

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	2 August 2023	For weekend:	5 – 6 August 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>Ordination to the Diaconate Invitation</p> <p>Bishop Brian Mascord DD will be ordaining to the diaconate, Lawrence Burns and Rodney Mackrill on Saturday 2 September 2023 at 10.30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the ceremony in the Xavier Conference Room.</p> <p>RSVP by 25 August 2023 via this link RSVP</p>	
NEW	<p>Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 20–22 October 2023 Cataract Scout Camp Appin</p> <p>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. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12–and 16 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.</p> <p>Register online https://www.dow.org.au/events/menalive-growing-good-men-weekend/ or contact Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</p>	

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NEW	<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-12md 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>	
NEW	<p>Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration</p> <p>You are invited to register for the national liturgy and music conference "Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration" hosted by the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network together with the National Liturgical Council, commencing 28 - 30 September 2023 at the Hilton Hotel in Brisbane.</p> <p>This promises to be an outstanding conference for the Australian Catholic community in response to the Pope's call for a "serious and dynamic liturgical formation" within the Catholic church.</p> <p>For all the details, including keynote speakers and workshop presenters, please go to http://www.mysteryandmission.com.au You may watch the promotional video here https://youtu.be/0pyclmMFrGA</p>	
NEW	<p>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>	

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NEW	<p>Made for More than this - Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership OPEN NIGHT!</p> <p>Join Fr Chris Ryan MGL and an exciting panel of guests including Fr Rob Galea, Fr Simon Lobo, Co-author of Preaching on Purpose and Parish Priest at St Benedict, Halifax, and others, for a wide-ranging conversation about the powerful role lay people can play in the Church's Mission. Guests can also find out more about the Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program and how they can enrol for 2024.</p> <p>The Open night takes place on Thursday 17 August 2023 at 7.30 pm. Register at www.aretecentre.org for this free event.</p>	
Continuing	<p>2023 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass</p> <p>If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 17 September 2023 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.</p> <p>Please register online at dow.sh/ma23 or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Friday 4 August 2023.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Scam Email Warning</p> <p>There is an email scam circulating using names of priests of the Diocese. It includes a prayer, designed to make it seem genuine, and a "request that it must be managed discreetly". Eventually the scammer asks for money, or gift cards, or similar. It is easy for the scammers to set up an email address and then sign off with the name of a priest. <i>Please be wary of this scam.</i></p> <p>Also, note that my email address, firstname.surname@dow.org.au is the standard format of an email address for a priest of our Diocese. If ever in doubt, please contact the Parish Office before replying to a message. Be assured that I will never personally contact any of you via email or text asking for money, gift cards, or other financial support. God bless you all.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>MenALIVE Macarthur Regional Weekend, 9-10 September, Micah House, Campbelltown. Cost \$70 per person (\$50 concession)</p> <p>Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life.</p> <p>So many men have had their faith transformed and renewed by the experience of menALIVE, and this is an opportunity for men who have attended a menALIVE regional weekend in the past, and men who haven't, to come together to affirm the words of St Irenaeus all over again: "God is glorified when men are fully alive!"</p> <p>Register: dow.sh/MACampbelltown2023</p>	
Continuing	<p>Raising Fathers: Fathering from the Front Line Speaker: Robert Falzon Monday 28 August 2023 Level 1, Micah House Resource Centre 7:00pm–8:30pm Cost: Free</p> <p>Join other dads and father figures for this special evening event as Robert Falzon unpacks practical advice and shares stories that are powerfully important, impacting, informative and instructional for fathering in today's world.</p> <p>RSVP by 27 August. Enquiries: jude.hennessy@dow.org.au Register: dow.sh/RF2023</p>	

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 30 July 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week Fr Richard Healey says a powerful way to meditate upon the transfiguration scene is to contrast the scene of Calvary and the crucifixion of Jesus with this transfiguration event. Mother Hilda says our eyes look exactly the same as God’s eyes. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	<p>jcr.org.au</p>
Continuing	<p>CCD Level 1 Catechist Course (Term 3) will run on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbelltown Venue: Level 1, Micah House Address: 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown Dates: Monday 31 July, 7, 14, 21, and 28 August 2023 Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm • Wollongong Venue: Conference Rooms, Xavier Centre Address: 38 Harbour St, Wollongong Dates: Friday 4, 11, 18, 25 August and 1 September Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm <p>Zoom option: If you are unable to attend in person, you are able to join the Wollongong session on Zoom. To register follow this link or contact Cindy Oliver at support@ccdwoollongong.com.</p> <p>Please note that the first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be revisited by SRE Catechists <u>every three years</u>. To register for the mandatory Child Protection and Classroom Management update, please follow this link.</p>	

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NEW	<div data-bbox="395 320 592 483"> </div> <div data-bbox="612 315 1141 479"> <p>Catholic Business Connections DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG</p> </div> <p>CBC September Luncheon - All welcome The next Luncheon will be held Friday 8 September 2023 at Rydges Campbelltown between 11:45 AM -2:00 PM The guest speaker is Pauline Carrigan OAM founder of <i>Where there's a Will</i>, an organisation which exists to create a community where enhanced mental health and wellbeing allows the Upper Hunter community to thrive and flourish. Pauline will share her journey and how she is effecting true cultural change in our schools.</p> <p><i>Education is the key, more specifically, Positive Education.</i> For more information or to purchase a ticket please scan the QR code OR visit https://www.dow.org.au/events/cbc-september-2023-luncheon/ RSVP Thursday 31 August</p>	

