (www.thirroulcatholic.org.au), Parish Office (4268 1976) and in the church. Please send by 30 September. Those wishing to attend on 28 October (www.dow.org.au)</p> <p>Please contact parish office by 14 October for catering purposes. Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com. 0407 672 417.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 27 – 29 Oct 2023</p> <p><i>NO DORMITORY SPACE LEFT - ONLY FOR CAMPING</i></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. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size) For more details and to register: www.dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 22 October 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Christopher del Rosario says there are three key points we can take from this week's Gospel. Mother Hilda says that when we carry out random acts of kindness it's as though a healing balm enters the other person's life. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron & Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	www.jcr.org.au

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Continuing	<p>Catholic Medical Association National Conference 10-12 Nov 2023</p> <p>Those who work in health care are invited to attend The First National Catholic Medical Association Conference. Ethical Medicine is at an important crossroad and Catholic practitioners are confronted everyday with an increasingly secular workplace. This conference aims to address a number of the current and emerging issues confronting the Catholic practitioner. This is also a time where we can connect with each other and become more acquainted with the professionals within our network. For more information and registration: The Conference will also enable the First ever National “White Mass’ for Catholic Health Care professionals.</p> <p>https://acma.glueup.com/event/acma-national-conference-2023-85401/</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>	

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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>	

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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 Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>Thinking and acting in terms of community means, therefore, making room for others, imagining and working for a future where each person can find his or her place and have room in the world. A community that knows how to give a voice to the voiceless is what we all need.</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>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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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>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>	