



## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	3 September 2024	<b>For weekend:</b>	7 – 8 September 2024


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><b>“COME &amp; SEE, GO &amp; MAKE” Formation Opportunity!</b></p> <p><b>Introduction to <i>Parish Renewal</i></b> <small>(Module 103)</small></p> <p>What is "parish renewal"? How do we recognise and honour all that is good in our communities and courageously move forward into the future? Then we can walk the path of renewal of heart, culture, and practice, and rediscover our reason for being.</p> <p><b>Campbelltown</b> – Tuesday, 1 October, 7-9:30pm  <b>Wollongong (&amp; Zoom)</b> – Wednesday, 2 October, 7-9:30pm  <b>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL:</b> <a href="http://dow.sh/oct2024">http://dow.sh/oct2024</a></p> <p><b>All welcome!</b></p>	
NEW	<p><b>Blessing of Animals, Monday, 7 October at 9:30am</b></p> <p>The Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 7 October at 9:30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 900kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep fleas well-muzzled. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Friday, 4 October, with Mass at 9:30am – animals are welcome at that Mass.</p>	<a href="#">Additional Information click here</a>
NEW each week	<p><b>The Journey, 8 September – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Simon Apablaza says the readings today emphasize the profound healing and renewal that God offers. Mother Hilda sees unexpected spiritual beauty in a dirty window. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron &amp; Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p> <p><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or <a href="#">click to download the file</a> for parishes to display on their digital screen)</i></p>	<a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>  <a href="#">Click to download jpg file</a>

