

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	19 December 2023	For weekend:	23 – 24 December 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>Bishop's Christmas Message</p> <p>Bishop Mascord's Christmas message for the faithful of the Diocese may be found at dow.sh/bmchristmas23</p> <p>May this Christmas Season be one that deepens your faith, hope and love in Emmanuel, the God who is with us.</p>	
NEW	<p>Summer Bible Camp – 19 to 20 January 2024, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Varroville</p> <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Varroville, through the Children's Ministry Team, will conduct a Summer Bible Camp. It is an overnight event for children ages 8 to 14. This is an opportunity to grow in the knowledge of God, to deepen their love of Him and to serve Jesus through others, by learning the Bible in their own way.</p> <p>Through fun activities, they will also learn values in life and skills they need as they grow up in the society, witnessing the Christian way of living. Come along and join with us. Parents, please encourage and support your children to join this BIBLE CAMP.</p> <p>Last day of Registration will be on 31 December 2023. Fee by donation.</p> <p>For more details and more enquiries, please contact Sr. Jill through email: asolmcp parish@gmail.com</p>	

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NEW	<p>Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 400 Hour Foundational Unit 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>	
POSITION VACANT Continuing	<p>CCD Administration and Support Officer – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for this position. Appropriate skills and a passion for the work of SRE Catechists in State schools is essential. Applications close on Wednesday, 10 January 2024.</p> <p>For more information and a detailed role description, please go to: https://dow/sh/ccdadminpv For enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	
POSITION VACANT Closing Date Extended	<p>Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Leader in the Diocese of Wollongong. Applications close on Friday, 12 January 2024.</p> <p>For more information and a detailed role description, please go to: dow.org.au/position-vacant-diocesan-youth-ministry-leader/ or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	

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URGENT/ Continuing	<p>A New Vision for Parishes</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 http://dow.sh/CSGMvision</p> <p>Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at http://dow.sh/CSGMresources</p>	
Continuing	<p>Exciting news!</p> <p>Our 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!</p> <p>To view, please visit our website https://www.dow.org.au/about-us/ and/or our FB page https://fb.watch/oOktv0G8-6/ and if so, it would be appreciated if you could like and share it!</p> <p>Many thanks to all who participated in its production, and to those parishes who have already liked and shared it on their Facebook page, played it at their Masses, or have included it on their website.</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 24 December 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Joshua Whitehead says Salvation history continues into the here and the now because we too can say yes to God's plan. Mother Hilda's encouragement for those who face a difficult Christmas. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Fr Sean Cullen, and Sr Mary Helen Hill.</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>Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1:26-38)</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>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). More info: contact@summerschool.org.au. Bookings: summerschool.org.au</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
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>	

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Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="437 853 1219 1216" 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) https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</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>	
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>	

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NEW	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>A mature exercise of the <i>sensus fidei</i> requires not only reception of Baptism but a life lived in authentic discipleship that develops the grace of Baptism. This enables us to distinguish the action of the Spirit from merely dominant forms of thinking or cultural conditioning, or from matters inconsistent with the Gospel. Understanding the exercise of the <i>sensus fidei</i> is to be deepened with appropriate theological reflection.</p> <p>-- 'XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS' (<i>Synod on Synodality</i>) <i>Synthesis Report</i>.</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. 	

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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>	