

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	26 March 2024	<b>For weekend:</b>	30 – 31 March 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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<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Catechist Training Course Level 2</b></p> <p>The Level 2 Course is a chance for all SRE Teachers and Helpers to take their knowledge of teaching and the Catholic Faith deeper. It focuses on a variety of topics to help you grow as a Catechist and Catholic.</p> <p><b>Mondays – Wollongong</b> – Xavier Centre (36 Harbour St, Wollongong)  <b>Fridays – Campbelltown</b> – Emmaus Centre (5 Allman St, Campbelltown)            Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm</p> <p><b>Dates:</b>            Week 1 - Mon 29 April / Fri 3 May            Week 2 - Mon 6 May / Fri 10 May            Week 3 - Mon 13 May / Fri 17 May            Week 4 - Mon 20 May / Fri 24 May            Week 5 - Mon 27 May / Fri 31 May            Week 6 - Mon 3 June / Fri 7 June</p> <p>Please register your attendance at either the Level 2 Course in Wollongong or Campbelltown by clicking the link below, noting that you can attend either course and that if you miss one day, you can attend the other course so as to not miss any topics.</p> <p><a href="#">REGISTER HERE</a></p>	

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NEW	<p><b>CatholicCare's Fostering Futures program</b> are seeking separate forever homes for two boys, Lachlan* aged 11 years and Jacob* aged 9 years.</p> <p>Lachlan is a happy, loving boy would like a family who can take him to the park to ride his scooter, kick a football around or push him on the swing. An ideal carer for Lachlan is someone who can help him find his feet in new surroundings.</p> <p>Jacob has a strong connection to his Samoan heritage. He loves to play Pokemon on his Nintendo switch and watch superhero movies. He enjoys swimming, soccer, and basketball. Your consistency and stability will help create an environment that is loving, predictable and somewhere Jacob feels safe.</p> <p>There is a critical shortage of foster carers at the moment and Lachlan and Jacob have both been waiting for a long time for their forever homes. They are currently living with a roster of staff who are meeting their basic needs, but like all kids they deserve a home where they feel safe, secure and loved.</p> <p>CatholicCare have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. Carers receive comprehensive support including training, regular case worker support and career allowance for the child's day-to-day financial needs.</p> <p>If you can provide a safe and supportive home for Lachlan or Jacob, or kids like them, we'd love to hear from you. Please call 0418 783 956 or email <a href="mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au">fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a> for more information and we will support you every step of the way.</p> <p><i>*names have been changed for privacy</i></p>	
Continuing Position Vacant	<p><b>Executive Assistant   Welcoming and Information – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</b></p> <p>An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably experienced and qualified person to apply for the role of Executive Assistant   Welcoming and Information. Please visit the website <a href="http://dow.org.au/JOBS/">dow.org.au/JOBS/</a> Applications can be emailed to <a href="mailto:recruitment@dow.org.au">recruitment@dow.org.au</a> For all enquiries, call Robin Williams on (02) 4222 2402</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Legion of Mary – Annual ACIES Ceremony</b></p> <p>Invites all members present, past and auxiliary to the Annual ACIES Ceremony at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra at 2pm on Sunday 14 April 2024. All are welcome and light refreshments will be provided afterwards in the parish room. Enquiries call 0449 807 814</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 17 – 19 May 2024 at Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale</b></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) Enquiries: Jude Hennessy (02 4222 2407 / <a href="mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au">jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</a>)</p> <p>Camping &amp; 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: <a href="https://dow.org.au/events/compass-catholic-family-camping-weekend">dow.org.au/events/compass-catholic-family-camping-weekend</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Women Alive Retreat – A Spiritual Retreat for Women</b></p> <p>Saturday 13 April 2024, 9:30am-3:30pm Venue: St John’s Parish Hall, 31 Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown</p> <p><b>Please confirm your intention to attend the retreat by messaging Maria on 0433 905 968.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>
NEW each week	<p><b>The Journey, 31 March 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Bishop Brian Mascord’s Easter message; let us hesitate no longer. Mother Hilda says the good news is that there's a God who wants only your happiness and your peace. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron and Francine Pirola, and Fr Joshua Whitehead. The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p> <p><b><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or <a href="#">click to download the file</a> for parishes to display on their digital screen)</i></b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click to download jpg file</a></p>
