

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	21 February 2024	<b>For weekend:</b>	24 – 25 February 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	<p><b>Catholic Bible Study   Thursdays, 7:30-9pm* Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong)</b></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</p> <p><i>* Thursdays during school term</i></p>	
NEW	<p><b>Charismatic Healing Mass, Friday 8 March 2024, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart Street, Wollongong   7pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass</b></p> <p>A warm invitation is extended to all prayer groups including the Disciples of Jesus Community, Couples for Christ, Cursillo, Alpha graduates and all other prayer groups, to join us in charismatic prayer for <b>our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese.</b> There will also be an opportunity for <b>healing prayer</b> after Mass.</p> <p>For more info, contact Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404, <i>Co-ordinator for the Wollongong Charismatic Leadership team</i></p>	
NEW each week	<p><b>The Journey, 18 February 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Sr Katherine Stone MGL says all the readings this weekend helps us with our struggle to know God as our loving Father and ourselves as beloved sons and daughters. Mother Hilda says God puts little things into our life so that we might just see God saying I love you. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Sr Anastasia Reeves OP, and Fr Antony Jukes. The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p> <p><b>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or <a href="#">click to download the file</a> for parishes to display on their digital screen)</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Click to download jpg file</a></p>


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NEW	<p><b>Holy Week Retreat: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 March 2024</b></p> <p>There are 12 rooms reserved at the Abbey for what will be another memorable Milton-Ulladulla Parish, Holy Week Retreat, being run by Fr Michael Dyer. People from other DOW parishes and beyond are welcome!</p> <p>We will enter the gentle and prayerful rhythm of a monastic horarium, particularly the Eucharist and Liturgy of the Hours. Additionally, we explore, through the thematic lens of Amazing Grace, the meaning of the Paschal Mystery which lies at the heart of Christianity. Through storytelling, music, photographs, spiritual reading, <i>lectio divina</i>, and other creative means, retreatants will deepen an appreciation of what it means, like Jesus, to <i>Let go in Faith</i> (Holy Thursday/Good Friday), to <i>Let be in Hope</i> (Holy Saturday) and to <i>Let Grow in Love</i> (Vigil of Easter Sunday).</p> <p>Please come along to share in what will be an amazing grace filled experience. Come for three days (\$180) or for a day (\$20). On Tuesday evening, retreatants will participate at the Chrism Mass in SFX Cathedral Wollongong. This promises to be a superb liturgical experience.</p> <p>For more information: Contact Lynne Kelly 0407 540 263  <a href="mailto:lmkelly40@bigpond.com">lmkelly40@bigpond.com</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend Discernment Retreat, Friday 1 March - Sunday 3 March, Varroville</b></p> <p>A time for single women aged 16-35 to listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and sharing to help discern your vocation. Questions/Contact: <a href="mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com">mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>Emmaus Silent Retreat   Friday 19 April - Sunday 21 April, Varroville</b></p> <p>Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus. Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women: <a href="http://trybooking.com/CNSXK">trybooking.com/CNSXK</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours – with PALMS</b></p> <p>Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.</p> <p>Learn more: <b>Join our <a href="#">Mission Webinar 5 March 6:00 - 6:30 pm</a></b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>

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NEW	<p><b>Palms Australia   63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development.</b></p> <p>Learn Even More: Join <a href="#">our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024</a> to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together.</p> <p>Contact: 02 9560 5333 <a href="mailto:palms@palms.org.au">palms@palms.org.au</a></p>	
UPDATED	<p><b>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekends   Fri 15 – Sun 17 March, Guntawang-Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale</b></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.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size)  <b>RSVP Date:</b> Mon 8 March  <b>Enquiries:</b> Jude Hennessy (02 4222 2407 / <a href="mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au">jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</a>)  <b>Camping &amp; Bunk Room Options:</b> 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. For more information: <a href="#">Info - CCFCWeekend</a></p> <p>To Register: <a href="#">March2024CCFCWeekend</a></p>	
UPDATED	<p><b>Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo</b></p> <p>Encouraged by the wonderful response we received last year, we are now asking again for help with outdoor gardening and general clearing.</p> <p><b>AIM:</b> To plant and restore various gardens and to continue the removal of shrubs etc., which are now too close to the building.  <b>DATES:</b> Saturdays 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024  <b>TIME:</b> Commencing 9am but feel free to come whenever suits.  MORNING TEA and LUNCH PROVIDED  Chain saws, Utes, general gardening tools, whatever you think useful would be very helpful.</p> <p><b>CONTACT:</b> Please contact Vince 0488 360 110  Many thanks and blessings to you all.</p>	

