

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	26 September 2023	For weekend:	30 September – 1 October 2023

RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.

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Continuing	<p>Called by Name: Macarthur Young Adults Gathering Campbelltown Catholic Club, Saturday 28 October 6:45pm - 9pm</p> <p>We live in a chaotic world that often leaves us struggling to understand who we truly are, our purpose, and our calling in life. If you've found yourself contemplating these questions, you're not alone! We all crave a profound sense of purpose in our lives, and an understanding of "whose" we are and what we were created for.</p> <p>We extend to you this personal invitation to engage with fellow young adults from 17—35 years old, guided by a panel who will openly share the stories and learnings from their own journeys, with an opportunity for Q&A throughout the discussion.</p> <p>This event is the beginning of a regional initiative connecting young adults in the Macarthur, though young adults from all throughout the Diocese are most welcome. Register now: dow.sh/cbn23. If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
UPDATED	<p>Morocco Earthquake Appeal</p> <p>Please support Caritas Australia's Morocco Earthquake Appeal. Morocco has been struck by a devastating 6.8 magnitude earthquake, which has caused thousands of deaths. Your support is needed now.</p> <p>Donate online: www.caritas.org.au/morocco</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Blessing of Animals, Monday, 2 October at 9:30am</p> <p>As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 2 October at 9:30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep the larger crocodiles on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Wednesday, 4 October, with Mass at 9:00am – animals are welcome at that Mass. Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.</p>	
Continuing	<p>CWL West Wollongong 60th Anniversary Celebration</p> <p>You are warmly invited to the 60th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 8 October 2023, 10am at St Therese, West Wollongong. Refreshments following in the St Therese Parish Centre. RSVP: 1 October to Colleen 0428 788 921 or Cath 0432 647 285</p>	
Continuing	<p>Centenary of St Michael's Parish, Thirroul</p> <p>Now taking orders for Centenary keepsakes - centenary book, engraved wine glasses and wine (red or white). Order forms available on the parish website (www.thirroulcatholic.org.au), Parish Office (4268 1976) and in the church. Please send by 30 September. Those wishing to attend on 28 October (www.dow.org.au) Please contact parish office by 14 October for catering purposes. Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com. 0407 672 417.</p>	
Continuing	<p>A women's opportunity to experience a Cursillo Diocesan Women's Retreat</p> <p>A Cursillo Diocesan Women's Retreat will be held at Carmel House, Varroville from Thursday 6pm 5 October to Sunday 4:30pm 8 October 2023. To view brochure and find out more, please scan the QR code, click the link, or dow.org.au/events/cursillo-diocesan-womens-retreat/ email cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com or ring Geraldine Dayball on 0421 329 365</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Made Free: Creative Retreat, Carmel House (Varroville), 20-22 October 2023</p> <p>Come on retreat with the MGL Sisters and recapture the freedom you were made for through a range of creative prayer experiences aimed to help you let go of what is burdening you so that God might fill you again with life.</p> <p>More information: email mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com</p> <p>Book online by 6th October: http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRD</p>	
Continuing	<p>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 27 – 29 Oct 2023</p> <p>The weekend is designed to unite families of every age, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, all to celebrate the incredible gift of family life.</p> <p>Mark your calendars now for a wonderful chance to bring families from all over the Diocese together in a laid-back setting to connect and enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together. To avoid missing out on this incredible opportunity, contact us now to secure your spot.</p> <p>Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size)</p> <p>For more details and to register: www.dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 1 October 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mike Delaney asks where do we stand today in our response to God's call to be a disciple in the vineyard? Mother Hilda on harnessing the energies of love. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au

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Continuing	<p>Catholic Medical Association National Conference 10-12 Nov 2023</p> <p>Those who work in health care are invited to attend The First National Catholic Medical Association Conference. Ethical Medicine is at an important crossroad and Catholic practitioners are confronted everyday with an increasingly secular workplace. This conference aims to address a number of the current and emerging issues confronting the Catholic practitioner. This is also a time where we can connect with each other and become more acquainted with the professionals within our network. For more information and registration: The Conference will also enable the First ever National “White Mass’ for Catholic Health Care professionals.</p> <p>https://acma.glueup.com/event/acma-national-conference-2023-85401/</p>	
Continuing	<p>Season of Creation 2023</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 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>	
Continuing	<p>CatholicCare Fostering Futures</p> <p>The Fostering Futures team are urgently looking for a forever home for Ollie* who is 8 years old. Ollie is a very engaging, outgoing, polite and active boy. Ollie enjoys swimming, going to the park, playing Nintendo, watching movies, colouring in, and trying new foods. Ollie would love to learn to ride a bike and play soccer or Oz Tag. Ollie is looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, caring, calm, and patient who can give him a sense of security and belonging.</p> <p>You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au for more information. Fostering Futures will support you every step of the way.</p> <p>*name has been changed for privacy</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Coniston Homeless Hub</p> <p>Our centre is located at 12-16 Miller St, Coniston. The Vinnies Van operates out of this centre and provides emergency food relief and items for daily living to people experiencing homelessness and those living in difficult circumstances, 5 days a week. The Vinnies Homeless Hub and the Vinnies Van would be grateful for any one off or regular donations of food items, small toiletry items, sleeping bags, warm jackets, gloves, beanies, and snacks/poppers for school aged children.</p> <p>The Vinnies Homeless Hub accepts donations 9am-12pm Monday-Friday. Please call the Vinnies Hub on 4228 9355 or Kelly McCrohon, Vinnies Van Coordinator on (02) 5612 1357 or M: 0476 532 002, or E: vinniesvan@vinnies.org.au for any queries</p>	
Continuing	<p>ARETE - Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program 2024</p> <p>Applications for our Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program 2024 are now officially open! If you have a strong desire to deepen your faith, acquire practical leadership skills, theological knowledge, and spiritual formation to effectively serve Christ in today's Church, then our program is specifically designed for you.</p> <p>Please note that spaces for our Foundations of Missionary Leadership program for 2024 are limited and expected to fill quickly. Don't hesitate, take action now to ensure your place!</p> <p>Find out more: https://www.aretecentre.org/</p>	
Continuing	<p>Micah House Resource Centre Campbelltown</p> <p>All of the faithful, especially in the Macarthur Region, are invited to visit the CCD & Evangelisation Resource Centre and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some fellowship.</p> <p>Exciting News! The Shop is Now Open, with books, gifts, and cards for many occasions, particularly sacraments. We also have expanded the Resource Library, with a wider selection of materials that anyone from parishes can borrow for personal faith development.</p> <p>The Centre is open from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday, at 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown (Entry from the Rear). Please contact Cindy Oliver at cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or call 4640 8550 for any inquiries.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you!</p>	

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Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="437 640 1219 1003" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>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) https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</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. Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>Something that I read from a great Italian jurist, Paolo Grossi, who was also the President of the Constitutional Court and who died last year. He said: "The community is always a safety belt for the vulnerable and also provides a voice for those who have no voice of their own" - Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Members of the "Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice" Foundation, Clementine Hall, Monday, 5 June 2023</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: 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>	
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.</p> <p>Please visit https://dow.sh/parishgiving to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
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>	

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