

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	21 June 2023	For weekend:	24 - 25 June 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>CCD Level 1 Catechist Course (Term 3) will run on the following dates in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campbelltown Venue: Level 1, Micah House Address: 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown Dates: Monday 31 July, 7, 14, 21, and 28 August 2023 Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm Wollongong Venue: Conference Rooms, Xavier Centre Address: 38 Harbour St, Wollongong Dates: Friday 4, 11, 18, 25 August and 1 September Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm <p>Zoom option: If you are unable to attend in person, you are able to join the Wollongong session on Zoom. To register follow this link or contact Cindy Oliver at support@ccdwoollongong.com.</p> <p>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 <u>every three years</u>. To register for the mandatory Child Protection and Classroom Management update, please follow this link.</p>	
NEW	<p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Varroville is celebrating its Annual Fiesta on Sunday 16 July from 10am at 193 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. There will be a Novena of Masses dedicated to Our Lady from Friday 7 July at 7.30pm in our parish church.</p> <p>More information is available on our parish website www.varroville.dow.org.au. All are welcome.</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>


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NEW	<p>Benedictine Abbey Help Needed Working Bee</p> <p>We currently have a great deal of pruning and clearing to be done and so are getting two working bees together.</p> <p>When: Saturday 29 July and Saturday 5 August Time: Between 9 am and 4pm (come as you are able) What to bring: Your own tools, chain saws, we could use a Ute, anything you have. If you do not have any of these just come anyway, there is plenty of clearing and shrub removal to be done. Contact: Please ring VINCE 0488 360 110 for details and to register your name and date and time of availability</p> <p>Tea, coffee, scones etc. will all be provided. Furthermore, you will have a special place in the grateful prayer of the Benedictine Nuns.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Made for Mission – Sat July 1, Shellharbour Parish</p> <p>Divine Renovation Australasia in partnership with Alpha Australia are running a ‘Made for Mission’ event open to all Catholic Clergy and parish leaders within the Diocese of Wollongong. Registration is free and the workshop will be held at All Saints Parish, Shellharbour, Saturday 1 July, 9am-3pm. Further details of the event and the registration link can be found at https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/made-for-mission For more information contact peter.gilmore@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Sydney iSTAND Weekend Against the Tide 2023</p> <p>Friday 30 June 5.30pm – Sunday 2 July 1pm Mount Carmel House 365 St Andrews Rd Varroville</p> <p>Youth Mission Team Sydney is running their second iSTAND Camp of the year for all high school students aged 14-18. The camp involves many fun games, talks and activities and is a great opportunity to make friends and grow in the faith.</p> <p>Cost: \$150 registration (inclusive of all food and activities) Contact: Antoinette Collins 0428 771 744 Registration: ymt.com.au/istandevents</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust</p> <p>The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website: pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing Date: 4 August 2023</p>	

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 25 June 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr William Chow says that the point of Jesus’ parable is don’t worry about the body being killed, it is more serious if our soul were to be killed. Mother Hilda says God wants to recycle the junk baggage in our life. Plus, Byron & Francine Pirola, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Courage is needed to speak God’s word. Let no one intimidate you. God gives you the power to speak the truth. (Matthew 10:26-33)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>St Paul of Tarsus Retreat Day at St Columbkille’s Parish Centre and Church, Corrimal 3:00pm to 7:00pm Saturday 1 July 2023</p> <p>Topic: St Paul of Tarsus</p> <p>Fr Patrick Vaughan is hosting a retreat afternoon where people can come together for prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join. During this retreat, a video on St Paul of Tarsus will be shown. After the video, there will be an afternoon tea before moving on to devotions in the Church. Participants will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation before attending the Vigil Mass with the Corrimal parish community.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>“Postcards to the Front” in Ukraine</p> <p>“Postcards to the Front” has a mission is to solicit postcards from Australians with messages of encouragement and support to Defenders of Ukraine on the front lines. We – “Postcards to the Front” – send postcards in bulk to our Founder Tamara Levit in Zaporizhia, Ukraine. The cards are added to care packages which are hand delivered to the front lines.</p> <p>How to Participate: Obtain one or more Australian postcards: try your local post office shop. Address your message to “Defender of Ukraine”. The frontline defenders may be soldiers (both men & women), nurses, doctors, civilians etc. Write in either English or Ukrainian. Use the entire back of the card to write your message. No need for a stamp on the postcard as we send them in bulk, and they are hand delivered in Ukraine. Please do not use the word PEACE. This word has acquired a new meaning in Ukraine. When the Russians invaded, they told people they were doing this for peace. The word now conjures up images of people being killed, and property being destroyed. Please don’t use the words “Russia, Russians or Putin”. Mention you are from Australia, this really cheers people up. Remind them that the world hasn’t forgotten them. Don’t forget to write at least your first name on the card. That makes for a personal connection. No need for a return address on the card. Defenders are being shelled and shot at. They haven’t got time to write back. Place your postcard(s) in an envelope and address them to Postcards to the Front PO Box 565, Williamstown Vic 3016, or Postcards to the Front 3 Elgin Street, Newport Vic 3015. Please include your name and emails address so we can let you know that they have arrived. In May, 1175 postcards were sent to Ukraine. That makes a total of 2221 since we started in March. It costs \$14.40 per package. To sponsor an envelope please send \$14.40 of international stamps to Postcards to the Front, PO Box 565 Williamstown Vic 3016.</p> <p>Don’t forget to include your Email address. https://postcardstothefront.com.au/</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Caritas: Caritas Turkey is responding to a series of powerful earthquakes. Thousands of lives have been lost already and the death toll increases by the hour. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from the disaster.</p> <p>Visit https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/ or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much-needed support to our East Emergency Appeal. Or contact Kerrie Hennessy wollongongcaritas@gmail.com</p>	
Continuing	<p>Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours</p> <p>Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training.</p> <p>Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.</p> <p>Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.</p> <p>Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au Palms Australia</p> </div>	
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>	

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Continuing	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus</p> <p>The Chosen is a new 'free to view' series, now in its third season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and are 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>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>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>National Liturgy & Music Conference</p> <p>If you would like to register for this Conference to be held in Brisbane 28-30 September 2023, please follow this link: https://mysteryandmission.com.au/register</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>	

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Continuing	<p>CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?</p> <p>We need foster carers who provide love, care, and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future.</p> <p>For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>We're always here if you ever need...</p> <p>These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes. To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 4254 9395 or email intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	