

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	23 May 2023	<b>For weekend:</b>	27 - 28 May 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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<b>NEW POSITION VACANT</b>	<p>Do you want to work for the mission of the Church by helping people ensure that our Diocese is a safe place for people to encounter Christ? Do you want to be a bearer of Christ's love by ensuring that our Diocese is a place where people who have been hurt can feel safe and heard? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be interested in joining the Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding (OPSS). OPSS is looking for an organised and articulate professional to join the team as a Safeguarding (Project Support) Officer. The successful applicant will represent and support OPSS in carrying out the education, compliance and survivor engagement projects in the Diocese. The Safeguarding (Project Support) Officer will be part of a team that assists the agencies and ministries in the Diocese to safely carry out the evangelising mission of making Jesus known and loved in the Illawarra, Macarthur, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands.</p> <p><i>"let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth" - 1 John 3:18</i></p> <p>If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please email <a href="mailto:safeguarding@dow.org.au">safeguarding@dow.org.au</a> and the Application Pack will be emailed to you.</p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>St Anthony of Padua Retreat Day at St Columbkille's Parish Centre and Church, Corrimal   Saturday 3 June 2023, 3:00pm to 7:00pm</b></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 Anthony of Padua 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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NEW	<p><b>CatholicCare Fostering Futures</b></p> <p>The Fostering Futures team are urgently looking for a forever home for two siblings, Liam* and Sofia* aged 10 &amp; 8 years. Liam is an outgoing &amp; active boy who loves to joke around and makes friends easily. He enjoys playing with Lego, fishing, being outdoors, riding his bike, watching movies, drawing and colouring in. His sister Sofia is a resilient, confident and kind young girl who loves playing with her friends, riding her bike, gymnastics and writing stories. Liam and Sofia are looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, loving and patient and who can give them safety, family and a sense of belonging.</p> <p>You can find out more by calling <b>0418 783 956</b>, 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">http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</a> more information.</p> <p><i>*names have been changed for privacy</i></p>	
NEW	<p><b>“Postcards to the Front” in Ukraine</b></p> <p>“Postcards to the Front” has a mission to solicit postcards from Australians with messages of encouragement and support to Defenders of Ukraine on the front lines. We – “<i>Postcards to the Front</i>” – 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><b>How to Participate:</b> 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 &amp; 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. <b>Please do not use the word PEACE.</b> 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.</p> <p>Place your postcard(s) in an envelope and address the envelope to Postcards to the Front PO Box 565 Williamstown Vic 3016, or Postcards to the Front 3 Elgin St Newport Vic, 3015. Please include your name and emails address so we can let you know that they have arrived. <a href="http://www.PostcardstotheFront.com.au">www.PostcardstotheFront.com.au</a></p>	

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NEW	<p><b>Inaugural St Marcellin's Walk – Sunday, 4 June</b></p> <p>In anticipation of the Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat (the founder of the Marist Brothers) that is celebrated on 6 June, a reflective Sunday morning walk will take place through the streets and parks of Gregory Hills to view an array of Catholic inspired public art dedicated to the memory of St Marcellin, the Marist Brothers and the founders of St Gregory's College, Campbelltown.</p> <p>The walk will begin at 9am on Sunday, 4 June at St Gregory's College and conclude at the College at 10:30am for a shared breakfast. To RSVP email <a href="mailto:cclarke@stgregs.nsw.edu.au">cclarke@stgregs.nsw.edu.au</a> .</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Prayer Breakfast Book Launch   Fr Tony Percy</b></p> <p><b>27 May 7:30am-9am Cost \$10</b> <b>Micah House Evangelisation Centre, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown</b></p> <p>Join us for a Prayer Breakfast, commencing with morning prayer of the Church, followed by breakfast and a Q &amp; A with Fr Tony Percy about his new book entitled <b><i>Australia – What went right, what went wrong?</i></b></p> <p>Fr Percy investigates the liberal intellectual roots of Australia's democracy and shows that, by any reasonable measure, the last 120-odd years prove the roots of this nation are strong.</p> <p>Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$25. To learn more about the book <a href="#">click here</a>. Spots are limited for what will be an engaging morning including a hot breakfast. Register now to secure your spot by clicking <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>RSVP by Wednesday 24 May. Any enquiries: <a href="mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au">cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>May 21-28 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 in Australia.</b></p> <p>There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast held at Shellharbour City Council on Friday 26 May, hosted by Together for the Illawarra, with the Diocese having a table at the event, with local parishes invited to send a representative. Resources for use by Parishes can be found at <a href="https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu23">https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu23</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Centenary celebration for St Michael's Parish, Thirroul</b></p> <p>St Michael's parish Thirroul will be celebrating the parish centenary on 28 October 2023 at 5.30pm. Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord followed by community picnic/BBQ in school grounds.</p> <p>Seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull <a href="mailto:judy.bull@bigpond.com">judy.bull@bigpond.com</a> 0407 672 417.</p>	