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Continuing	<p><b>Catholic Business Connections September Luncheon</b></p> <p><b>Guest Speaker: Stacy Jane</b></p> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p><b>WED</b>    🕒 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM</p> <p><b>11</b>       📍 Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown</p> <p><b>SEPT</b>    🌐 <a href="http://dow.sh/CBCSept2024">dow.sh/CBCSept2024</a></p> </div> <p>Stacy Jane is a survivor and keynote speaker; she blends humour with profound insights. Recognised with multiple awards, including Rotary Inspirational Woman of the Year 2023, Stacy inspires with her message of hope and resilience. Come and hear her story “Escaping to Hope”.</p> <p>RSVP by Tuesday, 3 September</p> <p><b>For more information and to book please visit:</b>  <a href="http://dow.sh/CBCSept2024">dow.sh/CBCSept2024</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download graphic</a></p>
Continuing	<p><b>Charismatic Healing Mass Friday 13 September 2024, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St, Wollongong 7:00pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass</b></p> <p>A warm invitation is extended to all prayer groups, Alpha graduates, Cursillo, Couples for Christ, Disciples of Jesus, and all members of the public who would like to join us in charismatic praise for our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Paul Clark. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa.</p> <p><b>More Information contact Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Bible Study Retreat Weekend Milton: Friday 13 (5.30 pm) - Sunday 15 (12.30 pm) September 2024 Star of the Sea Parish House Milton, 3 Corks Lane Milton</b></p> <p>Please join parishioners and friends of Milton Parish for a Bible Study Retreat Weekend to explore the vibrancy of St Mark’s Gospel. The weekend will be gentle; interactive and prayerful, humanly, spiritually, intellectually and pastorally formative; a time to examine familiar and newfound ways to appreciate the Bible; an opportunity for solitude, nutritious communal meals; and to enjoy Milton’s picturesque surroundings. Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours will be celebrated daily. Single Accommodation, including a Hermitage - \$75 pp/pn. Two Person Shared Accommodation - \$60 pp/pn. Non-Residential Retreatants: \$30 pp/pd. All meals included, with simple dietary requests available.</p> <p>For more info, timetable or to register contact Julia Rafferty Wood at Milton Parish Office E: <a href="mailto:milton@dow.org.au">milton@dow.org.au</a> or T: 4455 1313. Visit <a href="http://www.milton.dow.org.au">www.milton.dow.org.au</a> or <a href="http://www.airbnb.com.au/rooms/39728799">www.airbnb.com.au/rooms/39728799</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Weekend Retreat Jamberoo Abbey</b></p> <p>The Jamberoo Abbey invites all people to come and join in a face-to-face retreat at the Abbey this September 2024, titled "<b>Encountering God in Lectio Divina</b>". The retreat will be co-ordinated by local author Sr Antonia Curtis, who has put together an amazing weekend of prayer, learning and reflection. The retreat will make use of the new resource written by Sr Antonia. There is also the option of staying on at the Abbey for private reflection after the retreat ends on Sunday afternoon 28 September 2024.</p> <p>Please note that cottage accommodation must be vacated by Monday morning at 9am. For more information, please visit <a href="http://jamberooabbey.org.au">jamberooabbey.org.au</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>
NEW each week	<p><b>A vocation view</b></p> <p>The encounter with Jesus never leaves one unaffected, but our ears must be opened to receive His word. (Mark 7:31-37)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your vocation, 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>Growing Good Men Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience 25–27 October 2024 Cataract Activity Centre, Appin</b></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 17 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: <a href="https://dow.sh/ggm24">https://dow.sh/ggm24</a></p>	
<b>NEW each week</b>	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>It is important to create collaborative networks of influencers that include people of other religions or indeed who may profess no faith, but who wish to collaborate on common causes to promote human dignity, justice, and care for our common home. - <i>'XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>UOW Catholic Society past students</b></p> <p>Were you a member of the University of Wollongong Catholic Society/Newman Society, or the Wollongong Teachers College St Thomas More Society? UOW CathSoc would love to hear from you! Complete this form to register your interest to join a new past students' network: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/UOWCSPastStudents">tinyurl.com/UOWCSPastStudents</a></p> <p>All UOW students, staff, and visitors are welcome along to our Mass on Campus during semester (12:35pm Thursdays, Clubs Room, Building 11). Follow @UOWCathSoc on social media for more details.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</b></p> <p>The Chosen is a new ‘free to view’, series, now in its fourth season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality, and it continues to receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <a href="http://watch.thechosen.tv">watch.thechosen.tv</a> to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>26 – 27 October Retreat weekend: Pilgrims of Hope</b></p> <p>A retreat for men in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Hope at Mt Schoenstatt with Mass and Reconciliation. Facilitated by Fr Pawel OP. Email <a href="mailto:mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au">mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au</a> or ring 0432 487 927 (Jim) QR code for information and bookings or click on <a href="https://bit.ly/4coasdo">https://bit.ly/4coasdo</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p> 
Continuing	<p><b>CatholicCare   A Call for Foster Carers - Can You Help?</b></p> <p>Over 350 children and young people in NSW are urgently seeking foster care. Close to 100 of the 350 are living in our diocese alone. CatholicCare is doing all it can to meet this need – but more carers are desperately needed. Bishop Brian has recorded a short video that outlines the challenges of the foster care system and is urging all parishioners within the Wollongong Diocese to discern if you can help: <a href="http://dow.sh/bmfc24">dow.sh/bmfc24</a></p> <p>For more information on becoming a foster carer, contact CatholicCare on 02 4227 1122 or email <a href="mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au">fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a>. CatholicCare will provide you and your family with training, emotional support, and financial assistance to ensure that you are supported every step of the way.</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. Please visit <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/">https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/</a> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="384 1234 1230 1727" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A gift to the Church in your will</b> ... <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 <a href="http://dow.sh/legacy">dow.sh/legacy</a>, call the diocesan representative on 4222 2446, or scan the QR code here ►</p>  </div> <p><b>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image <a href="#">click here</a>)</b></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Men’s Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men</b></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. For more information, please contact David at <a href="mailto:djbarrett85@gmail.com">djbarrett85@gmail.com</a> or phone: 0410 487 630.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Cathedral Books &amp; Gifts Wollongong</b></p> <p>Cathedral Books &amp; 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><b>For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>menALIVE’s — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm</b></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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</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>	