

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	23 August 2022	<b>For weekend:</b>	27 – 28 August 2022

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

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<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Suicide Prevention</b></p> <p>On Saturday 10 September, we mark Suicide Prevention Day. The Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Brigid's, Gwynneville will be offered by Bishop Brian Mascord for all families who have lost a loved one or who have taken their own life. We pray that those who have taken their own lives now rest in God's peace. We pray for all vulnerable people who need someone to ask them 'r u ok?'</p> <p>For more information please contact the parish office on 4211 0500 or email <a href="mailto:lumenchristi@dow.org.au">lumenchristi@dow.org.au</a> or visit our Facebook Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lccpwoollongong">facebook.com/lccpwoollongong</a></p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Social Justice Statement</b></p> <p>We know that most often those who suffer violence and abuse in homes and families, in workplaces, and in communities, are women and children while the perpetrators are most often men. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred. – <i>Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2022-23</i></p> <p>The <a href="#">Social Justice Statement</a>, <a href="#">Media Release</a>, <a href="#">FAQs</a> and related resources, including prayer and liturgy materials, are available at : <a href="http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au">www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au</a> <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/acbc-respect-confronting-violence-and-abuse/">https://www.dow.org.au/acbc-respect-confronting-violence-and-abuse/</a></p>	

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<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>10th Illawarra Annual Public Forum on Dementia – making connections</b> 10am-3pm Wednesday 14 September 2022 at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow</p> <p>The event is free, and lunch is provided. Guest Speakers throughout the day with professionals with from Dementia Australia, Council on Ageing and Professors from the University of Wollongong.</p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>
Continuing	<p><b>Synod of Bishops – National Synthesis Report</b></p> <p>The National Synthesis report, contributed to by all Dioceses, has been published and sent to the General Secretariat in Rome. A copy is now available at <a href="https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch">https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch</a> along with the <a href="#">media release</a> from the ACBC.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Called to Holiness: Family Camping Weekend</b></p> <p>Friday 4 November – Sunday 6 November 2022 Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale</p> <p>To renew our commitment to family ministry in solidarity with diocesan communities around the world during this year of the <b>World Meeting of Families</b>, the Diocese of Wollongong will be hosting the <i>Called to Holiness: Family Camping Weekend</i> on <b>4–6 November 2022</b>.</p> <p>This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the diocese to come together in a relaxed camping environment for connection, formation, fun, meals, prayer, sport, music, praise, and of course Sunday Mass including children’s liturgy.</p> <p>At this stage are just asking for expressions of interest - please register your interest with Helen Bennett so we can stay in contact with you as get closer to nailing down a program.</p> <p><b>To register your interest please email:</b> <a href="mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au">helen.bennett@dow.org.au</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>menALIVE to the MAX2022</b></p> <p><b>5pm Friday 7 October – 2pm Sunday 9 October 2022</b>  <b>Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale</b></p> <p>menALIVE to the MAX is a National Catholic Gathering of men called MAX 2022 it is Hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (CAS) and menALIVE. The theme this year is-- RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gathering together to; listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be: better husbands, fathers, and men of God.</p> <p>Many men from all over Australia and NZ will gather in Brisbane in July and Sydney in October for this not to be missed experience. So come on: REassemble, REgather, to REbuild and REgain the REal you and the Fullness of Life. REjoice!! There will be nothing in Australia this year like this!</p> <p>For costs and more information and to register <a href="https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd">https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>On Song in the 'Gong'!</b></p> <p>Friday 2nd September 2022 @ 7:30pm Wollongong Town Hall Crown &amp; Kembla Streets, Wollongong Adults \$45: Concessions \$35 and Children under 13 Free</p> <p>Come join "Spirit" a musical talent consisting of four current students of Holy Spirit College Bellambi; one ex-student and a staff member in an evening showcasing the very best of Illawarra's outstanding musical talents backed by one of Sydney's iconic musical powerhouses. Join the Hummingbirds, Spirit, and the Sydney Male Choir in an entertaining evening of music and laughter.</p> <p>Bookings can be made, and tickets purchased @ <a href="https://merrigong.com.au/">https://merrigong.com.au/</a> or at the Box Office 02 42245999</p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>
POSITION VACANT	<p><b>Catholic Mission “Reach out and Give Life”</b></p> <p><b>Diocesan Director   Wollongong   Full-time or Part-time</b></p> <p>Catholic Mission seeks Wollongong Diocesan Director to lead and support the life flourishing work of Catholic Mission in our universal church Applications for the role of Diocesan Director for the Diocese of Wollongong are being accepted now. This position becomes available from 22 Aug 2022.</p> <p>For position advertisement and description go to: <a href="https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission">https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission</a></p> <p>For further information please contact Alan Wedesweiler, NSW/ACT Director, 0400 327 315 or email <a href="mailto:AWedesweiler@catholicmission.org.au">AWedesweiler@catholicmission.org.au</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>2022 Pilgrimage – In the Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop</b></p> <p>You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest, St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and parishioners from across our diocese and beyond on a 2022 pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop.</p> <p>This pilgrimage (departs Melbourne Thursday 13 October 2022 and returns Adelaide Sunday 23 October 2022) is a graced opportunity to set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes, and spirit of our nations' first canonized saint.</p> <p>If you would like more information you can download the pilgrimage brochure HERE: <a href="http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop">www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop</a> (Alternatively, please contact the Oran Park Parish Office – <a href="mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au">oranpark@dow.org.au</a> or 02 46482226 – and a brochure can be emailed or posted to you) As places are limited, you are encouraged to book soon to avoid disappointment.</p>	
