

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	30 July 2024	For weekend:	3 – 4 August 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>Instituted Ministries Formation</p> <p>Sr Monica Barlow is running formation sessions for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming an Instituted Lector or Acolyte. These ministries are open to both men and women. The sessions will be held at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Vale: Mary Immaculate Parish, 61 Emerald Drive – Monday Evenings, 12th and 26th August from 7.30pm- 9.30pm • Kiama: Ss Peter and Paul Parish, 94 Manning St Saturday mornings, 7th and 14th September from 10.30am – 12.30pm. <p>Attendance at the second session is dependent on having attended the first session. It is not a repeat of the first session.</p> <p>The link to register for the first of these formation sessions: dow.sh/imf24eaglevale for Eagle Vale and dow.sh/imf24kiama for Kiama</p>	
NEW	<p>Fire Weekend 2024 Friday 5:30pm – Sunday 1pm, 9-11 August Carmel House, Varroville</p> <p>Fire Weekends are for singles and young marrieds aged 18 -35 who want to grow deeper in their relationship with God and discover more about their faith. It's also a great way to meet and make friends! The event will include activities such as talks, personal sharings, dramas, recreation time, sport, prayer, good food, live music, reconciliation, Mass, and Adoration.</p> <p><i>Note: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the weekend, and Mass will be celebrated on the Sunday.</i></p> <p>https://form.jotform.com/ymtaustralia/dojfireweekend2024</p>	Click to download flyer


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NEW	<p>Charismatic Healing Mass Friday 9 August 2024 Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St, Wollongong 7:00pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass</p> <p>A warm invitation is extended to all prayer groups, Alpha graduates, Cursillo, Couples for Christ, Disciples of Jesus, and all members of the public who would like to join us in charismatic praise for our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Paul Clark. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa.</p>	
NEW	<p>Catechist Retreat 2024: <i>Known and Loved</i> 9:30am – 2:30pm</p> <p>All who support the Catechist ministry, including SRE Teachers, Helpers, Prayer Partners, and Spouses are invited to attend what will be an excellent Catechist Retreat, <i>Known and Loved</i>. Facilitated by Katherine Stone MGL, the retreat will help us to gain a greater understanding of who Jesus is and who we are in the light of Jesus.</p> <p>The retreat will include Mass, reflections, prayer, and friendly discussion. Morning Tea will be provided, but please BYO lunch.</p> <p>There are two options to attend the retreat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macarthur-Highlands Retreat Friday 20 September 2024 Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 80 Demetrius Rd, Rosemeadow • Illawarra-Shoalhaven Retreat Monday 23 September 2024 St Mary Star of the Sea Church, 166 Fern St, Gerringong <p>Registration is essential. Please register: dow.sh/KnownLoved2024 For more information please email support@ccdwoollongong.com</p>	
Continuing	<p>CCD Level 1 Catechist Course (Term 3) via Zoom starts on 19 August for four Mondays.</p> <p>Dates: Mondays, 19, August, 26 August, 2 September and 9 September (via Zoom) Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm</p> <p>Beginning and experienced SRE Catechists are invited to register by following this link dow.sh/ccdlevel1onzoom or contact Sue Clark at support@ccdwoollongong.com. <i>Please note that the first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years.</i></p>	