NEW**A vocation view**

“Lord, it is good that we are here.” It is always good to be in the presence of God.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocations Awareness Week begins on August 6th - coinciding as always with the feast of Australia’s first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This is a reminder that we are all called to be saints, which is to say that we are called through our baptism to follow Jesus in his way of love. This universal call then manifests uniquely in God’s plan for each one of us. In the words of Pope Francis:

“Our common vocation to give ourselves in love develops and finds concrete expression in the life of lay men and women, devoted to raising a family as a small domestic church and working as a leaven of the Gospel to renew the different sectors of society; in the testimony of consecrated women and men who are completely committed to God for the sake of their brothers and sisters as a prophetic sign of the kingdom of God; in ordained ministers – deacons, priests and bishops – placed at the service of preaching, prayer and fostering the communion of the holy People of God... The Church is a vocational “symphony”, with every vocation united yet distinct, in harmony and joined together in “going forth” to radiate throughout the world the new life of the kingdom of God” (Message for 2023 World Day of Prayer for Vocations).

For help discerning your specific vocational path, contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director, at vocations@dow.org.au – he would love to hear from you!


As you prepare to mark National Vocations Awareness Week, you may wish to choose or adapt some of the following prayers of the faithful:
For all the baptised: may they grow in gratitude for the gift of being called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart to proclaim everywhere God’s mighty works. We pray to the Lord


For married people: that they will recognize the holiness of their calling, bringing the love of Christ to each other and to the children entrusted to their care. We pray to the Lord.

For all priests and deacons: through the grace of ordination and the support of God’s people, may they serve those entrusted to their care with the humility and love of Christ. We pray to the Lord.

For those in consecrated life: may they be continually renewed and refreshed by the love of Christ, and radiate his light to the world. We pray to the Lord

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	<p>For those discerning the call to priesthood and consecrated life: may they be supported by the church and by their families to respond generously wherever Christ leads them. We pray to the Lord</p> <p>For all young Catholics: that amidst the many voices of our time, they will seek above all the voice of Jesus, calling them to fullness of life. We pray to the Lord.</p> <p>For those who do not yet know Christ: through the witness of our parish community, may they hear the loving voice of the Good Shepherd calling them to follow him. We pray to the Lord.</p> <p>If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>St Padre Pio Retreat Day at St Columbkille’s Parish Centre and Church 3:00pm to 7:00pm Saturday 9 September 2023</p> <p>Fr Patrick Vaughan is hosting a retreat afternoon where people can come together for prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join.</p> <p>During this retreat, a video on St Padre Pio will be shown. After the video, there will be an afternoon tea before moving on to devotions in the Church. Participants will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation before attending the Vigil Mass with the Corrimal parish community.</p>	
Continuing	<p>A women’s opportunity to experience a Cursillo three-day weekend</p> <p>A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville from Thursday evening 5 October to Sunday afternoon 8 October 2023.</p> <p>To view brochure and find out more, please scan the QR code, click the link, email cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com or ring Geraldine Dayball on 0421 329 365.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Centenary celebration for St Michael's Parish, Thirroul</p> <p>St Michael's parish Thirroul will be celebrating the parish centenary on 28 October 2023 at 5.30pm. Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord followed by community picnic/BBQ in school grounds. We are seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com 0407 672 417.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="437 696 1219 1061" 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>	
Continuing	<p>Is It In Your Nature?</p> <p>For some children life doesn't always go to plan.</p> <p>Foster carers come from all walks of life and from every cultural background. What matters most is your ability to care for and nurture a child or young person in loving and safe homes as foster parents.</p> <p>There is an ever-increasing need for Foster Carers in our community with over 60* children within the Illawarra and Macarthur currently requiring care. To learn how you can make a positive impact on a child's future with short term, respite, emergency or permanent care contact Rachelle on 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Men’s Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men</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.</p> <p>For more information, please contact David at djbarrett85@gmail.com or phone: 0410 487 630.</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.</p> <p>Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus</p> <p>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 are receiving acclaim around the world across denominations.</p> <p>Go to watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (download) or for your <i>Smart TV</i>. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</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>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>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p><i>[It] does not require theories on fraternity but concrete gestures and shared decisions that make it a culture of peace. The question to ask ourselves is not what society and the world can give me, but what can I give to my brothers and sisters. When we return home, let us think of some concrete gesture of fraternity that we can make: reconciling with family members, friends and neighbours, praying for those who hurt us, recognizing and helping those in need, speaking words of peace at school, university or in society, “anointing” with closeness those who feel alone.</i></p> <p><i>- WORLD MEETING ON HUMAN FRATERNITY “NOT ALONE” - ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, Saint Peter's Square, Saturday, 10 June 2023</i></p>	

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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>	