NEW	<p><b>The Journey, 28 August 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On the Journey this week Fr Stephen Drum says humility is about being willing to put others first. Mother Hilda uses ikebana floral arrangements to explain how God uses space in our heart, plus this year's Bishops Social Justice statement. The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a></p>	<a href="http://jcr.org.au">jcr.org.au</a>
NEW	<p><b>A vocation view</b></p> <p>Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognize your gifts and offer them in humble service. (Luke 14:1, 7-14)</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>Bishop Brian's Flood Relief Appeal</b></p> <p>My prayers and thoughts are with you all as this "never ending rain" continues to cause so much damage and distress in our communities. <i>In a heartfelt <a href="#">video</a> message to his flock in early March, Greg Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore, said it had been "a very tragic few days". To those who had "lost everything" in these floods, Bishop Greg said that everyone across the diocese was suffering with them. "This has all happened at a time when we were hoping that 2022 would be a year of hope, a good year," he said.</i> As a diocese, I would like to provide practical support for the people of Lismore. I also want to provide pastoral and practical support for the people in our own diocese who have been and will continue to be impacted by these floods.</p> <p>I invite you to join me in prayer for these people, and to donate to my Flood Relief Appeal <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/giving/">https://www.dow.org.au/giving/</a> , so that with your support, we can meet this goal. +BM</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops</b></p> <p>The Diocese has completed its XVI Synod Synthesis Report, with the advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing of the faithful of the Diocese, used as the basis of Bishop Mascord's submission in contributing to the XVI Ordinary Synod global church feedback. The Diocese of Wollongong Synthesis Report may be viewed at <a href="https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch">https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch</a> . Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</b></p> <p>The Diocesan Resource Centre is in transition to its new premises at the Catholic Education Office, 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong. Resources are still available to borrow during this transitional period.</p> <p>For more information or to request resources, please contact Anne Russell on 0427 072 363. By arrangement, resources can be collected and returned to the Office of the Bishop, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House is now open! Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm - 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Please contact Cindy Oliver <a href="mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au">cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</a> for any enquiries.</p>	
Continuing FOR ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN	<p><b>LIVE Local Illawarra</b></p> <p><b>LIVE Local is a Regional Youth Group run by the CYMW and NET Team which</b> runs every Friday night during school term from 7 - 9pm, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall. This regional youth group is for all parishes and is open to young people aged 13 -17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music.</p> <p>For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:youth@dow.org.au">youth@dow.org.au</a> For more details on youth groups, visit <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/">https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download CYMW Poster</a></p>

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Continuing	<p><b>menALIVE’s—reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm</b></p> <p><b>reFUEL</b> is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise</li> <li>“catch up” with great men from across Australia and New Zealand.</li> <li>gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men.</li> <li>pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others.</li> </ul> <p>Join via this link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</b></p> <p>Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.</p> <p>Please visit <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/">www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/</a> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</p> <p>Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (insert phone number/email) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.</p>	
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="http://dow.sh/stayingconnected">dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> or visit <a href="http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin">dow.sh/weeklybulletin</a> to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	



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Continuing	<p><b>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</b></p> <p>During this period of COVID pandemic, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by skype / phone with others at this time, with its 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>	
Continuing	<p><b>CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?</b></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 <b>0418 783 956</b>, or email <a href="mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au">fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a> or go to <a href="http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au">www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>We're always here if you ever need...</b></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 <a href="mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au">intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a></p>	

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