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## BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	1 February 2023	For weekend:	4 – 5 February 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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NEW	Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony Sunday 16 April 2023 Cataract Dam Picnic Area 11am – 3.30pm  Hosted by: Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. Please see flyer for contacts and additional details.	Click to download flyer
NEW	• Bible in a Year Last year, Ascension Press ran the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. It was the world's number 1 Religious Podcast with over 250 million downloads. It will run again throughout 2023 – and while a new podcast is released daily, you can do it at your own pace signing up at <a href="www.ascensionpress.com/biy">www.ascensionpress.com/biy</a> and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.	
	• Catechism in a Year  This year, Ascension Press have commenced the Catechism in a Year podcast which will slowly and prayerfully read through and break open the Catechism over 365 days. It's not too late to catch up, and the daily podcasts can be listened to at your own pace. It is available at <a href="https://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy">www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</a>	

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NEW	The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus  The Chosen is a new 'free to view', series, now in its third season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations.  Go to watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via The Chosen app (download) or for your Smart TV. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.	
NEW POSITION VACANT	Committee for the Aged - CatholicCare  The Committee for the Aged is a volunteer committee of CatholicCare that meets monthly online and bimonthly in person to support the needs of ageing members of the diocese. Committee members assist with information sharing for ageing people and their families. The Committee is recruiting members who bring knowledge and understanding of ageing or related topics or have other areas of expertise.  Expressions of interest are welcome from parishioners from across the diocese to be part of this committee for a term of three (3) years.  For more information, please contact Jane Hollier Parish & Community Liaison Officer at Catholic Care on 0417 018 152  or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au to get an information pack including the position description posted or emailed to you.	
UPDATED	The CCD Team will commence the Level 1 training course for all new volunteers of Special Religious Education (SRE) in State Schools and for current SRE Catechists wanting a refresher. Week 1 at each location will cover Child Protection and Classroom Management training, which needs to be updated by all SRE Catechists every three years. The course will run 9:30am – 1:30pm over five consecutive weeks, starting on Monday 6 February at Micah House, Campbelltown, and Friday 10 February at the Xavier Centre, Wollongong. The Friday course will include a Zoom option, for those unable to attend in person. Come and join this great ministry!  To register please click here or email support@ccdwollongong.com. For more information, please see the Course Outline	

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NEW POSITION VACANT	Operations and Facilities Manager – Marist Hermitage Spirituality Centre  An exciting opportunity exists for an experienced Operations and Facilities Manager to lead the operations of the Marist Hermitage Spirituality Centre. Areas of responsibility include: facilities, HR, IT, compliance, workplace health and safety, guest relations and site management. The role is a full-time role based in Mittagong NSW with some flexibility available.  For further information and to obtain a copy of the Position Description, please contact Nevine Piperides at Reach HR on 0418 698 327.	
Continuing	<ul> <li>Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 400-Hour Foundational Unit</li> <li>Are you interested in: <ul> <li>Growing in knowledge, understanding and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care.</li> <li>Deeping your awareness of God's presence in your life and of people's needs, hopes, and concerns during times of illness</li> <li>Becoming more aware of your own values, attitudes, and assumptions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>CPE Foundational Unit will be offered as a blend of both online and face-to-face sessions conducted on two consecutive days per month from 14 March 2023 to 8 November 2023.</li> <li>For more information and/or an application form, please contact Carmen Karauda at <a href="mailto:ckarauda@gmail.com">ckarauda@gmail.com</a> or phone: 0419 430 676.</li> <li>Applications are now open. Please apply early. Applications close on 17 February 2023</li> </ul>	Click to download brochure
Continuing	Laudato Si' and Ecology Weekend Retreat in our Diocese 3 - 5 March 2023  An Evolutionary Spirituality Retreat will be held from 3 - 5 March at the Guntawang Environmental Bushland Retreat at Oakdale. The cost is \$95 and includes basic bunk room accommodation or bring your own Van / Tent in this beautiful bush setting. The Seven Hills Parish Social Justice Group extends the invitation to anyone from the Diocese of Wollongong. The retreat will be facilitated by Br Frank Richardson and follows the theme "In the Holy Spirit the whole universe is linked together". There will be times of reflection, dialogue, and encounters within natural bushland.  Enquiries and Applications to attend may be made to <a href="mailto:antiphon1@outlook.com">antiphon1@outlook.com</a> / Phone enquiries: 0429 595 231	Click to download brochure  Click to download Poster

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Continuing	Advance notice: St Michael's Parish Thirroul will celebrate its centenary on 30 October 2023. Special events will be held on 28 October 2023. Details will be announced in the coming months. Anyone with a connection with the parish is invited to join us. Organisers are also interested in any stories and photos of the parish to include in a centenary publication. Inquiries to Judy Bull, <a href="mailto:judy.bull@bigpond.com">judy.bull@bigpond.com</a>	
Continuing	FORMED (Free for DoW Parishioners)  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.  To register for FORMED:  Go to <a href="https://www.formed.org">www.formed.org</a> Click 'Sign up' button.  Click 'Sign Up as a Parishioner'  Type 'Catholic Diocese of Wollongong' into the box on the left.  Then click the Diocese's name and address (38 Harbour St) which will appear  Enter your name and email address. You'll get a confirmation email asking you to sign in and then follow the prompts.	
Continuing	The Christian's Final Journey (February 2023) One-Day Workshop  Hosted by the ACU Centre for Liturgy, this course on Thursday 9 February 2023 at the Polding Centre (133 Liverpool St, Sydney) from 9:00am to 5:00pm (8:30am registration) is designed for anyone interested in learning more about this topic.  The Pastoral Formation Day investigates Catholic practices around burial and cremation, incorporating problem-solving, sharing experiences, and identifying best practices for Catholic funerals informed by expert advice. The cost is \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook). Registration: www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training Enquiries: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au or 02 9701 4751.	
NEW	The Journey, 5 February 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast  On The Journey This Week: In the Gospel reflection Fr Chris de Sousa says we are salt and the light to those immediately around us. Mother Hilda shares a story on trust and how God also places trust in us. Plus, Stewart Brady from MenAlive, Trish McCarthy, and Fr Dave Callaghan. The Journey podcast available at <a href="https://www.jcr.org.au.">www.jcr.org.au.</a>	jcr.org.au

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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	
Continuing	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 <a href="https://dow.sh/parishgiving">https://dow.sh/parishgiving</a> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.	
Continuing	The CCD Resource Centre – Micah House Campbelltown.  The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown will be fully operational for borrowing from Monday 30 January 2023.  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 <a href="mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au">cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</a> or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.	

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NEW	A vocation view  'I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.' In the Cross is our salvation, proclaim that salvation in all you do! (1 Cor 2:2)  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  Promote resources on responding to family and domestic violence. <a href="https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au">https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au</a>	
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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</a>	
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) to an Audience with him at Paul VI Hall, the Vatican, at 11.30am on 13 May 2023.  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: <a href="cvm2090@gmail.com">cvm2090@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="dow.sh/stayingconnected">dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> or visit <a href="dow.sh/weeklybulletin">dow.sh/weeklybulletin</a> 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 <a href="mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au">intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a>	
Continuing	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/	