

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	27 July 2022	For weekend:	30–31 July 2022

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NEW	<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>LIVE Festival 2022</p> <p>This year the annual LIVE Festival is returning for the first time since 2019. If you are a young person in year 9 - 12 in the Wollongong Diocese who likes live music, quality content, fun, games, festival activities and has missed big Catholic events, then come to the LIVE Festival!</p> <p>Date: Friday 2 September 2022 Time: 10am - 8pm Location: WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong Cost: \$50</p> <p>Register your interest now through the QR code. Registrations close on Sunday 31 July.</p> <p>For more information, please email youth@dow.org.au and follow @cymdow on Instagram for updates!</p>	

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NEW	<p>Memorial Mass for Fr Peter Caruana 3 August 2022</p> <p>Please join us for a special Memorial Mass and Blessing of the Memorial Garden to commemorate the first anniversary of Father Peter Caruana's passing on 3 August 2022 at Holy Family Ingleburn. Mass commences at 6pm followed by a blessing of the Memorial Garden in honour of Father Peter.</p> <p>Please join us for tea and coffee after to reflect and share some memories of Fr Peter. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>When: Wednesday 3 August 2022 Where: Holy Family Parish Ingleburn - 136 Oxford Rd Ingleburn NSW 2565 Time: Mass at 6pm followed by Blessing of the Memorial Garden and tea and coffee</p>	
NEW POSITION VACANT	<p>Diocese of Wollongong Client Service Officer</p> <p>The Catholic Development Fund, Diocese of Wollongong is seeking an experienced client service officer with financial institution experience. A full-time appointment is desirable. However, suitably qualified candidates looking for part-time or job share should apply.</p> <p>Applications close Friday 29 July 2022.</p> <p>For a role description please email tony.sanderson@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Join the Diocesan Choir</p> <p>People from across the Diocese who have suitable experience are encouraged to register to participate in the Diocesan Choir for major diocesan liturgical events. It is the hope of Bishop Brian that we will receive numerous expressions of interest and will have broad representation from across the Diocese. The next opportunity to join the Diocesan Choir will be for the 2022 Eucharistic Celebration for Significant Marriage Anniversaries which will be held on Sunday 7 August, 2:00pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. To learn more, and to register, please visit the Diocesan website: www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/</p>	

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UPDATED	<p>The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia</p> <p>There are a number of ways that you can connect and interact with this historic moment in the life of the Church in Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting the Plenary Council’s Facebook page which has media releases and recordings of live streams - https://www.facebook.com/PlenaryCouncil • Visiting the Official Plenary Council website (all documents are stored here) – plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au • Visiting the Diocesan Plenary Council Page for local resources – dow.org.au/media-resources/plenary-council/ • Continuing to pray for the future of the Church in Australia and her mission in the world. 	
UPDATED	<p>Catechist Diploma Course 2022</p> <p>Mondays (Campbelltown), Fridays (Wollongong/Online)</p> <p>Taught by a variety of presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.</p> <p>Please don't miss the opportunity to come along and invite others in our Church communities to join us as we delve into a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith. All parishioners are welcome! This year the presenters for the Level 3 course are: Fr Richard Healey, Seminarian Darren McDowell, Bernadette Toohey MGL, Deacon James Arblaster, Katherine Stone MGL and Fr Bernard Gordon VG.</p> <p>Dates and Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbelltown Catholic Club on Monday 1 August, 8 August, 15 August, 22 August, 29 August, and 5 September. • Xavier Centre (38 Harbour Street, Wollongong) on Friday 5 August, 12 August, 19 August, 26 August, (No 2 Sept) 9 and 16 September • Joining with Zoom is possible at the Friday sessions. <p>Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm Morning Tea is provided.</p> <p>Please register your attendance online at www.dow.org.au/events/</p>	
Continuing	<p>To all parishioners in the Wollongong Diocese, you are invited to a Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on Monday 8 August at 12 Midday, to celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the 150th Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW.</p> <p>Following Mass Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the new Statue for the Unborn, provided by Catholic Women’s League. Light lunch will be provided by Catholic Women’s League in the Xavier Centre. All are welcome.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>menALIVE 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
NEW	<p>The Journey, 31 July 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Robert Reidling's gospel reflection. Mother Hilda's story of the beggar's reply to theologian Johannes Tauler's question. Plus, Fr Dave Callaghan, Trish McCarthy and Pat Keady. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au</p>	jcr.org.au
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:12-21)</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>	

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Continuing	<p>Bishop Brian’s Flood Relief Appeal</p> <p>My prayers and thoughts are with you all as this “never ending rain” continues to cause so much damage and distress in our communities. <i>In a heartfelt video message to his flock in early March, Greg Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore, said it had been “a very tragic few days”. To those who had “lost everything” in these floods, Bishop Greg said that everyone across the diocese was suffering with them. “This has all happened at a time when we were hoping that 2022 would be a year of hope, a good year,” he said.</i> As a diocese, I would like to provide practical support for the people of Lismore. I also want to provide pastoral and practical support for the people in our own diocese who have been and will continue to be impacted by these floods.</p> <p>I invite you to join me in prayer for these people, and to donate to my Flood Relief Appeal https://www.dow.org.au/giving/ , so that with your support, we can meet this goal. +BM</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>POPE: PACT BETWEEN PEOPLE, PLANET NEEDED: In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Creation, the Pope said the current climate crisis is a call for men and women, especially Christians, to “repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems”. “The present state of decay of our common home merits the same attention as other global challenges such as grave health crises and wars. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” The theme of the World Day of Prayer for Creation, which will be celebrated on 1 September is “Listen to the voice of creation.” Reflecting on the theme, the Pope said that there is “a kind of dissonance” when one listens to the “voice of creation”. “On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home,” The Pope said the earth has fallen “prey to our consumerist excesses” and to a “tyrannical anthropocentrism,” an attitude in which people think they are the centre of the universe. Such an attitude is at odds “with Christ’s centrality in the work of creation”. Francis highlighted the need to change “models of consumption and production, as well as lifestyles” and transform them into something respectful of creation and integral human development. “Underlying all this,” the Pope wrote, “there is need for a covenant between human beings and the environment, which, for us believers, is a mirror reflecting the creative love of God, from whom we come and toward whom we are journeying.” <i>Cathnews 23 July 2022</i></p>	

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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. 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>	
Continuing FOR ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN	<p>LIVE Local Illawarra</p> <p>LIVE Local is a Regional Youth Group run by the CYMW and NET Team which runs every Friday night during school term from 7 - 9pm, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall. 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>	<p>Click to download CYMW Poster</p>

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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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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>	
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>	

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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>	
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>	

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