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Continuing <b>URGENT</b>	<p><b>Restore Palliative Care Funding</b></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 <a href="https://bit.ly/restorethefunding">https://bit.ly/restorethefunding</a></p>	
POSITION VACANT RE- ADVERTISED	<p><b>Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</b></p> <p>Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Leader in the Diocese of Wollongong.</p> <p>Applications close on Thursday, 29 February 2024 For more information and a detailed role description, please go to: <a href="http://dow.org.au/position-vacant-diocesan-youth-ministry-leader/">dow.org.au/position-vacant-diocesan-youth-ministry-leader/</a> or for enquiries contact <a href="mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au">helen.bennett@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>A New Vision for Parishes</b></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 <a href="http://dow.sh/CSGMvision">http://dow.sh/CSGMvision</a></p> <p><b>Come &amp; See, Go &amp; Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at <a href="http://dow.sh/CSGMresources">http://dow.sh/CSGMresources</a></b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Light to the Nations - 2024 Easter Youth Pilgrimage</b></p> <p>You're invited to an Easter experience like no other. Camp under the open skies, joining in the celebration of Easter through prayer, worship, liturgy, drama, music &amp; personal sharing with 1000 people under a massive marquee. Held from 28-31 March, LTTN will be held on the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Register at <a href="http://dow.sh/LTTN24">dow.sh/LTTN24</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Men's Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men</b></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><b>For more information, please contact David at <a href="mailto:djbarrett85@gmail.com">djbarrett85@gmail.com</a> or phone: 0410 487 630.</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Touched by Abortion. Need Healing?</b></p> <p><b>Rachel's Vineyard next retreat 1 – 3 March 2024</b></p> <p>Held at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville NSW  Cost is negotiable. Part /full scholarships available.  To book or further information, phone 0400 092 555 or 0407 626 079  EMAIL: <a href="mailto:rachelvineyardaus@gmail.com">rachelvineyardaus@gmail.com</a></p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>A vocation view</b>  <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>God calls Abraham to be willing to sacrifice all that is dear to him, even his own son, Isaac. In order to respond to a priestly or religious vocation, the same call to sacrifice is heard. Are you willing?  (Gen. 22:1-2)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Pilgrimage of Mercy 11 – 21 June 2024</b></p> <p>Father Christopher Sarkis, Parish Priest of Rosemeadow, will be the Chaplain accompanying Harvest Journeys Eastern Europe <i>Pilgrimage of Mercy</i> in June 2024, visiting Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic. It includes the Shrines of Divine Mercy, the Black Madonna of Czestochowa and the Infant of Prague. It visits places of importance to St John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximillian Kolbe, among others.</p> <p><b>Optional Extension:</b> There is also an optional 6 night/7-day extension (21 – 27 June) to Bavaria and Austria. It will include the Marian Shrine of Altotting, as well as Markt I in Bavaria; Salzburg of the Sound of Music fame and the hometown of Mozart; and the historic, cultural, and artistic city of Vienna in Austria. We will also visit various other shrines and attractions along with some spectacular churches and monasteries.</p> <p>Enquiries: 4628 1385 or directly at <a href="http://harvestjourneys.com/tour/pilgrimage-of-mercy">harvestjourneys.com/tour/pilgrimage-of-mercy</a> Bookings only through Harvest Journeys.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>'Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage' 10 – 20 October 2024</b></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: <a href="http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop">www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="384 857 1230 1350" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>A gift to the Church in your will</b> ... <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 <a href="http://dow.sh/legacy">dow.sh/legacy</a>, call the diocesan representative on <b>4222 2446</b>, or scan the <b>QR code</b> here ▶</p>  </div> <p><b>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image <a href="#">click here</a>)</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</b></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 <a href="http://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen">watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen</a> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (<a href="#">download</a>) or for your <i>Smart TV</i>. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</p>	



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Continuing	<p><b>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</b></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 <a href="https://dow.sh/stayingconnected">dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> or visit <a href="https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin">dow.sh/weeklybulletin</a> to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Cathedral Books &amp; Gifts Wollongong</b></p> <p>Cathedral Books &amp; 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>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>In some parts of the world, the Church is poor, with those who are poor, and for those who are poor. There is a constant risk, one to be carefully avoided, of viewing those living in poverty in terms of "them" and "us," as "objects" of the Church's charity. Putting those who experience poverty at the centre and learning from them is something the Church must do more and more.</p> <p>-- <i>'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm</b></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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</a></p>	



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Continuing	<p><b>CAtHFAMILY</b></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  <a href="https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/">https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Faith Circles—free small group resource</b></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 <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/">www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/</a> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	