

## BULLETIN NOTICES


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<b>Date:</b>	4 October 2022	<b>For weekend:</b>	8 – 9 October 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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NEW	<p><b>Open Wide: Spirit-Led Discipleship Retreat, 28 – 30 October at Carmel House, Varroville</b></p> <p>Join the MGL Sisters on retreat as we deepen in God’s love, seek restoration, and be empowered to live life open wide to the Holy Spirit! The retreat will include inputs, the sacraments, prayer times and opportunities for spiritual conversation with others. It's for men and women aged 18+ and offers you a great chance to rest and restore before the final two months of the year are upon us! More info and register: <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BWMKC">http://www.trybooking.com/BWMKC</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW   October Retreats</b></p> <p>Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby is the spiritual arm of the Vincentian Missionaries. The Diocese of Broken Bay invited the Vincentian Priests of the Marymatha Province of the Vincentian Congregation who use to visit, and conduct continues retreats in Australia. It is the same Vincentian priests who run the Divine Retreat Centre in Kerala, India which is the largest catholic retreat centre in the world.</p> <p>The journey of the Centre in Australia started on 7th April 2013. With the Word proclaimed in a secluded and soothing environment, where nature meets God and every chirp of the birds, is like a hymn sung unto Him, the Centre is a perfect place to experience the Lord’s touch.</p> <p>All are welcome to be a part of the services and visit the Centre for the veneration of the newly installed first-class relic of St Faustina Kowalska. Please refer to the attached retreat schedule for October 2022.</p> <p>For more information, please visit our website: <a href="http://www.divineretreatcentre.org">http://www.divineretreatcentre.org</a> or call 02 4372 1598 / 04 6848 6782. Email: <a href="mailto:drcsydney@gmail.com">drcsydney@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><a href="#">October 2022 Retreat Schedule</a></p>

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Continuing	<p><b>Growing Good Men Father &amp; Teenage Son Weekend Experience Friday 6.30pm 21 October – Sunday 1.30pm 23 October 2022 to be held at Cataract Activity Centre, Appin</b></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><b>GROWING GOOD MEN</b> 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). 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 <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/events">www.dow.org.au/events</a> Any enquiries: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or <a href="mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au">helen.bennett@dow.org.au</a></p>	<a href="http://dow.org.au/events">dow.org.au/events</a>
UPDATED	<p><b>Catholic Family Camping Weekend 5pm Friday 4 November – 3pm Sunday 6 November 2022</b>, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton)</p> <p>The weekend is for families of all ages, including couples with or without children, and single parents with their children and aims to bring them together to celebrate the great gift of family life. The weekend allows us to be nurtured by each other's company and emboldened as families to witness to the love of God in our world, a key hope articulated by Pope Francis at the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families earlier this year.</p> <p>This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the Diocese to come together in a relaxed environment to enable connection, sharing in meals, games, music, prayer and Sunday Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord.</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (Regardless of size) <b>RSVP Date:</b> 1 November 2022</p> <p><b>Enquiries:</b> Helen Bennett (02 4222 2403 / <a href="mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au">helen.bennett@dow.org.au</a>) For more information and to register go to <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/events">www.dow.org.au/events</a></p>	<a href="http://dow.org.au/events">dow.org.au/events</a>

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Continuing	<p><b>Free Technology Training for Seniors – Holy Spirit College</b></p> <p>If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or anything else that you may need, CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Holy Spirit 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, Shellharbour and was great to see the connections formed between the seniors and students and to hear the things that the seniors needed assistance with.</p> <p>There are only four Friday sessions this term with the dates being 21 October, 4 November, 18 November, and 2 December 9.30-11am at Holy Spirit College Bellambi.</p> <p>To secure your place, please call Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer at CatholicCare 0417 018 152 or <a href="mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au">janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>The Journey, 9 October 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Deacon James Arblaster's Gospel reflection on faith and gratitude. Mother Hilda on the African philosophy of Ubuntu which translated means I am because you are. A faith testimony from Dominic Beltrame (NET member from Vancouver). Plus, Fr Mike Delaney and Josh Clayton.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at <a href="https://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a></p>	<a href="https://www.jcr.org.au">jcr.org.au</a>

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NEW	<p><b>New CCD Resource Centre Location in Campbelltown</b></p> <p>The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown <b>will be closed from 26 Sept - 17 October</b> as we relocate from downstairs to upstairs to a larger space. When we reopen, Catechists will again have access to great resources and a much-improved training space, or the ability to come in for a cuppa and a bite to eat as they prepare lessons. The Centre will also give access to all Catholics, to a range of quality faith resources they can borrow.</p> <p>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>	
Continuing	<p><b>The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry</b> warmly invites all Catholics to ‘Evangelise’, a national, online conference to be held from 20 – 22 October 2022.</p> <p>The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at: <a href="http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au">http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au</a>.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Marriage Enrichment Weekend 28 – 30 October 2022</b></p> <p>Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville  Join us to learn together to live your best life in love!  A stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.  Book online at <a href="http://www.wwme.org.au">www.wwme.org.au</a> or contact Christine &amp; Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: <a href="mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au">nswbookings@wwme.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal</b></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>	
NEW	<p><b>A vocation view</b></p> <p>Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude. (Luke 17:11-19)</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>	
NEW	<p><b>Social Justice Statement</b></p> <p>Our relationships should be “marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control”. <a href="https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au">https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</b></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>	
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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise</li> <li>“catch up” with great men from across Australia and New Zealand.</li> <li>gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men.</li> <li>pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others.</li> </ul> <p>Join via this link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</b></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 <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/">www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/</a> 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>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Formed (Free for DoW Parishioners)</b></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 <a href="mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au">darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</a> or <a href="mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au">helen.bennett@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</b></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 <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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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="http://cathfamily.org/activities/">cathfamily.org/activities/</a></p>	