

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	4 July 2023	For weekend:	8 – 9 July 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>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>	
NEW	<p>Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community Fire Weekend Friday 28 – Sunday 30 July 2023 at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville</p> <p>Fire Weekends are for young adults aged 18 -35 who want to grow deeper in their relationship with God. It's also a great way to meet and make friends! The event will include activities such as talks, personal sharings, dramas, recreation time, sport, prayer, good food, live music, reconciliation, and Mass.</p> <p>Cost: \$200 inclusive of all food and activities Register here: form.jotform.com/231340929360857 Any enquiries contact: Joe Pullella 0401 319 532</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

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NEW	<p>Overshadowed: Filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit, 6pm Friday 18 - 2pm Sunday 20 August 2023</p> <p>Join the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters on a weekend retreat exploring what happens when we say yes to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW Bookings: trybooking.com/CFBQX (by 11 August) Contact: Katherine - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
AMENDED Direct Link to Register	<p>2023 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass</p> <p>If you are celebrating 25, 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>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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Continuing	<p>Benedictine Abbey Help Needed Working Bee</p> <p>We currently have a great deal of pruning and clearing to be done and so are getting two working bees together.</p> <p>When: Saturday 29 July and Saturday 5 August</p> <p>Time: Between 9 am and 4pm (come as you are able)</p> <p>What to bring: Your own tools, chain saws, we could use a Ute, anything you have. If you do not have any of these just come anyway, there is plenty of clearing and shrub removal to be done.</p> <p>Contact: Please ring VINCE 0488 360 110 for details and to register your name and date and time of availability</p> <p>Tea, coffee, scones etc. will all be provided.</p> <p>Furthermore, you will have a special place in the grateful prayer of the Benedictine Nuns.</p>	
Continuing	<p>The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust</p> <p>The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website: pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship</p> <p>Closing Date: 4 August 2023</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 9 July 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says when it comes to faith and knowledge of God, it's those with a childlike heart who have the deepest insights. Mother Hilda compares King David's harp playing to the music of Jesus in our heart. Plus, Pete Gilmore's faith testimony.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at jcr.org.au.</p>	<p>jcr.org.au</p>

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NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>We are to live a life in the Spirit, putting to death the works of the flesh. Ask God to help you always live as a child of the Light. (Romans 8:13)</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>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.</p> <p>We are seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com 0407 672 417.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Caritas: 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 https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/ or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much-needed support to our East Emergency Appeal. Or contact Kerrie Hennessy wolongongcaritas@gmail.com</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>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE Catholic Podcasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Bible in a Year</p> <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 www.ascensionpress.com/biy and it’s not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.</p> <p>• Catechism in a Year</p> <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 www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</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.</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. 	
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="437 1507 1219 1870" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">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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Continuing	<p>National Liturgy & Music Conference</p> <p>If you would like to register for this Conference to be held in Brisbane 28-30 September 2023, please follow this link: https://mysteryandmission.com.au/register</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>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>	

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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</p> <p>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>	

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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>	