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NEW	<p><b>The Journey, 28 May 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Bishop Brian Mascord’s Pentecost reflection; the tongues of fire are out there in the congregation. Mother Hilda’s elephant story. Plus, Pat Keady, Trish McCarthy and Deacon Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.  <b>The Journey podcast is available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</b></p>	<a href="http://jcr.org.au">jcr.org.au</a>
Continuing	<p><b>Spiritual and Pastoral Care Training</b></p> <p>Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others? An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered at Campbelltown Hospital/online via Zoom and would be suitable for kind-hearted 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.</p> <p>Applications are currently being taken for this 40-hour course commencing on Thursday 15 June 2023 comprising 6 consecutive weekly sessions ending on the 20 July 2023. For more information about this course and future courses please contact Carmen Karauda at <a href="mailto:ckarauda@gmail.com">ckarauda@gmail.com</a> or phone: 0419 430 676</p>	<a href="#">Intro-Brochure-June-July-Online-2023-1</a>
Continuing	<p><b>Syrian Earthquake Appeal</b></p> <p>Nearly two million people are internally displaced because of the recent earthquake disaster and a decade and more of civil war in Syria. The Christian population has been particularly devastated with little aid and support getting to Christian areas.</p> <p>Bishop Robert Rabbat, the Eparch of the Melkite Church in Australia has established an appeal specifically for the people of Syria. He says, <i>"As time passes and the media pack moves on, the suffering survivors remain with nowhere to go, seemingly without hope, without a future. The greatest tragedy, one even greater than the earthquake itself, would be for them to think they have been forgotten. Your donation to this appeal will no doubt mend many broken hearts and transform many lives."</i>  <a href="#">Syrian Earthquake Appeal poster</a></p> <p>Our parish will be taking up a leaving collection on Sunday <b>(Please insert date specific for your Parish – on ?? April/May)</b></p> <p>If you would like to receive a Tax-Deductible receipt, please call (02) 9750 5514 to make your donation.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours</b></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><b>RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.</b>  <b>WEB: <a href="http://www.palms.org.au">www.palms.org.au</a></b>  <b>Palms Australia</b></p> </div>	
Continuing	<p><b>Caritas:</b> 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 <a href="https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/">https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/</a> or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much-needed support to our East Emergency Appeal. Or contact Kerrie Hennessy <a href="mailto:wollongongcaritas@gmail.com">wollongongcaritas@gmail.com</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>A vocation view – Pentecost Sunday</b></p> <p>“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” The coming of the Spirit gives us the power and vitality to be a witness to Christ, no matter the cost. (John 20:21)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your discernment, 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>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular &amp; FREE Catholic Podcasts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bible in a Year</b> 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 <a href="http://www.ascensionpress.com/biy">www.ascensionpress.com/biy</a> and it’s not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.</li> <li>• <b>Catechism in a Year</b> 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 <a href="http://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy">www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</a></li> </ul>	
Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus</b></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 <a href="http://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen">watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen</a> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (<a href="#">download</a>) or for your Smart TV. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="437 1032 1219 1397" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>A gift to the Church in your will ... <i>will help!</i></b></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 <a href="http://dow.sh/legacy">dow.sh/legacy</a>, call the diocesan representative on <b>4222 2446</b>, or scan the QR code here ▶</p>  </div> <p>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image - click here)  <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg">https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</a></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>	
Continuing	<p><b>National Liturgy &amp; Music Conference</b></p> <p>If you would like to register for this Conference to be held in Brisbane 28-30 September 2023, please follow this link:  <a href="https://mysteryandmission.com.au/register">https://mysteryandmission.com.au/register</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>New Micah House Resource Centre is open for everyone</b></p> <p>Apart from having great resources for Catechists, the Micah House Resource Centre has resources to borrow for your own faith formation or that of your family including books, music, videos, CD's and now even items you can buy from Parousia Media.</p> <p>Come in and browse, read, have a free cuppa tea / coffee, even pray in our small chapel space.</p> <p>We are open from 9-3pm Mon-Thursday at 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. (Entry is from the rear of the building) Please contact Cindy Oliver <a href="mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au">cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</a> or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.</p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Social Justice Statement</b></p> <p>It is God's love that triumphs over 'indifference, hardness of heart and hatred' and it is our experience of that love that gives rise to our lives as Christians: "we can only bear witness to what we ourselves have experienced. Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others (<a href="#">Pope Francis Lenten Message 2015</a>).</p> <p><a href="https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice">https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm</b></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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</a></p>	



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Continuing	<p><b>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</b></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 <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>	