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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	30 November 2022	For weekend:	3 – 4 December 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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NEW	Job Opportunity: Caritas Australia Diocesan Director for Wollongong	
	Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate Diocesan Director for the Wollongong diocese. This paid role is appointed by Caritas Australia in conjunction with the Bishop of Wollongong and promotes the work of Caritas Australia through fundraising, advocacy and relationships with schools and parishes. The role is flexible, part-time (1 day/7.5 hours per week on average across the year) and involves engaging with communities across the Wollongong diocese, supporting Caritas Australia appeals and coordinating volunteers. Scan the QR code for more information and to apply for this role. Questions can be directed to Chris Nolan at chris.nolan@caritas.org.au or call 0429 368 855.	
Continuing	XVI Synod - Continental Stage Submissions	
	The Faithful are asked to now consider to the Continental stage of the XVI Ordinary Synod on Synodality. The Reflection Guide: Three guiding questions form the basis for the Reflection Guide. This and other resources are available at https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch Submission Portal: After groups have met to reflect, they can submit a summary of their reflections on via the submission portal for the continental stage which can be accessed at: https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch The portal will be open until Friday 9 December. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact leith.dudfield@catholic.org.au .	

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Continuing	Enemy Love Records (David Kruse & Emma Fradd) are an independent record label producing and promoting good Catholic music. They are touring Australia to present three brand new releases and they will be playing in Wollongong! When: Sunday 4 December 2022 @ 07:00 PM Where: The Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street Wollongong Tickets: EnemyLoveRecords.com (limited tickets) Entry by ticket with donation upon entry. Finger food and drinks will be served.	
Continuing	A Gift to the Church in your Will will help A gift to the Church in your will 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. 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. 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 (Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image - click here) https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg	
UPDATED	An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council 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://dow.sh/parishgiving to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.	

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Continuing	Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. Since the conflict began over 14 million people have been forced from their homes, and at least 6000 civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at https://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free.	
NEW	The Journey, 4 December 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On The Journey This Week: Fr Michael Meagher's Gospel reflection – An open-hearted welcome. Mother Hilda tells us how to pray when we feel there's nothing in it for us. Plus, extra Advent reflections from Fr Mark De Battista and Ken Bryant. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.	<u>jcr.org.au</u>
Updated	New CCD Resource Centre Location in Campbelltown The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown will officially reopen on 12 December. We look forward to having our catechists accessing great resources and a much-improved training space, or the ability to come in for a cuppa and a bite to eat as they prepare lessons. The Centre will also give access to all Catholics in 2023, to a range of quality faith resources they can borrow. Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.	
NEW	A vocation view A vocation grows in silence, as a shoot sprouts from the ground. Make sure to keep the seed of faith alive in your heart and soul. (Is. 11:1) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au	
NEW	Social Justice Statement Listen to, support, and believe those who are experiencing violence and abuse. https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au	

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Continuing	Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre 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. 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.	
Continuing	menALIVE's—reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm 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. pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. Join via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468	
Continuing	Calling all Women of the World to Rome His Holiness, Pope Francis, has granted the women of the world, by an invitation from the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) an Audience with him at Paul VI Hall, the Vatican, at 11.30am on 13 May2023. Mass will be celebrated, that afternoon, at St Peter's Basilica, by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. For Further Information contact: Catherine V McGrath DSG Phone: +61 407 419 5002 Email: cvm2090@gmail.com Booking for the Audience is not necessary.	
Continuing	Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese 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.	

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Continuing	CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? 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. For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au	
Continuing	We're always here if you ever need 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	

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Ü	CAtHFAMILY 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 cathfamily.org/activities/	