

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEW	<p>Chaldean Holy Mass at Oran Park</p> <p>Fr David Catterall, Parish Priest, St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park, is pleased to announce that after a period of discussion with Archbishop Amel Nona DD - the Archbishop of the Chaldean Catholic Church - a Chaldean Holy Mass will commence on 11 September and will be celebrated every second Sunday (2nd and 4th Sunday of every month) at 12.30pm at St Mary MacKillop Church at Oran Park.</p> <p>This Mass will offer Chaldean Catholics residing in the diocese, especially the exponentially growing region of South-West Sydney, the opportunity to celebrate Mass in their own language and with their own customs and rituals.</p> <p>For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4648 2226 or email oranpark@dow.org.au.</p>	
NEW	<p>National Child Protection Week 2022</p> <p>To recognise the importance of National Child Protection Week we're holding a competition where entrants are asked to identify what makes them safe.</p> <p>Using your creativity tell us what makes you feel safe. You can draw, paint, write a poem or story or record a video. Submit your entry to competitions@catholiccare.dow.org.au Please ensure your name, age, contact number and email are included in your submission.</p> <p>For further information visit the events page on our website: https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/</p>	

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NEW	<p>Embrace the Call to Global Mission</p> <p>American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.</p> <p>Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday 24 September at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th</p>	
NEW	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend 28 – 30 October 2022</p> <p>Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville</p> <p>Join us to learn together to live your best life in love! A stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.</p> <p>Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Catholic Family Camping Weekend</p> <p>Friday 4 November – Sunday 6 November 2022</p> <p>Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale</p> <p>This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the diocese to come together in a relaxed camping environment for connection, formation, fun, meals, prayer, sport, music, and of course Sunday Mass including children’s liturgy.</p> <p>It will be a self-catered weekend, with a cost of \$100 per family regardless of size. Please register your interest with Helen Bennett so we can connect with you. helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Catechist Retreat 2022</p> <p>All SRE teachers and helpers are welcome to attend the Catechist retreat planned for Monday, 12 September in Varroville OR Friday, 16 September in Gerringong.</p> <p>Sr Magdalen Mather OSB will facilitate the retreats in both locations. With God's help, Sr Magdalen will help us to move into an Ocean of Grace to be rejuvenated through prayer, contemplation and sharing with each other. Register for the retreat at dow.org.au/events or contact Cindy Oliver by emailing support@ccdwoollongong.com or calling 4640 8550</p>	
Continuing	<p>10th Illawarra Annual Public Forum on Dementia – making connections 10am-3pm Wednesday 14 September 2022 at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow</p> <p>The event is free, and lunch is provided.</p> <p>Guest Speakers throughout the day with professionals with from Dementia Australia, Council on Ageing and Professors from the University of Wollongong.</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Season of Creation 2022</p> <p>We are in the Season of Creation and there are some wonderful activities and resources for families delve into at https://seasonofcreation.org</p> <p>Take the time as we move into Spring to pray, to plant, to recycle and enter into the awe and wonder we find in dwelling on and being in God's creation.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>menALIVE to the MAX2022</p> <p>5pm Friday 7 October – 2pm Sunday 9 October 2022 Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale</p> <p>menALIVE to the MAX is a National Catholic Gathering of men. The theme this year is-- RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be: better husbands, fathers, and men of God.</p> <p>A group of men from our Diocese will be making the journey together – so contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information about carpooling. For registration https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd</p>	
Continuing	<p>Growing Good Men Father & Teenage Son Weekend Experience Friday 6.30pm 21 October – Sunday 1.30pm 23 October 2022 to be held at Cataract Activity Centre, Appin</p> <p>A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons. 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.</p> <p>GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10).</p> <p>Don't miss this! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon (founder of menALIVE) and his team.</p> <p>Please Register and pay online at www.dow.org.au/events Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	dow.org.au/events
Continuing	<p>Synod of Bishops – National Synthesis Report</p> <p>The National Synthesis report, contributed to by all Dioceses, has been published and sent to the General Secretariat in Rome. A copy is now available at https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch along with the media release from the ACBC.</p>	

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 4 September 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista in the Gospel reflection explains why Jesus makes such a strong point on being a disciple. Mother Hilda on using God’s SAT NAV system for our life’s journey. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook, Trish McCarthy, and Fr Dave Callaghan. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au</p>	jcr.org.au
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33)</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>	
Continuing	<p>Free Technology Training for Seniors – Corpus Christi</p> <p>If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or using a QR code CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Corpus Christi Catholic High School offering free technology training again to seniors within our diocese.</p> <p>The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an ‘exchange of gifts’ between both students and seniors. This program has been successful in the Macarthur and last year where the pilot program launched in Shellharbour.</p> <p>The last 3 sessions will be: Wednesday 31 August, Wednesday 7 September, and the final one will be Wednesday 14 September 11am-12.30pm at Corpus Christi Catholic High School, Industrial Road, Oak Flats.</p> <p>These sessions are proving to be very popular, but always have room for more seniors please contact Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152.</p>	

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POSITION VACANT	<p>Catholic Mission “Reach out and Give Life”</p> <p>Diocesan Director Wollongong Full-time or Part-time</p> <p>Catholic Mission seeks Wollongong Diocesan Director to lead and support the life flourishing work of Catholic Mission in our universal church. Applications for the role of Diocesan Director for the Diocese of Wollongong are being accepted now. This position becomes available from 22 Aug 2022.</p> <p>For position advertisement and description go to: https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission</p> <p>For further information please contact Alan Wedesweiler, NSW/ACT Director, 0400 327 315 or email AWedesweiler@catholicmission.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>2022 Pilgrimage – In the Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop</p> <p>You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest, St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and parishioners from across our diocese and beyond on a 2022 pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop.</p> <p>This pilgrimage (departs Melbourne Thursday 13 October 2022 and returns Adelaide Sunday 23 October 2022) 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.</p> <p>If you would like more information you can download the pilgrimage brochure HERE: www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop (Alternatively, please contact the Oran Park Parish Office – oranpark@dow.org.au or 02 46482226 – and a brochure can be emailed or posted to you) As places are limited, you are encouraged to book soon to avoid disappointment.</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership 2023 Enrolment</p> <p>Want to be equipped for mission and the work of the church. Applications for 2023 have just opened for this course in Missionary Leadership. This flexible part time course over 12 months, with remote learning options, is quickly becoming regarded as the most practical course to equip those who wish to work in the area of evangelisation and parish renewal.</p> <p>Visit www.aretecentre.org/programs for more information or to apply or contact Laura Neeson, 0459 395 888 or marketing@aretecentre.org.au</p>	

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NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>Cultural factors in the Church and in society often also play an important role in the violence and abuse suffered in families, households, communities, and workplaces. This behaviour is sinful. – <i>Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2022-23</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops</p> <p>The Diocese has completed its XVI Synod Synthesis Report, with the advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing of the faithful of the Diocese, used as the basis of Bishop Mascord's submission in contributing to the XVI Ordinary Synod global church feedback.</p> <p>The Diocese of Wollongong Synthesis Report may be viewed at https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch . Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House is now open! Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm - 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au for any enquiries.</p>	

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Continuing FOR MACARTHUR HIGHLANDS	<p>LIVE Local Macarthur Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm–8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music.</p> <p>For more information, please contact youth@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</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. 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>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</p> <p>Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.</p> <p>Please visit www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically. Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (insert phone number/email) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.</p>	

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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. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</p> <p>During this period of COVID pandemic, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by skype / phone with others at this time, with its 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>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>	

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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 cathfamily.org/activities/</p>	