


BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	1 November 2023	For weekend:	4 – 5 November 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	<p>Young Adults and Vocations - What's Next?</p> <p>On Saturday 28 October, more than 60 young adults from Macarthur and other parts of the Diocese gathered at Campbelltown Catholic Club for the "Called By Name" event, where they heard inspiring testimonies from a panel about finding their calling in life, followed by Q and A.</p> <p>The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we are grateful to those who promoted the event, those who supported the event on the night, and especially to every young person who came along! If you weren't able to attend the event, we would love to hear from you what you are looking for in potential young adults initiatives by filling out this Google Form: tinyurl.com/dowyoungadults.</p> <p>Also check out our new Vocations page on the Diocesan website at dow.org.au/media-resources/vocations/ with upcoming events and resources. If you would like help discerning your vocation Fr Duane would love to hear from you at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Catholic Bible Study - Thursdays 7:30-9pm - Xavier Conference Room, Wollongong Cathedral commencing 9 November</p> <p>You are warmly invited to join us in studying the Bible from the mind and heart of the Catholic Church. The Study is open to anyone who is interested in engaging more intimately with the living Word of God in an atmosphere of prayer, discussion, and reflection. Discover the joy that comes with belonging to the People of God, whose story the Bible is a story that we continue to live and make today. <i>The Catholic Bible Study is a work of the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community.</i></p> <p>To register your interest please SMS/call: Tom Kadmon on 0413 927 086.</p>	Click to download Invitation Flyer

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NEW	<p>Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal</p> <p>An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.</p> <p><i>‘This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.’</i></p> <p>Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia</p> <p>With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.</p> <div data-bbox="395 831 580 1016" style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;">  </div> <p style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin-left: 10px;">Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal.</p> <p>You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
NEW	<p>St Mary’s Singers is presenting a concert in St Mary’s Cathedral Sydney called ‘Church Music Through the Year’ 17 November 2023</p> <p>It features Mozart’s Coronation Mass in C Major K217 (excluding the Credo). The programme takes us on a journey through a year in the musical life of the sacred liturgy.</p> <p>It includes many choral favourites including Haydn’s ‘The Heavens are Telling’ from the Creation and two movements from Handel’s Messiah ‘For unto us a child is born’ and the ‘Hallelujah’ Chorus. William Byrd’s unaccompanied ‘Emendemus in Melius’ and the Pentecost plainchant verse ‘Veni Creator Spiritus’ provide moments of quiet contemplation. There will be solo organ works and congregational hymns when audience participation is encouraged.</p> <p>The soloists are soprano Anna Sandstrom, alto Anna Fraser, tenor William Varga and bass/baritone Ben Caukwell. The choir is directed by Titus Grenyer with Callum Knox on the Grand Organ.</p> <p>Tickets on sale now via: trybooking.com/events/landing/1097546</p>	<p>Click here to download flyer</p>

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NEW	<p>Advent begins Year B & the Gospel of Mark. To prepare come and meet Mark, his Gospel and his Jesus</p> <p>Three Tuesday evenings: 7.30pm - 9.30pm via ZOOM 21 & 28 November, 5 December Booking link: https://www.trybooking.com/CLYVL before 1pm 20 Nov</p> <p>This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation. Further information: Emilia 0418 120 902</p>	
Continuing	<p>Diocesan Annual Catechist Mass</p> <p>The Annual Catechist Mass and awards ceremony will occur on Saturday 11 November, at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming all our Life Members, award recipients, active and retired Catechists, special guests and their families.</p> <p>The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord and concelebrated by clergy of the Diocese. A light luncheon will follow in the Xavier Conference Rooms.</p> <p>Please check your email for your invitation. To RSVP click here or for more information please contact Helen Bennett on helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>FEARLESS Catholic Online Gathering Tuesday 14 November 2023</p> <p>NSW VIC ACT TAS - 7:00pm</p> <p>Join Alpha Catholic teams from across Australia to share your Alpha stories, be renewed in the Spirit and encouraged to continue forward in the Lord's Great Commission to "Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19).</p> <p>Register Here Now</p>	
Continuing	<p>Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship 2024/2025</p> <p>This initiative of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM) has been offered since 2006 to young women aged 25-35 years. The Fellowship provides financial sponsorship toward a graduate certificate in theological studies and a supportive community of women and spiritual accompaniment for future leaders.</p> <p>A more detailed outline of Fellowship inclusions and schedule can be found at www.nce.catholic.org.au/womensfellowship</p> <p>Applications close Thursday 16 November.</p>	

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 5 November 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mike Delaney’s Gospel reflection on the way we present ourselves to God and others, Mother Hilda’s story about an ant hiding in a sugar bowl just like we try to hide from God. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Mark Raue and the bush deacon, Josh Clayton.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au
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>El Roi: The God Who Sees Me (Women's Retreat) Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville 17-19 November 2023</p> <p>Prepare for Advent through this women's retreat with the MGL Sisters, as we spend time together listening to God's unique heart of love for each one of us. This retreat is supported by the Catholic Women's Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney.</p> <p>Bookings: trybooking.com/CFBRE (by 3 November)</p> <p>Contact: Bernadette - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com</p>	Click to download flyer
Continuing	<p>One Music Festival Saturday 25 November 2023 2pm-9pm</p> <p>A Christian music and arts festival for all ages to be held at Kiama Showground and Pavilion. Organised by local Kiama Churches in partnership with Scripture Union NSW.</p> <p>Live music including Emu Music, Aslandia, MayFair Lane, Seraph Music, Fern Johnston, Thirsty Tree Music, Naomi Grace and more. Creative arts space, Quizworx Kids Show, Food Vans, market stalls, games, messages of hope and all with scenic views. For more information and tickets go to http://www.onemusicfestival.com</p>	Click to download flyer

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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><i>*name has been changed for privacy</i></p>	
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>	

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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>	
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>	
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="437 1532 1219 1895" style="border: 1px solid black; 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>	

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NEW	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>“Although the post-industrial period may well be remembered as one of the most irresponsible in history, nonetheless there is reason to hope that humanity at the dawn of the twenty-first century will be remembered for having generously shouldered its grave responsibilities”.</p> <p>- <i>Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Members of the "Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice" Foundation, Clementine Hall, Monday, 5 June 2023</i></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>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.</p> <p>To register for FORMED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to www.formed.org • 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. 	

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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 https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</p>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource</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 www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	