

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	19 March 2024	For weekend:	23 – 24 March 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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NEW Position Vacant	<p>Executive Assistant Welcoming and Information – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably experienced and qualified person to apply for the role of Executive Assistant Welcoming and Information. Please visit the website dow.org.au/JOBS/ Applications can be emailed to recruitment@dow.org.au For all enquiries, call Robin Williams on (02) 4222 2402</p>	
NEW	<p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 17 – 19 May 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) Enquiries: Jude Hennessy (02 4222 2407 / jude.hennessy@dow.org.au)</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. To register: dow.org.au/events/compass-catholic-family-camping-weekend</p>	
NEW	<p>Legion of Mary – Annual ACIES Ceremony</p> <p>Invites all members present, past and auxiliary to the Annual ACIES Ceremony at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra at 2pm on Sunday 14 April 2024. All are welcome and light refreshments will be provided afterwards in the parish room. Enquiries call 0449 807 814</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Women Alive Retreat – A Spiritual Retreat for Women</p> <p>Saturday 13 April 2024, 9:30am-3:30pm Venue: St John’s Parish Hall, 31 Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown Please confirm your intention to attend the retreat by messaging Maria on 0433 905 968.</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
NEW each week	<p>The Journey, 24 March 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Sr Katherine Stone MGL highlights the two Gospel readings for Palm Sunday. Mother Hilda says when Jesus died, he surrendered himself to you, and no matter what you think of yourself, that is irreversible. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, and reflections for the coming Holy Week. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au. (Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or click to download the file for parishes to display on their digital screen)</p>	<p>www.jcr.org.au. Click to download jpg file</p>
Continuing	<p>First Saturday Devotions at St Columbkille’s Parish Centre, Corrimal 6 April (each month a different devotion)</p> <p>April is devoted to Divine Mercy with a video presentation at 3 pm. Enjoy shared afternoon tea at 4 pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, International Rosary, Benediction, Anointing of the Sick at 4:30 pm. Reconciliation starts at 5:30 pm, leading to Holy Mass at 6 pm. All are welcome! Please bring a plate to share if possible.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Catholic Bible Study Thursdays, 7:30-9pm* Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong)</p> <p>Come and explore the Bible with the mind and heart of the Church in an open and friendly environment. All are welcome. A missionary work of the Disciples of Jesus. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086 * Thursdays during school term</p>	
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 Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at http://dow.sh/CSGMresources</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Restore Palliative Care Funding</p> <p>In the last State budget, \$150 million was slashed from palliative care, having a direct effect on how people die in NSW. It flies in the face of guarantees made at the time of the passing of new laws for Euthanasia, ensuring that everyone in NSW would have true choice as to how they died. No one should be pushed into euthanasia because of funding issues. People of faith need to urgently stand up for the sanctity of human life by objecting to these cuts. Please urgently sign this petition and invite friends and family to do the same https://bit.ly/restorethefunding</p>	
Continuing	<p>Light to the Nations - 2024 Easter Youth Pilgrimage</p> <p>You're invited to an Easter experience like no other! 28-31 March, LTTN will be held on the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW. It is a transformative experience deigned to bring families, especially youth and young adults, to an encounter with the person of Jesus in the context of the Easter Triduum through prayer, worship, drama, music, and personal sharing. Register at dow.sh/LTTN24</p>	
NEW	<p>A vocation view Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (24/03/24)</p> <p>We are presented with two options in today's Mass: do we welcome Christ into Jerusalem or scream out to crucify Him? Our willingness to give testimony to Christ helps determine where we are.</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>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & <i>FREE</i> 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. For more information, please contact David at djbarrett85@gmail.com or phone: 0410 487 630.</p>	
Continuing	<p>'Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage' 10 – 20 October 2024</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. More info, including the costs and itinerary, can be found HERE: www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop</p>	

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Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="384 840 1232 1332" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; 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>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.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (download) or for your <i>Smart TV</i>. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</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>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. 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>The Church teaches the need for and encourages the practice of interreligious dialogue as part of building communion among all peoples. In a world of violence and fragmentation, a witness is ever more urgent to the unity of humanity, its common origin and common destiny, in a coordinated and reciprocal solidarity toward social justice, peace, reconciliation and care for our common home. The Church is aware that the Spirit can speak through women and men of every religion, belief and culture. -- <i>'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></p>	
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>	