Continuing	<p><b>First Saturday Devotions at St Columbkille’s Parish Centre, Corrimal   6 April (each month a different devotion)</b></p> <p>April is devoted to Divine Mercy with a video presentation at 3 pm. Enjoy shared afternoon tea at 4 pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, International Rosary, Benediction, Anointing of the Sick at 4:30 pm. Reconciliation starts at 5:30 pm, leading to Holy Mass at 6 pm. All are welcome! Please bring a plate to share if possible.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Catholic Bible Study   Thursdays, 7:30-9pm* Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong)</b></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><b>* Thursdays during school term</b></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Emmaus Silent Retreat   Friday 19 April - Sunday 21 April, Varroville</b></p> <p>Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus. Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women: <a href="http://trybooking.com/CNSXK">trybooking.com/CNSXK</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Restore Palliative Care Funding</b></p> <p>In the last State budget, \$150 million was slashed from palliative care, having a direct effect on how people die in NSW. It flies in the face of guarantees made at the time of the passing of new laws for Euthanasia, ensuring that everyone in NSW would have true choice as to how they died. No one should be pushed into euthanasia because of funding issues. People of faith need to urgently stand up for the sanctity of human life by objecting to these cuts. Please urgently sign this petition and invite friends and family to do the same <a href="https://bit.ly/restorethefunding">https://bit.ly/restorethefunding</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>A vocation view</b></p> <p><b>Easter Sunday (31/03/24)</b></p> <p>“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!” This day changes everything. The power of sin and death are broken, live in the freedom that comes solely in Christ. (Psalm 118)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Men's Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men</b></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 <a href="mailto:djbarrett85@gmail.com">djbarrett85@gmail.com</a> or phone: 0410 487 630.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>'Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage' 10 – 20 October 2024</b></p> <p>The October 2024 itinerary for the 'Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop' pilgrimage has been released. Set out on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscape, and spirit of our nation's first saint. Please share this news with family, friends, and fellow parishioners. As it is expected that this pilgrimage will 'sell out', everyone wanting to attend is encouraged to submit your deposit as soon as possible. It is the hope of Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) to be chaplain on the October 2024 departure. More info, including the costs and itinerary, can be found HERE: <a href="http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop">www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="384 790 1232 1283" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>A gift to the Church in your will</b> ... <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 <a href="http://dow.sh/legacy">dow.sh/legacy</a>, call the diocesan representative on <b>4222 2446</b>, or scan the <b>QR code</b> here ▶</p>  </div> <p><b>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image <a href="#">click here</a>)</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</b></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 <a href="http://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen">watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen</a> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (<a href="#">download</a>) or for your <i>Smart TV</i>. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>CatholicCare are currently looking for Community Support Workers</b></p> <p>Becoming a CatholicCare Community Support Worker will give you a career that you love, whilst providing a valuable connection to people living with a disability or the aged in our Diocese. If you want to find out more about becoming a Community Support Worker go to <a href="http://catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/">catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/</a> or call 4227 1122.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Cathedral Books &amp; Gifts Wollongong</b></p> <p>Cathedral Books &amp; 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. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>In a world where the number of migrants and refugees is increasing while the willingness to welcome them is decreasing and where the foreigner is viewed with increasing suspicion, it is appropriate for the Church to engage decisively in education, in the culture of dialogue and encounter, combating racism and xenophobia, especially through pastoral formation. Equally, it is necessary to engage in concrete projects for the integration of migrants. -- <i>'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm</b></p> <p><b>reFUEL</b> 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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>CAtHFAMILY</b></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  <a href="https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/">https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</b></p> <p>Faith Circles is a weekly resource to help individuals but mainly small groups to come together in Parishes. In doing so it assists in the development of faith and community, a strong desire expressed in our Diocesan feedback from the National Church Life Survey. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use with simple questions and prayer points. It is available to download at <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/">www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/</a> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	