

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	2 May 2023	<b>For weekend:</b>	6 – 7 May 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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AMENDED CORRECT DATE	<p><b>Mary Help of Christians Pilgrimage Walk for Life</b></p> <p><b>Friday 19 May 2023</b></p> <p>We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. We unite our prayers with sacrifice and entrust everything to the Blessed Virgin Mary.</p> <p>You are warmly welcome to join us praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km).</p> <p>B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to Kiama.</p> <p>BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.</p> <p>START: 9:30am <u>Kiama Catholic Church</u> (Holy Mass) FINISH: 3:30pm <u>Gerringong Catholic Church</u> (Benediction, confession also available).</p> <p>For information contact Gabriella De Battista:42612500, Sue Hill: 0435 336 195</p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>


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NEW	<p><b>Centenary celebration for St Michael's Parish, Thirroul</b></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.</p> <p>Seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull <a href="mailto:judy.bull@bigpond.com">judy.bull@bigpond.com</a>, 0407672417.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Fatima Retreat Day – 13 May 2023, 4.00 - 7.00pm</b></p> <p><b>St Columbkille's, Corrimal</b></p> <p>Please note that this is the Second Saturday of the month to coincide with Fatima Day Hosted by Fr Patrick Vaughan</p> <p>4PM start - Video on "Rocomador" ( Our Lady's Sanctuary in France)</p> <p>4:30pm Afternoon Tea ( Please bring a plate to share</p> <p>4:50pm: International Rosary, Exposition &amp; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing of the Sick</p> <p>5:30 Reconciliation</p> <p>6PM Holy Mass with St Columbkille's Parishioners</p> <p><b>Save the Date: Coming June 3 - St Columbkille's, Corrimal First Saturday Retreat with Our Lady</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekends for 2023</b></p> <p><b>19-21 May (Book now!)</b></p> <p><b>27-29 October 2023 (Save the Date)</b></p> <p>Guntawang Catholic Youth Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton). Stay in your tent, camper or van – with dorm accommodation also an option.</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. We will be nurtured by each other's company in life and faith, a key hope articulated by Pope Francis for families. There will be shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Sunday Mass led by Bishop Brian Mascord. 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>Enquiries or to register your interest: Jude Hennessy 4222 2407 or <a href="mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au">jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</a></p> <p>To Register click <a href="#">here</a> or visit the Diocesan Website Events page</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Prayer Breakfast Book Launch   Fr Tony Percy</b></p> <p><b>27 May 7:30am-9am Cost \$10</b></p> <p><b>Micah House Evangelisation Centre, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown</b></p> <p>Join us for a Prayer Breakfast, commencing with morning prayer of the Church, followed by breakfast and a Q &amp; A with Fr Tony Percy about his new book entitled <i><b>Australia – What went right, what went wrong?</b></i> Fr Percy investigates the liberal intellectual roots of Australia’s democracy and shows that, by any reasonable measure, the last 120-odd years prove the roots of this nation are strong.</p> <p>Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$25. To learn more about the book <a href="#">click here</a>. Spots are limited for what will be an engaging morning including a hot breakfast. Register now to secure your spot by clicking <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>RSVP by Wednesday 24 May. Any enquiries: <a href="mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au">cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>2023 PILGRIMAGE in the ‘Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop’</b></p> <p>You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and fellow parishioners from across our Diocese and beyond on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop. This pilgrimage (that departs Melbourne 16 October 2023   returns Adelaide 26 October 2023) 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>You can download the pilgrimage brochure HERE:  <a href="http://bit.ly/2023parishpilgrimage">http://bit.ly/2023parishpilgrimage</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Syrian Earthquake Appeal</b></p> <p>Nearly two million people are internally displaced because of the recent earthquake disaster and a decade and more of civil war in Syria. The Christian population has been particularly devastated with little aid and support getting to Christian areas.</p> <p>Bishop Robert Rabbat, the Eparch of the Melkite Church in Australia has established an appeal specifically for the people of Syria. He says, <i>"As time passes and the media pack moves on, the suffering survivors remain with nowhere to go, seemingly without hope, without a future. The greatest tragedy, one even greater than the earthquake itself, would be for them to think they have been forgotten. Your donation to this appeal will no doubt mend many broken hearts and transform many lives."</i></p> <p><a href="#">Syrian Earthquake Appeal poster</a></p> <p>Our parish will be taking up a leaving collection on Sunday <b>(Please insert date specific for your Parish – on ?? April/May)</b></p> <p>If you would like to receive a Tax-Deductible receipt, please call (02) 9750 5514 to make your donation.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Ageing With Confidence – Free Information Sessions 9.00 – 12.30pm</b></p> <p>CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a FREE information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, a local funeral director and a solicitor.