

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	24 September 2024	For weekend:	28 – 29 September 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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NEW	<p>Synod on Synodality - The Second Assembly begins this week</p> <p>The participants will be arriving for the Second Assembly in Rome at the end of this week in preparation for the opening of the Second Assembly.</p> <p>The Penitential Vigil will be broadcast by Vatican Media and is open to all.</p> <p>More information about the details of the General Assembly can be found here: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2024-09/synod-presentation-2nd-session-grech-hollerich-ruffini.html</p>	
Continuing	<p>I Give You My Word: Encountering God in Lectio Divina Friday 27 – Sunday 29 September 2024. A weekend retreat, Jamberoo Abbey Retreat Centre</p> <p>Presenters: Sr Antonia Curtis OSB and Oblate Libby Denny Lectio Divina is sacred reading. It is a way of prayer whereby we allow the Word of God to touch our hearts and change our lives. It is a dialogue of love between the person and God as heart speaks to heart through the Word. This weekend retreat focusses on the process of Lectio Divina by engaging participants in the ancient art of reading/praying with the word of God in scripture.</p> <p>To register contact 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au</p>	Click here to download flyer

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NEW each week	<p>The Journey, 29 September – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Bernard Gordon says that the readings highlight embracing generosity and rejoicing in the gifts of others. Mother Hilda has the story of Dom Columba Marmion. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or click to download the file for parishes to display on their digital screen)</i></p>	<p>www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p>Click to download jpg file</p>
Continuing	<p>Blessing of Animals, Monday, 7 October at 9:30am</p> <p>The Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 7 October at 9:30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 900kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep fleas well-muzzled. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Friday, 4 October, with Mass at 9:30am – animals are welcome at that Mass.</p>	<p>Additional Information click here</p>
Continuing	<p>Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 25–27 October 2024 Cataract Activity Centre, Appin</p> <p>One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12 and 17 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.</p> <p>Register online: https://dow.sh/ggm24</p>	
Continuing	<p>A day retreat: Benedictine Values – fertile soil for an integral ecology, Saturday 5 Oct 2024 Presenter: Sr Mechtild Crawford</p> <p>Time is moving on and the cry of the earth and the poor is intensifying. The appeal of Pope Francis in “Laudato Si” and “Laudato Deum” is now an imperative. There is a wisdom in the Rule of St Benedict that can provide fertile soil for an integral ecology for our time. Come, let us listen to Mother Earth during this day of retreat.</p> <p>Register at https://www.jamberoobbey.org.au/events/2024-10-05/</p>	<p>Click here to download flyer</p>

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Continuing	<p>Springtime Creative Retreat, 11 - 13 October 2024</p> <p>Come and experience the healing power of creativity as we step into the blossoming wonders of Spring. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God. Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW</p> <p>Bookings: http://www.trybooking.com/CNSWN (by 27 September)</p> <p>Contact: Judy - mglisters.sydney@gmail.com</p>	<p>Click here to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Legion of Mary warmly invites you to join us to recite 20 decades of the Rosary, followed by Benediction at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra on Sunday 13 October 2024 at 1.30pm.</p> <p>Tea and coffee will be provided afterwards. For any enquiries, phone 0449 807 814.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Cross + Generation Technology Program</p> <p>This program is a partnership between CatholicCare, Catholic Education DoW, Corpus Christi (Oak Flats) and Holy Spirit College (Bellambi). The program pairs students with seniors to assist you with technology. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident and familiar with downloading apps, sending messages, using google maps or other help you may need. <i>Refreshments will be provided at each session.</i></p> <p>AVAILABLE SESSIONS:</p> <p>Corpus Christi, Oak Flats Friday 25 October 11am-1.30pm Friday 8 November 11am-1.30pm Friday 22 November 11am-1.30pm Friday 6 December 11am-1.30pm</p> <p>Holy Spirit College, Bellambi Thursday 24 October 10am-11am Thursday 7 November 10am-11am Thursday 21 November 10am-11am Thursday 5 December 10am-11am</p> <p>Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting here at the high school. Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	

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NEW each week	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>The Law of the Lord exists to guide and direct our steps here on earth so that we might arrive safely at the palaces of heaven. Embrace the Law with your whole heart, mind and soul that you might also grow in love with the Law-giver. (Psalm 19)</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 each week	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>There are those who would place responsibility [for environmental damage] on the poor, since they have many children, and even attempt to resolve the problem by mutilating women in less developed countries. As usual, it would seem that everything is the fault of the poor. Yet the reality is that a smaller, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones. How can we forget that Africa, home to more than half of the world's poorest people, is responsible for a minimal portion of historic emissions? - <i>Laudate Deum – Pope Francis - To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>Catholic Bible Study Thursdays, 7:30-9pm* Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong)</p> <p>Come and explore the Bible with the mind and heart of the Church in an open and friendly environment. All are welcome. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086</p> <p>* Thursdays during school term</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</p> <p>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.thechosen.tv to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!</p>	
Continuing	<p>26 – 27 October Retreat weekend: Pilgrims of Hope</p> <p>A retreat for men in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Hope at Mt Schoenstatt with Mass and Reconciliation. Facilitated by Fr Pawel OP. Email mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au or ring 0432 487 927 (Jim) QR code for information and bookings or click on https://bit.ly/4coasdO</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p> 

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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>	
Continuing	<p>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</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>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. Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/ to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="384 1480 1230 1973" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">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>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image click here)</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. For more information, please contact David at djbarrett85@gmail.com or phone: 0410 487 630.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</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: 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</p>	

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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>	