

BULLETIN NOTICES

From:	Mr Greg Parrish	Ref:	GP/hb:2023/10
Phone:	4222 2403	Email:	Helen.bennett@dow.org.au
Date:	14 March 2023	For weekend:	18 – 19 March 2023

RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
Continuing	<p>A Lenten Invitation from Bishop Brian Mascord</p> <p>For notices (IF THE RESOURCES HAVE ARRIVED IN YOUR PARISH)</p> <p>"I would like to take this opportunity to remind us of the call of Jesus—a call that was given to all of us—to go out and make disciples (Mt 28:18–20). It is not enough to live good “saintly” lives and then remain silent. This mission is to share the invitation of Christ to “come and see” (Jn 1:39). It is not the work of certain special individuals, but rather the responsibility of all Christians and the communities of faith in which they live." (Bishop Brian Mascord)</p> <p>Many of us have family and friends that are disconnected from the Church or faith. As Bishop Brian has said, "What are you willing to give for the sake of those you love?" Please take a few moments to read the letter from Bishop Brian and prayerfully consider the question: Who is God asking me to reach out to this Lent?</p>	
NEW	<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>	


Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	<p>Free Technology Training for Seniors</p> <p>Due to the popularity of the Cross + Generation technology program, CatholicCare, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and CEDoW to help with the technology that you may be struggling with. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps.</p> <p>The first day will be Tuesday 9 May from 12pm – 2:30pm – this will include lunch on the day, a briefing chat followed by training. The following dates will have afternoon tea provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday 16 May 1pm-2:30pm ● Tuesday 23 May 1pm-2:30pm ● Tuesday 30 May 1pm-2:30pm ● Tuesday 6 June 1pm-2:30pm <p>Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting at St Benedict's Catholic College Oran Park.</p> <p>Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>St Columbkille's Retreat Afternoon – St Michael the Archangel 3:00pm Saturday, 1 April 2023 at St Columbkille's Parish Centre and Church, 99 Princes Hwy, Corrimal</p> <p>On the First Saturday of each month, Fr Patrick Vaughan hosts a retreat afternoon. Each month there will be a film shown on either Our lady or one of the Saints, with afternoon tea to follow before moving into devotions in the Church. There will be the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation before joining the Corrimal parish community for the Vigil Mass.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Good Friday - Taize Around the Cross 7 April 2023 at 7:30pm</p> <p>St Joseph's Catholic Church, 48 Park Road, Bulli</p> <p>Gabriella De Battista will lead us in chants during a solemn period of prayer, silence, and contemplation in front of the Cross.</p>	

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
Continuing	<p>Divine Mercy Sunday at St Columbkille's Corrimal</p> <p>1:30pm – 5:00pm Sunday 16 April 2023</p> <p>Come and join us at St Columbkille's Corrimal to celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, 16 April 2023. The celebration starts at 1:30pm with a period of devotion and reconciliation, which helps prepare us for the Divine Mercy Mass that follows at 3:00pm. We will also have the opportunity to pray with a first-class relic of St Faustina. The music will be led by Gabriella De Battista.</p> <p>There will be an afternoon Tea to follow Mass (please bring a plate to share, if possible.)</p>	
NEW	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</p> <p>Learn to live your best life in love!</p> <p>Join us on 14-16 April 2023 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville A stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.</p> <p>Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Liturgy Training Workshop Saturday 1 April 2023</p> <p>Ingleburn Parish is hosting a Ministry Workshop, specifically for Readers, Ministers of Communion and Acolytes, both for existing ministers and those interested in joining these ministries. The day will begin with mass at 9am, followed by the workshop at 9.30am and conclude with a light lunch at approximately 1pm. A contribution to the lunch would be appreciated.</p> <p>If you would like to register for this Workshop please click on the following link Liturgy Training Form</p> <p>If you have any difficulty with the form, please ring Sr Monica Barlow on 0417881001</p>	
Continuing	<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>

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
Continuing	<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 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au)</p>	
Continuing	<p>Eastern Europe Pilgrimage of Mercy commences 13 June 2023</p> <p>A rare combination of Eastern Europe's most intriguing cities of Budapest, Krakow and Prague. Be blessed by the powerful graces of the great Shrines of Divine Mercy and the Black Madonna of Czestochowa. Relish a 3-night stay in spectacular Krakow as we retrace the places and graces of Pope St John Paul II. Departing on 13 June 2023 with Fr Richard Healey.</p> <p>More info: https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/pilgrimage-of-mercy/</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</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</p> <p>The event will take place regardless of weather conditions.</p> <p>Please see the flyer for contacts and additional details.</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
Continuing	<p>Caritas</p> <p>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.</p>	
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>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bible in a Year <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Catechism in a Year <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>	

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
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. 	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 26 March 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says in the Gospel Jesus leads us into an explicit affirmation of faith in him. Mother Hilda says the raising of Lazarus teaches us how to deal with grief. The Triumph Lenten series continues with Ken Bryant and Br Lewis Harwood. Plus, Mike Delaney on the wonder & restrictions of mobile phones. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="437 376 1219 736" 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><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image - click here)</i> https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</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>	
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>	

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>“Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ!” With this belief, Jesus is able to work marvels through those who trust in Him, even to raising the dead to new life. (John 11:27)</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>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement (MSC Mission Office)</p> <p>Christ’s poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God’s infinite mercy to us. Christ’s poverty is the greatest treasure of all: Jesus’ wealth is that of his boundless confidence in God the Father, his constant trust, his desire always and only to do the Father’s will and give glory to him. ...When Jesus asks us to take up his “yoke which is easy”, he asks us to be enriched by his “poverty which is rich” and his “richness which is poor”, to share his filial and fraternal Spirit, to become sons and daughters in the Son, brothers and sisters in the firstborn brother (cf. Rom 8:29). (Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2014) https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice</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>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>	

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
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>	
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>	