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<p>UPDATED</p>	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>“Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord.” With these words, St Augustine recognises that only in Christ can we find that deep fulfillment; and while we try to find this in the world, that will only lead to emptiness. (John 6:24-35)</p> <p>Each year the Church in Australia marks "National Vocations Awareness Week" in August, connected with the celebrations of the Feast of St John Vianney (patron saint of priests) and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Australia's first saint). This year, in the week of 4-11 August, we reflect once more upon Pope Francis's message from Good Shepherd Sunday, reminding us that all of us, whether married, ordained, religious or single, are "called to sow seeds of hope and build peace". Read the Pope's full message here: dow.sh/gss24</p> <p>Pope Francis beckons us to “<i>Rise up!</i>” Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: Have the courage to commit!”</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>	
<p>UPDATED</p>	<p>Catholic Business Connections September Luncheon</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Stacy Jane</p> <div data-bbox="384 1413 927 1628" style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p>WED 🕒 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM</p> <p>11 📍 Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown</p> <p>SEPT 🌐 dow.sh/CBCSept2024</p> </div> <p>Stacy Jane is a survivor and keynote speaker; she blends humour with profound insights. Recognised with multiple awards, including Rotary Inspirational Woman of the Year 2023, Stacy inspires with her message of hope and resilience. Come and hear her story “Escaping to Hope”.</p> <p>RSVP by Tuesday, 3 September For more information and to book please visit: dow.sh/CBCSept2024</p>	<p>Click to download graphic</p>

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NEW each week	<p>The Journey, 4 August 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Sheldon Burke CRS says Jesus wants to move our hunger away from perishables to all that endures for eternal life. Mother Hilda tells the story of the Ravensbrück prayer. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton.</p> <p>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>
Resuming	<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. A missionary work of the Disciples of Jesus. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086</p> <p>* Thursdays during school term</p>	
Continuing	<p>CatholicCare A Call for Foster Carers - Can You Help?</p> <p>Over 350 children and young people in NSW are urgently seeking foster care. Close to 100 of the 350 are living in our diocese alone. CatholicCare is doing all it can to meet this need – but more carers are desperately needed. Bishop Brian has recorded a short video that outlines the challenges of the foster care system and is urging all parishioners within the Wollongong Diocese to discern if you can help: dow.sh/bmfc24</p> <p>For more information on becoming a foster carer, contact CatholicCare on 02 4227 1122 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au. CatholicCare will provide you and your family with training, emotional support, and financial assistance to ensure that you are supported every step of the way.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 13 – 15 September 2024 at Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale</p> <p>Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size).</p> <p>Camping & Bunk Room Options: You may like to pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents/guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.</p> <p>To register: https://dow.sh/cfwsept24</p>	

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Continuing	<p>The University of Notre Dame Australia Open Day Saturday, 31 August 10am-3pm</p> <p>Join us to discover what Notre Dame has to offer! Explore Sydney Campus, meet students, academic staff and graduates.</p> <p>Contact: sydney@nd.edu.au 02 8204 4404</p> <p>Register: notredame.edu.au/openday</p>	Click to download flyer
Continuing	<p>Ignite Conference 2024: Rise Up! (Sydney) 26-29 September 2024</p> <p>A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.</p> <p>The Diocese of Wollongong is looking to take a group 30 young people to the conference at a subsidised cost.</p> <p>If you would like to join us, know someone who would, or would like to sponsor someone to attend, please contact Arnie Hurdoyal, Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader, Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or 0431 611 128.</p>	Click to download flyer
Continuing	<p>Come and See, Go and Make: A Vision for Parishes <i>More resources now available to help breathe new life into your parish</i></p> <p>Bishop Mascord has sent multiple copies of Come and See Go and Make for distribution amongst the faithful. New Videos of the entire vision broken into sections that align with the Come and See Workbooks for parishes may be accessed at http://dow.sh/CSGMresources along with digital copies of all resources. Read, pray, discuss and support your pastor in bringing this vision to life in your parish.</p>	

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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.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>QR code for information and bookings or click on https://bit.ly/4coasdO</p> 	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
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>	
NEW each week	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>There are many valuable and useful Church-related online initiatives that provide excellent catechesis and faith formation. Unfortunately, there are also sites where faith-related issues are addressed in a superficial, polarized and even hate-filled manner. As a Church and as individual digital missionaries, we have a duty to ask ourselves how we can ensure that our online presence constitutes an experience of growth for those with whom we communicate. – ‘XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops’ (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</p>	

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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 1234 1230 1727" 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>	