</p> <p><b>Campbelltown – 10 May 2023</b>  <b>Wollongong – 24 May 2023</b>  <b>Nowra – 7 June 2023</b></p> <p>Morning Tea will be provided: To register, call: 02 4227 1122</p> <p><b>Or online: <a href="http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events">http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events</a></b></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b><i>Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours</i></b></p> <p>Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training.</p> <p>Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.</p> <p>Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.</p> <p>Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="395 1093 552 1256" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div data-bbox="821 1084 1276 1196" style="text-align: right;"> <p><b>RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.</b>  <b>WEB: <a href="http://www.palms.org.au">www.palms.org.au</a></b>  <b>Palms Australia</b></p> </div> </div>	
Continuing	<p><b>Caritas:</b> Caritas Turkey is responding to a series of powerful earthquakes. Thousands of lives have been lost already and the death toll increases by the hour. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from the disaster.</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/">https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/</a> or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much-needed support to our East Emergency Appeal. Or contact Kerrie Hennessy <a href="mailto:wollongongcaritas@gmail.com">wollongongcaritas@gmail.com</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular &amp; FREE Catholic Podcasts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Bible in a Year</b></li> </ul> <p>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="http://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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Catechism in a Year</b></li> </ul> <p>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="http://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy">www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus</b></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 <a href="http://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen">watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen</a> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (<a href="#">download</a>) or for your Smart TV. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.</p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>‘A vocation view</b></p> <p>In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places.’ Prepare a place in the Father’s Mansion by living His promises here on earth. (John 14:2)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="437 1117 1217 1480" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>A gift to the Church in your will ... <i>will help!</i></b></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 <a href="http://dow.sh/legacy">dow.sh/legacy</a>, call the diocesan representative on <b>4222 2446</b>, or scan the <b>QR code</b> here. ►</p>  </div> <p>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image - click here)  <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg">https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</b></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 <a href="http://dow.sh/stayingconnected">dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> or visit <a href="http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin">dow.sh/weeklybulletin</a> to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council</b></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 <a href="https://dow.sh/parishgiving">https://dow.sh/parishgiving</a> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
NEW	<p><b>New Micah House Resource Centre is open for everyone</b></p> <p>Apart from having great resources for Catechists, the Micah House Resource Centre has resources to borrow for your own faith formation or that of your family including books, music, videos, CD's and now even items you can buy from Parousia Media.</p> <p>Come in and browse, read, have a free cuppa tea / coffee, even pray in our small chapel space.</p> <p>We are open from 9-3pm Mon-Thursday at 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. (Entry is from the rear of the building) 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.</p>	
NEW	<p><b>Social Justice Statement</b></p> <p>Our contentment with our own circumstances can lead us on the path of indifference to the suffering and injustice experience by others: “The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door” (<a href="#">Pope Francis Lenten Message 2017</a>) Moreover, “[o]ur heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don’t think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront” (<a href="#">Pope Francis Lenten Message 2015</a>).</p> <p><a href="https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice">https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice</a></p>	



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Continuing	<p><b>CAtHFAMILY</b></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 <a href="https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/">https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</b></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 <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/">www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/</a> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?</b></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 <b>0418 783 956</b>, or email <a href="mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au">fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a> or go to <a href="http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au">www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</a></p>	

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