

BULLETIN NOTICES

From:	Mr Jude Hennessy	Ref:	JH/hb:2023/21
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Date:	6 June 2023	For weekend:	9 – 10 June 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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URGENT	<p>Save Calvary Hospital</p> <p>Bishop Mascord encourages you to sign the petition and write to the Prime Minister in order to Save Calvary Hospital in Canberra, which the ACT Government is seeking to forcibly acquire, ignoring their own legislative processes. This is an issue that while impacting a faith institution on this occasion, sets a terrible precedent for the whole federation, including potentially for schools. Share this request to urgently act with your family and friends, to let the ACT and Federal governments know that we want our Catholic hospitals to stay Catholic. Urgently write to the Prime Minister https://www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm to seek his intervention to stop this from occurring. Please sign the petition https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/petition-to-save-calvary-hospital-bruce/</p>	
NEW	<p>Creative Storytelling and Craft for Catechists</p> <p>A morning designed to inspire creativity in SRE and Sacramental lessons that will aid student learning! The workshop will be led by SRE Catechist Teacher, Vanesa Evans of Albion Park, who has a passion for bringing stories to life through imaginative play and craft activities.</p> <p>Please register for the session that suits you best:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wollongong, Friday 16 June 9:30 - 11:30am Conference Room, Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong • Campbelltown Monday 19 June 9:30 - 11:30am Level 1, Micah House, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown • Nowra Monday 24 July 9:30 - 11:30am St Michael's Parish Centre, 30 North Street, Nowra <p>Each session will conclude with morning tea. To register click here or email Cindy support@ccdwoollongong.com.</p>	


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NEW	<p>St Paul of Tarsus Retreat Day at St Columbkille’s Parish Centre and Church, Corrimal 3:00pm to 7:00pm Saturday 1 July 2023</p> <p>Topic: St Paul of Tarsus</p> <p>Fr Patrick Vaughan is hosting a retreat afternoon where people can come together for prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join. During this retreat, a video on St Paul of Tarsus 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>	
NEW	<p>NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal “Fan into Flame” Formation Day Saturday, 17 June 2023, Sacred Heart Church, Marian Hall, Pymble</p> <p>Speakers: Joe and Julie Chircop and a ministry team from Servants of Jesus Community</p> <p>Topic 1: The Importance of Bringing the Baptism in the Holy Spirit to Others</p> <p>Topic 2: Releasing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit/Workshops</p> <p>For registration and additional details, please see attached flyer.</p>	<p>Click for more details and registration</p>
NEW	<p>Sydney iSTAND Weekend Against the Tide 2023</p> <p>Friday 30 June 5.30pm – Sunday 2 July 1pm</p> <p>Mount Carmel House 365 St Andrews Rd Varroville</p> <p>Cost: \$150 registration (inclusive of all food and activities)</p> <p>Contact: Antoinette Collins 0428 771 744</p> <p>Registration: ymt.com.au/istandevents</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
NEW	<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.</p> <p>More information and Applications Forms are available on our website: pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship</p> <p>Closing Date: 4 August 2023</p>	

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Continuing	<p>‘Come and See’ your CCD and Evangelisation Resource Space</p> <p>Drop in anytime but especially from Monday 3 July - Thursday 6 July for our <i>Open Week</i>, enjoying a free cuppa while you visit us.</p> <p>There is a much to see including Catechist & Childrens liturgy Resources, our adult faith library, piety shop for catholic books and gifts, and say a prayer in the Chapel.</p> <p>If any Clergy / Parish groups require the use this space including evenings or weekends (no cost), for formation, retreats, presentations, or meetings, please contact Cindy Oliver.</p> <p><i>We are open from 9-3pm Monday-Thursday at 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown.</i> (Entry is from the rear of the building) Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.</p>	
NEW	<p>Maronite Eparchy in Australia - 50 years commemoration</p> <p>This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Maronite Eparchy in Australia, as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations there will be an opportunity to celebrate with the Maronite community in Wollongong. You are welcome to attend all the scheduled events. Venue: Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church, 80 - 88 Denise Street, Lake Heights.</p> <p>Friday 8 September 2023 5.00pm: Welcoming the Relics of St Maroun, St Charbel, St Rafqa, St Nehmetallah and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 5.30pm: Prayers in the presence of the Relics (inside the Church) 6.00pm: Divine Liturgy 7.30pm: Adoration in the presence of the Relics and opportunity for Confessions</p> <p>Saturday 9 September 2023 5.00pm: Recitation of the Rosary and opportunity for Confessions 6.00pm: Divine Liturgy 7.30pm: Spiritual Concert (predominantly in Arabic)</p> <p>Sunday 10 September 2023 10.30am: Divine Liturgy with the Maronite Bishop, Sodalities from Wollongong, Sydney and local parishioners 12.00pm: The Relics will leave Our Lady of Lebanon Church Wollongong, for their next destination</p> <p>Please contact Sam Tadros for more information via email: samtadros14@gmail.com</p>	

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 10 June 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Mons. Graham Schmitzer’s Gospel reflection on Corpus Christi and the new covenant. Mother Hilda is seeing patterns in everything around her. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan.</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au
Continuing	<p>“Postcards to the Front” in Ukraine</p> <p>“Postcards to the Front” has a mission is to solicit postcards from Australians with messages of encouragement and support to Defenders of Ukraine on the front lines. We – “Postcards to the Front” – send postcards in bulk to our Founder Tamara Levit in Zaporizhia, Ukraine. The cards are added to care packages which are hand delivered to the front lines.</p> <p>How to Participate: Obtain one or more Australian postcards: try your local post office shop. Address your message to “Defender of Ukraine”. The frontline defenders may be soldiers (both men & women), nurses, doctors, civilians etc. Write in either English or Ukrainian. Use the entire back of the card to write your message. No need for a stamp on the postcard as we send them in bulk, and they are hand delivered in Ukraine. Please do not use the word PEACE. This word has acquired a new meaning in Ukraine. When the Russians invaded, they told people they were doing this for peace. The word now conjures up images of people being killed, and property being destroyed. Please don’t use the words “Russia, Russians or Putin”. Mention you are from Australia, this really cheers people up. Remind them that the world hasn’t forgotten them. Don’t forget to write at least your first name on the card. That makes for a personal connection. No need for a return address on the card. Defenders are being shelled and shot at. They haven’t got time to write back. Place your postcard(s) in an envelope and address them to Postcards to the Front PO Box 565, Williamstown Vic 3016, or Postcards to the Front 3 Elgin Street, Newport Vic 3015. Please include your name and emails address so we can let you know that they have arrived. In May, 1175 postcards were sent to Ukraine. That makes a total of 2221 since we started in March. It costs \$14.40 per package. To sponsor an envelope please send \$14.40 of international stamps to Postcards to the Front, PO Box 565 Williamstown Vic 3016.</p> <p>Don’t forget to include your Email address. https://postcardstothefront.com.au/</p>	

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NEW	<p>A vocation view - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (6/11/23)</p> <p>“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” Even before the beginning of your life, God has set out a plan for your ultimate happiness. Have courage to embrace that plan. (Jeremiah 1:4)</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>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>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>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 wollongongcaritas@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 1406 1219 1771" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <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>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p><i>Materialism and the love of money can prevent us from preferring an option in favour of the poor.</i> It can prevent us from removing unjust circumstances in our communities. When we prioritise objects, wealth and power above other people’s need we discount their innate dignity and disregard the need to share with them. Pope Francis states: “[t]he Apostle Paul tells us that “the love of money is the root of all evils” (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 55). Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.”(Message for Lent 2017) https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice</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 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>	
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>	