

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	22 February 2023	For weekend:	25 – 26 February 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>Catholic Family Camping Weekends for 2023</p> <p><i>Save these dates and join us for a good time with great people.</i></p> <p>May 19-21 & October 27-29, 2023 - Fridays 4pm till Sunday 3pm, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)</p> <p>The weekend is for families of all ages, including couples with or without children, single parents, grandparents and aims to bring us together to celebrate the great gift of catholic family life. Be nurtured by each other's company and emboldened as families to witness to the love of God in our world, a key hope articulated by Pope Francis for families.</p> <p>This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the Diocese to come together in a relaxed environment to enable connection, sharing in meals, games, bushwalks, treasure hunts, music, prayer and Sunday Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord.</p> <p>Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (Regardless of size)</p> <p>Enquiries or to register your interest: Helen Bennett (02 4222 2403 / helen.bennett@dow.org.au)</p>	
NEW	<p>Consecrated Life Weekend: Discernment Retreat 25-26 March 2023 Carmel House Varroville</p> <p>An opportunity for single women aged 16-35 to come and listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and times of sharing to help you discern your vocation.</p> <p>Registrations: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com</p>	Click to download flyer

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Continuing	<p>Illawarra Women's Day of Dance & Culture</p> <p>Sunday 5th March 2023 Edmund Rice College 12pm - 3pm</p> <p>All women are welcome to join us to celebrate International Women's Week for an afternoon of connection through conversation, dance, food, and culture.</p> <p>For more information and to purchase tickets please visit https://bit.ly/3kcKBiz or scan the QR code</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Updated	<p>Palms Australia Mission: Change their lives...and yours.</p> <p>Palms Australia is offering Australian Catholics the opportunity to enter Global Mission and they are inviting parishioners to join their overseas placements program.</p> <p>Visit www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Caritas</p> <p>Caritas Turkey are 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 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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>CIAN Webinar Holy Week and Mystagogy</p> <p>Monday 13 March 2023 7pm – 8:15pm</p> <p>Christian Initiation Australia Network (CIAN) presents the third in a series of webinars about running the RCIA process in your parish. Simon Yeak and Br Bernard Mary Fonkalsrud OFM will present on taking your Elect through Holy Week and the Easter Initiation Rites and Mystagogy.</p> <p>Register tinyurl.com/CIAN-Mar2023-webinar</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Early Bird Registrations are now Open for: Mystery & Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration 28 – 30 September 2023, Brisbane</p> <p>The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council are delighted to announce a combined Liturgy and Music Conference. For all enquiries contact liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

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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>	
Continuing	<p>St Joseph the Worker, Oakdale</p> <p>All welcome. Rosary said after Saturday Vigil Mass at Oakdale. On the first Saturday of each month.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony Sunday 16 April 2023 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am – 3.30pm</p> <p>Hosted by: Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. Please see flyer for contacts and additional details.</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Bible in a Year</p> <p>Last year, Ascension Press ran the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. It was the world's number 1 Religious Podcast with over 250 million downloads. It will run again throughout 2023 – and 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.</p> <p>Catechism in a Year</p> <p>This year, Ascension Press have commenced 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</p> 	

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Continuing	<p>St Michael's Parish Thirroul Centenary Monday 30 October 2023</p> <p>Special events will be held on 28 October. Details will be announced in the coming months. Anyone with a connection with the parish is invited to join us. Organisers are also interested in any stories and photos of the parish to include in a centenary publication. Inquiries to Judy Bull, judy.bull@bigpond.com</p>	
Continuing	<p>Welcome to Sisterhood (Conference 17-19 March – Stanwell Tops)</p> <p>Sisterhood is a National Catholic Women's movement that seeks to support women from all walks and stages of life. It emerged from a growing group of Catholic women seeking more from their relationships with one another, their family and God. The vision of Sisterhood is to see women supported in their Catholic faith and encourages the valuable gift of female friendships, meaningful connection and community. Many women have expressed interest in joining the women's Sisterhood small groups operating across Australia and to gather through regional events and retreats, sisterhood mornings and the <i>national conference next month</i>. Sound like something you would enjoy?</p> <p>To find out more go to www.sisterhood.org.au</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>Laudato Si' and Ecology Weekend Retreat in our Diocese 3 - 5 March 2023</p> <p>An Evolutionary Spirituality Retreat will be held from 3 - 5 March at the Guntawang Environmental Bushland Retreat at Oakdale. The cost is \$95 and includes basic bunk room accommodation or bring your own Van / Tent in this beautiful bush setting. The Seven Hills Parish Social Justice Group extends the invitation to anyone from the Diocese of Wollongong. The retreat will be facilitated by Br Frank Richardson and follows the theme "In the Holy Spirit the whole universe is linked together". There will be times of reflection, dialogue, and encounters within natural bushland. Enquiries and Applications to attend may be made to antiphon1@outlook.com / Phone enquiries: 0429 595 231</p>	<p>Click to download brochure</p> <p>Click to download Poster</p>
NEW	<p>The Journey, 26 February 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: In the Gospel reflection Fr Mark De Battista says we grow and mature in virtue by being put to the test. Mother Hilda says love is the antidote for all the negativity around us. Plus, we continue the Triumph Lenten series with Fr Sean Cullen and Fr Richard Green and their reflections on prayer. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	<p>jcr.org.au</p>

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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>	
Continuing	<p>The CCD Resource Centre – Micah House Campbelltown</p> <p>The Catechist Resource Centre - Level 1 at Micah House 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown has resumed operating and is open for borrowing upstairs at Micah House, with entry from the rear of the building. We look forward to having our catechists accessing great resources and a much-improved training space, or the ability to come in for a cuppa and a bite to eat as they prepare lessons. The Centre will also give access to all Catholics in 2023, to a range of quality faith resources they can borrow. Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.</p>	

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NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Through the obedience of Christ comes acquittal from sin. Through our obedience to Christ, we can be a conduit of Grace to this world. (Romans 5:17-19) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice. Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour.</p> <p>https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au</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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. <p>Join via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</p>	
Continuing	<p>Calling all Women of the World to Rome</p> <p>His Holiness, Pope Francis, has granted the women of the world, by an invitation from the World Union of Catholic Women’s Organisations (WUCWO) to an Audience with him at Paul VI Hall, the Vatican, at 11.30am on 13 May 2023.</p> <p>Mass will be celebrated, that afternoon, at St Peter’s Basilica, by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.</p> <p>For Further Information contact: Catherine V McGrath DSG Phone: +61 407 419 5002 Email: cvm2090@gmail.com</p> <p>Booking for the Audience is not necessary.</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>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>	