


BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	24 April 2023	For weekend:	29 - 30 April 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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NEW	<p>Ordination of Joshua Whicker MGL and Justin Uzabeaga MGL</p> <p>Please keep in your prayers Josh and Justin for their priestly ordination on Friday 28 April at St Christopher's Cathedral in Canberra by Archbishop Christopher Prowse. God Bless them</p>	
NEW	<p>2023 PILGRIMAGE in the "Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop"</p> <p>You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and fellow parishioners from across our Diocese and beyond on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop. This pilgrimage (that departs Melbourne 16 October 2023 returns Adelaide 26 October 2023) 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. You can download the pilgrimage brochure HERE: http://bit.ly/2023parishpilgrimage</p>	
NEW	<p>Fatima Retreat Day – 13 May 2023, 4.00 - 7.00pm St Columbkille's Parish Centre</p> <p>Please note that this is the Second Saturday of the month to coincide with Fatima Day</p> <p>Hosted by Fr Patrick Vaughan</p> <p>4PM start - Video on "Rocomador" (Our Lady's Sanctuary in France)</p> <p>4:30pm Afternoon Tea (Please bring a plate to share</p> <p>4:50pm: International Rosary, Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing of the Sick</p> <p>5:30 Reconciliation</p> <p>6PM Holy Mass with St Columbkille's Parishioners</p>	

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NEW	<p>SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL</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></p> <p>Syrian Earthquake Appeal poster</p> <p>Our parish will be taking up a leaving collection on Sunday ?? April/May. (for parishes to decide and add correct date)</p> <p>If you would like to receive a Tax Deductible receipt, please call (02) 9750 5514 to make your donation.</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 30 April 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mike Delaney's gospel reflection for Good Shepherd Sunday. Mother Hila says you'll be surprised where you can hear God's voice. Divine Renovation author, Fr James Mellon, continues his conversation with Jude Hennessy, plus the new tool from Alpha for young people.</p> <p>The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au


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NEW	<p><i>Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours</i></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; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.</p> <p>WEB: www.palms.org.au</p> <p>Palms Australia</p> </div> </div>	
NEW	<p>Prayer Breakfast Book Launch Fr Tony Percy 27 May 7:30am-9am Cost \$10 Micah House Evangelisation Centre, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown</p> <p>Join us for a Prayer Breakfast, commencing with morning prayer of the Church, followed by breakfast and a Q & A with Fr Tony Percy about his new book which espouses that nations need strong foundations if they are to endure. Resting on the work of David Kemp's five-volume political history, Fr Percy investigates the liberal intellectual roots of Australia's democracy and asks what went right and what went wrong. He 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 click here.</p> <p>Spots are limited for what will be an engaging morning including a hot breakfast. I would strongly encourage you to register now to secure your spot by clicking here</p> <p>RSVP by Wednesday 24 May. Any enquiries: cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</p>	

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AMENDED	<p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekends for 2023</p> <p>19-21 May (Book now!) 27-29 October 2023 (Save the Date)</p> <p>Guntawang Catholic Youth Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton). Stay in your tent, camper or van – with dorm accommodation also an option.</p> <p>The weekend is designed to unite families of every age, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, all to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. We will be nurtured by each other’s company and emboldened as families to witness to living life to the full in our world, a key hope articulated by Pope Francis for families. There will be shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Sunday Mass led by Bishop Brian Mascord. To avoid missing out on this incredible opportunity, contact us now to secure your spot.</p> <p>Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (Regardless of size)</p> <p>Enquiries or to register your interest: Jude Hennessy 4222 2407 or jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</p> <p>To Register click here or visit the Diocesan Website Events page</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Catechist Retreat 2023: Prayer, a journey of friendship with God</p> <p>The retreat will be facilitated by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD, the regional vicar of the Discalced Carmelite Friars in Varroville and is a much loved and experienced retreat facilitator.</p> <p>The retreat will be held in Campbelltown on Monday, 1 May, and in Gerringong on Friday, 5 May.</p> <p>Catechists will be able to register for either retreat and spouses are welcome to attend. Please register here or by visiting https://www.dow.org.au/events/ and selecting the Catechist Retreat.</p>	
NEW	<p>Understanding Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality</p> <p>Come for an introduction in Aboriginal Catholic Spirituality. Designed as an in-service for SRE Catechists, the talk will be open to all parishioners interested about learning more about Aboriginal Spirituality, and in particular the beautiful Aboriginal Art Resource: Sacrament Series by artist Donna Marie Sadler.</p> <p>There are three options for attending the course, which will run at each location from 9:30am - 1:30pm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nowra - Monday 8 May ● Campbelltown - 15 May ● Wollongong - 22 May <p>Morning Tea will be provided.</p> <p>To register: https://www.dow.org.au/events/understanding-aboriginal-catholic-spirituality/</p>	

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NEW	<p>Anointed: MGL Sisters Pentecost Intensive, 24-28 May</p> <p>Deepen in your anointing as a Christian called to intentional relationship with the Trinity, radical discipleship generously sharing in the charismatic gifts and a life of mission and service through inputs, discussion and practical workshops. Join us for 5 days live-in at Carmel House, Varroville. More info and register: http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRF</p>	
Continuing	<p>Caritas: 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 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. ● Catechism in a Year 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 	

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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. 	

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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>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>	
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>	

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NEW/ AMENDED	<p>A vocation view – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday</p> <p>This Sunday is “Good Shepherd Sunday” and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While we should always support and celebrate all vocations and will do so more explicitly in the first week of August, this Sunday has a special focus on Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Let us pray in particular for the present need for more priests to serve the parishes of Wollongong Diocese. Prayer cards are available with pictures of our 7 seminarians as well as a prayer that all would respond to the loving call of Jesus, our Good Shepherd wherever he may lead us.</p> <p>If anyone would like help discerning a vocation to Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage or Single Life, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	

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NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>According to Pope Paul VI, in order to remove the circumstances that give rise to the suffering of Lazarus, a human community needs to be constructed where “liberty is not an idle word, where the needy Lazarus can sit down with the rich man at the same banquet table. On the part of the rich man, it calls for great generosity, willing sacrifice, and diligent effort. Each man must examine his conscience, which sounds a new call in our present times. Is he prepared to support, at his own expense, projects and, undertakings designed to help the needy? Is he prepared to pay higher taxes so that public authorities may expand their efforts in the work of development? Is he prepared to pay more for imported goods, so that the foreign producer may make a fairer profit? Is he prepared to emigrate from his homeland if necessary and if he is young, in order to help the emerging nations?” <i>Pope Paul VI, (1967) , Encyclical Letter Populorum Progressio ('On the Development of Peoples') n. 47.</i></p> <p>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: 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>	
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</p> <p>https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</p>	

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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>	