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| From: | Mr Jude Hennessy | Ref: | JH/hb:2022/31 |
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| Date: | 2 August 2022 | For weekend: | 6 – 7 August 2022 |

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

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| UPDATED | <p>Level 3 Catechist Course - Open to all Parishioners</p> <p>Taught by a variety of presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Please don't miss the opportunity to come along and invite others in our Church communities to join us as we delve into a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith.</p> <p>This year the presenters for the Level 3 course are: Fr Richard Healey, Seminarian Darren McDowell, Bernadette Toohey MGL, Deacon James Arblaster, Katherine Stone MGL and Fr Bernard Gordon VG.</p> <p>Locations: Campbelltown Catholic Club (Mondays) and Xavier Centre, Wollongong (Fridays). There is also a Zoom option for the Friday course.</p> <p>Dates: Mondays 1 August, 8 August, 15 August, 22 August, 29 August, 5 September Fridays - 5 August, 12 August, 19 August, 26 August, 1 September (Thursday), 9 September</p> <p>Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm Please register at dow.org.au/events or contact Cindy Oliver by emailing support@ccdwoollongong.com or calling 4640 8550.</p> | |

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| NEW | <p>Catechist Retreat 2022</p> <p>All SRE teachers and helpers are welcome to attend the Catechist retreat planned for Monday, Sep 12 in Varroville OR Friday, Sep 16 in Gerringong. Sr Magdalen Mather OSB will facilitate the retreats in both locations. With God's help, Sr Magdalen will help us to move into an Ocean of Grace to be rejuvenated through prayer, contemplation and sharing with each other (flyer attached). Register for the retreat at dow.org.au/events or contact Cindy Oliver by emailing support@ccdwoollongong.com or calling 46408550.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>2022 Pilgrimage – In the Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop</p> <p>You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest, St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and parishioners from across our diocese and beyond on a 2022 pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop.</p> <p>This pilgrimage (departs Melbourne Thursday 13 October 2022 and returns Adelaide Sunday 23 October 2022) is a graced opportunity to set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes, and spirit of our nations' first canonized saint.</p> <p>If you would like more information you can download the pilgrimage brochure HERE: www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop (Alternatively, please contact the Oran Park Parish Office – oranpark@dow.org.au or 02 46482226 – and a brochure can be emailed or posted to you) As places are limited, you are encouraged to book soon to avoid disappointment.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>To all parishioners in the Wollongong Diocese, you are invited to a Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on Monday 8 August at 12 Midday, to celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the 150th Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW.</p> <p>Following Mass Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the new Statue for the Unborn, provided by Catholic Women's League. Light lunch will be provided by Catholic Women's League in the Xavier Centre. All are welcome.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Claiming Hope: Creative Healing Retreat 12 – 14 August</p> <p>Join the MGL Sisters at Carmel House for a healing retreat experience. Come to God in your woundedness, journey with Him through creativity, and allow Him to transform you into a living sign of hope.</p> <p>Enquiries: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com</p> <p>https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJN</p> | |

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| NEW | <p>The Journey, 7 August 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista’s Gospel reflection on being watchful, always ready, and vigilant to respond to God’s quiet voice. Mother Hilda says a 12th Century comment is equally applicable to us today. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook, Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au</p> | jcr.org.au |
| Continuing | <p>menALIVE Growing Good Men Father & Teenage Son Weekend Experience Friday 6.30pm 21 October – Sunday 1.30pm 23 October 2022 to be held at Cataract Activity Centre, Appin</p> <p>A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons. 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.</p> <p>GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10).</p> <p>Don’t miss this! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon (founder of menALIVE) and his team.</p> <p>Please Register and pay online at www.dow.org.au/events Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p> | dow.org.au/events |
| NEW | <p>A vocation view</p> <p>Be alert to God’s presence even in the least expected times, places, and events. You will be ready to respond to God’s call. (Luke 12:32-48) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p> | |

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| Continuing | <p>Free Technology Training for Seniors – Corpus Christi</p> <p>If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or using a QR code, CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Corpus Christi Catholic College offering free technology training again to seniors within our diocese.</p> <p>The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an ‘exchange of gifts’ between both students and seniors. This program has been successful in the Macarthur and last year with the pilot program launched in Shellharbour.</p> <p>There will be 6 sessions through August and September</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>3 August</td> <td>7 September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 August</td> <td>14 September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 August</td> <td>21 September</td> </tr> </table> <p>This session will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic College, time to be advised. Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier, Parish, and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152.</p> | 3 August | 7 September | 10 August | 14 September | 17 August | 21 September | |
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| Continuing | <p>Bishop Brian’s Flood Relief Appeal</p> <p>My prayers and thoughts are with you all as this “never ending rain” continues to cause so much damage and distress in our communities. <i>In a heartfelt video message to his flock in early March, Greg Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore, said it had been “a very tragic few days”. To those who had “lost everything” in these floods, Bishop Greg said that everyone across the diocese was suffering with them. “This has all happened at a time when we were hoping that 2022 would be a year of hope, a good year,” he said.</i> As a diocese, I would like to provide practical support for the people of Lismore. I also want to provide pastoral and practical support for the people in our own diocese who have been and will continue to be impacted by these floods.</p> <p>I invite you to join me in prayer for these people, and to donate to my Flood Relief Appeal https://www.dow.org.au/giving/ , so that with your support, we can meet this goal. +BM</p> | | | | | | | |
| NEW | <p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p><i>Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse</i> points out that the roots of domestic and family violence “lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others” and that “this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us”. – <i>Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2022-23</i></p> | | | | | | | |

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| Continuing | <p>Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal</p> <p>The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.</p> <p>Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.</p> <p>Donate today or call 1800 024 413 toll free.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops</p> <p>The Diocese has completed its XVI Synod Synthesis Report, with the advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing of the faithful of the Diocese, used as the basis of Bishop Mascord's submission in contributing to the XVI Ordinary Synod global church feedback. The Diocese of Wollongong Synthesis Report may be viewed at https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch . Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</p> <p>The Diocesan Resource Centre is in transition to its new premises at the Catholic Education Office, 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong. Resources are still available to borrow during this transitional period.</p> <p>For more information or to request resources, please contact Anne Russell on 0427 072 363. By arrangement, resources can be collected and returned to the Office of the Bishop, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House is now open! Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm - 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au for any enquiries.</p> | |
| Continuing FOR ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN | <p>LIVE Local Illawarra</p> <p>LIVE Local is a Regional Youth Group run by the CYMW and NET Team which runs every Friday night during school term from 7 - 9pm, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall. This regional youth group is for all parishes and is open to young people aged 13 -17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music.</p> <p>For more information, please contact youth@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</p> | <p>Click to download CYMW Poster</p> |

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| Continuing FOR MACARTHUR HIGHLANDS | <p>LIVE Local Macarthur</p> <p>Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm–8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music.</p> <p>For more information, please contact youth@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</p> | |
| 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Join via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</p> <p>Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.</p> <p>Please visit www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</p> <p>Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (insert phone number/email) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.</p> | |
| 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> | |

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| 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. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</p> <p>During this period of COVID pandemic, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by skype / phone with others at this time, with its 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> | |
| Continuing | <p>CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>We're always here if you ever need...</p> <p>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 intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p> | |

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| 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/ | |