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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	22 May 2024	For weekend:	25 – 26 May 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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UPDATED	Sunday 26 May: RCIA - A New Way - Strategies to engage enquirers all year round.	
	An RCIA Formation Day is being this Sunday 26 May, by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Max Norden is facilitating an opportunity for interested Clergy / persons from the Diocese of Wollongong to come together in a hub at the Xavier Centre from 1-4pm (Contact Max on max.norden@dow.org.au or 0414 733 823).	
	There is also a hub for the Macarthur Region at the Varroville Parish (Diane Redmayne 0403 322 098 or redmayne01@dow.catholic.edu.au) Join with numerous others benefiting from this formation by participating online.	
	For more information & to register go to https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/RCIAformationday 2024	
NEW	Awake Day Retreat Saturday 15 June 2024 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Varroville 9am - 4pm, BYO lunch, \$25. Begins with Mass.	
	Awaken to a renewed experience of God's love and rediscover the joy of your life with the Risen Jesus during the day retreat with the MGL sisters It will include praise, inputs from the MGL sisters, time for silent prayer, Reconciliation and prayer ministry together as a group.	
	Register on: http://www.trybooking.com/CNTCH	

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NEW	Parish Renewal Conference 2024: For Such A Time As This	
	The Parish Renewal Conference is back in 2024! Join us for an inspiring gathering of clergy and lay faithful who desire renewal for parishes and the wider Church. Gather with Archbishop Anthony Fisher, special guest speaker Bishop John Adams and hundreds of fellow Catholics for illuminating keynotes, practical workshops, and beautiful liturgy to be equipped and strengthened for mission. Be part of the transformation in our Church today! Date: Saturday 3 August Time: 8:45am – 5:00pm Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club Cost: Early bird \$75 plus booking fees (closes 31 May) \$90 plus booking fees (1 June onwards) To register go to gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events by 19 July.	
NEW	Simon Carrington & All Saints Parish in Liverpool present "The Ultimate Relationship Blueprint - How to Date with Sincerity and Clarity". Weekly 6:30-9:30pm from Thursday 27 June to Thursday 1 August 2024. The series will focus on the Catholic understanding of dating, providing the foundation to discerning a relationship and how to best take a holistic and catholic approach to singleness. Registrations are \$60 per person. To register please see the attached flyer. Contact Ben Woolf for more info ben@cpasl.org.au or 9753 6500	Click to download flyer
Continuing	Danny Abdallah to speak at May Catholic Business Connections Luncheon	
	In 2020 the Abdallah's tragically lost 3 of their children when they were tragically killed by a speeding driver. The story of their decision to forgive has become an inspiring example worldwide, and a witness to their faith. Come and hear their story and the power of forgiveness. Friday 31 May at City Beach, Function Centre, Wollongong (11.45am-2pm). For more information and to book please visit https://dow.sh/CBCMay2024	
Continuing	menALIVE MAX national Conference – Varroville 19 - 21 July	
	Many men have benefited from the challenges, encouragement and faithful brotherhood that comes from menALIVE. Here's a chance for men from all round Australia to come together- be renewed in faith for action, for good - and it is happening in our Diocese- so don't miss this. It's time to book you spot and stoke the desire to become fully alive as the men we have been created to be. For more information and to book	
	go to https://menalive.org.au/events/max-weekend-2024 or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au or Mob: 0408 236 191	

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Continuing	Corpus Christi Procession: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow will be hosting the Corpus Christi Procession in honour of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 2 June 2024 at 2.30pm. It will include Scripture Readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. All are most welcome to join us in prayer and witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us. Corpus Christi – Young Adults (18 - 35 years) This year the Parish will be trying a new initiative of offering young adults a Retreat Morning on the day. It will involve catechesis on the history and Church teaching about the Holy Eucharist and the Real Presence of Jesus. There will also be a social aspect of bringing together young adult Catholics to celebrate their faith and belief. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Commencing at 10.00am the day will conclude with the Corpus Christi Procession at 2.30pm. Enquiries, phone Elise on 0449 991 716. For catering purposes please register at https://www.trybooking.com/CRSFQ	
Continuing	Milton Parish is holding a Pre-Marriage Seminar on 27 July from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This seminar will be facilitated by Fr Michael, at St Mary Star of the Sea Parish House, 3 Corks Lane, Milton. Following the seminar couples are asked to please attend Mass, at either the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm in Sussex Inlet, or 9:00am Mass at Sunday Holy Family Church, Ulladulla. The cost is \$200 per couple. For more Information contact Milton Parish 4455 1313 or milton@dow.org.au	
NEW each week	The Journey, 26 May 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Joshua Whicker MGL says that at the heart of the mystery of the Trinity is love and relationship. Mother Hilda Mother Hilda says that impatience is taking over and she has an antidote. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, and new Journey presenter Peter Abela. 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)	www.jcr.org.au. Click to download jpg file

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Continuing	40 th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination – Fr Sean Cullen	
	In August, Fr Sean Cullen (Corpus Christi Parish, Bowral) celebrates 40 years of ordination to the priesthood. Parishioners are invited to celebrate this significant milestone event with Fr Sean with Mass at Corpus Christi parish Bowral on Sunday, 4 August 2024 at 10:00am. All are invited to the anniversary lunch at Mittagong RSL Club at 12 noon. Bookings are essential for the lunch. Ticket price is adult \$55.00 and children 12 years and under \$20.00. Because the lunch is being held at Mittagong RSL Club, attendance numbers need to be confirmed well in advance, hence bookings will close on 19 July 2024. Use this link to book online: https://www.trybooking.com/CROPD or scan the QR code below:	
Continuing	Marriage Encounter Weekend 28 – 30 June 2024 at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au	
Continuing	Spiritual & Pastoral Care Training	
	Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others? An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online via Zoom and would be suitable for kind and caring people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities, attendees at school or people in the parish.	
	Applications are currently being taken for this 40 hour course commencing on Wednesday 3 July 2024, comprising 6 sessions ending on the 7 August 2024. Times are 9.30 am to 4 pm. Dates are 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July and 7 August 2024.	
	For more information about this course and future courses please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676 RSVP by 21 June 2024	

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Continuing	CatholicCare Values Your Input CatholicCare is conducting a survey to better understand how we can support the needs of individuals and families within the Diocese of Wollongong. We would appreciate your time in completing our 'Supporting Community' survey 30 June 2024. Use this QR code to compete the survey and you could go in the draw to win one of 6 x \$50 Prize gift vouchers.	
Continuing	St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust 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. Closing Date: 31 July 2024. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship	
Continuing	Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles 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.	
NEW each week	A vocation view Trinity Sunday (26/05/24) We are sent to proclaim the Gospel to the very ends of the Earth, so that we might draw others into union with the Triune God. Be courageous in showing your faith that others may know the reason for your joy. If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au	

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NEW each week	Placing Jesus at the centre of our lives requires some degree of self-emptying. In this perspective, providing a listening ear means being willing to 'decentre' oneself in order to leave space for the other 'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.	
Continuing	CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning across the Diocese, with sessions in Campbelltown, Wollongong and Nowra. The half-day information session will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing. Expert presentations from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire & Rescue Service to discuss topics such as accessing support services, keeping your mind and body fit, and advocating and supporting older people. Wollongong Wednesday 5 June at 9.30am-1pm. The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow. Nowra Wednesday 19 June at 9.30am-1pm. Worrigee (Nowra) Sports Club, 131 Greenwell Point Road, Worrigee Places are limited. To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events . For any other information, contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au	
Continuing	A New Vision for Parishes 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	

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Continuing	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	Men's Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men 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.	
Continuing	An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council 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. Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/ to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.	

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	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.	
	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.	
	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 ▶	
	(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image <u>click here</u>)	
Continuing	Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese 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.	
Continuing	The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4 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. Go to watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via The Chosen app (download) or for your Smart TV. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.	
Continuing	Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong 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.	

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Continuing	menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions—Every Tuesday 7.30pm 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	
Continuing	Get 'FORMED' - know & love your faith (Free for DoW Parishioners) 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 is a fantastic 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. To register for FORMED: 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.	
Continuing	CAtHFAMILY 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/	