

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	6 March 2024	For weekend:	9 – 10 March 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>To celebrate 2024 Seniors Festival 11 – 21 March and the theme ‘Reach Beyond’, CatholicCare are hosting a number of fun and informative FREE events for seniors at Wollongong and Campbelltown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIVE SAFE: Falls Prevention Information Session Where: 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown When: 11am on Wednesday 13 March 2024 FREE – but only 12 spots available so book in quick. • LIVE SAFE: Falls Prevention Information Session Where: 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong When: 11am on Tuesday 19 March 2024 FREE – but only 15 spots available so book in quick. • GET CREATIVE: Art & Social Session (Mosaic Art) Where: Seta's Café, 2/25-29 Dumaresq St, Campbelltown When: 12.30pm on Thursdays 14 & 21 March 2024 FREE – but only 25 spots available per session, so book in quick. • GET CREATIVE: Art & Social Session (Painting) Where: 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong When: 10am & 11.15am on Thursday 21 March 2024 FREE – but only 10 spots available per session, so book in quick. <p>To book your spot at one of the above events call Colleen on 0437715647 today!</p>	


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Continuing	<p>March 2024 Young Adult Over 18 Event</p> <p>Join us on Saturday, 23 March, arrival from 5pm, at St Mary's Towers Douglas Park for a soul-enriching Holy Week and Easter experience. Connect with fellow young adults, engage in prayer, and delve into a catechesis on Holy Thursday and Good Friday events. The night concludes with an outdoor screening of 'The Passion of the Christ' by Mel Gibson. BYO dinner and snacks, along with a picnic blanket or chair. Free event! Register here https://www.trybooking.com/CPNVW (Note: Over 18s only)</p>	
Continuing	<p>First Saturday Devotions at St Columbkille's Parish Centre, Corrimal 6 April (each month a different devotion)</p> <p>April is devoted to Divine Mercy with a video presentation at 3 pm. Enjoy shared afternoon tea at 4 pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, International Rosary, Benediction, Anointing of the Sick at 4:30 pm. Reconciliation starts at 5:30 pm, leading to Holy Mass at 6 pm. All are welcome! Please bring a plate to share if possible.</p>	
NEW each week	<p>The Journey, 10 March 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Sr Katherine Stone MGL asks do we truly believe that: "God sent his Son into the world that through him the world might be saved." Mother Hilda tells what really happens when we pray for somebody else. Plus, Fr Tony Percy and from the Pietà Lenten Series, Darren McDowell, and Trish McCarthy. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or click to download the file for parishes to display on their digital screen)</i></p>	<p>www.jcr.org.au.</p> <p>Click to download jpg file</p>
UPDATED	<p>POSTPONED Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekends</p> <p>New Dates 17 – 19 May 2024</p> <p>Diarise new dates: 17 – 19 May 2024 at Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale. Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life.</p> <p>Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size)</p> <p>Enquiries: Jude Hennessy (02 4222 2407 / jude.hennessy@dow.org.au)</p> <p>Camping & Bunk Room Options: You may like to pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents / guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>A New Vision for Parishes</p> <p>Bishop Mascord has supplied multiple copies of Come and See Go and Make - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong for distribution amongst the faithful. Further to this, a short introductory video message from Bishop Mascord may be viewed / downloaded at http://dow.sh/CSGMvision</p> <p>Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at http://dow.sh/CSGMresources</p>	
Continuing	<p>Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo</p> <p>Encouraged by the wonderful response we received last year, we are now asking again for help with outdoor gardening and general clearing.</p> <p>AIM: To plant and restore various gardens and to continue the removal of shrubs etc., which are now too close to the building.</p> <p>DATES: Saturdays 16th and 23rd March 2024</p> <p>TIME: Commencing 9am but feel free to come whenever suits.</p> <p>MORNING TEA and LUNCH PROVIDED</p> <p>Chain saws, Utes, general gardening tools, whatever you think useful would be very helpful.</p> <p>CONTACT: Please contact Vince 0488 360 110</p> <p>Many thanks and blessings to you all.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Emmaus Silent Retreat Friday 19 April - Sunday 21 April, Varroville</p> <p>Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus. Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women: trybooking.com/CNSXK</p>	
Continuing	<p>Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours – with PALMS</p> <p>Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.</p> <p>Learn more: Join our Mission Webinar 5 March 6:00 - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Palms Australia 63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development.</p> <p>Learn Even More: Join our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together. _Contact: 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Light to the Nations - 2024 Easter Youth Pilgrimage</p> <p>You're invited to an Easter experience like no other. Camp under the open skies, joining in the celebration of Easter through prayer, worship, liturgy, drama, music & personal sharing with 1000 people under a massive marquee. Held from 28-31 March, LTTN will be held on the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW.</p> <p>It is a transformative experience deigned to bring families, especially youth and young adults, to an encounter with the person of Jesus in the context of the Easter Triduum through prayer, worship, drama, music, and personal sharing. Register at dow.sh/LTTN24</p>	
Continuing	<p>4th Annual St Joseph Motor Pilgrimage 15 -17 March 2024</p> <p>Have you saved the Date yet for this unique, men only, Spiritual Encounter venerating St Joseph for his great example of Fatherhood and a Virtuous life. Come for part or the full pilgrimage, it's your choice. 3 days of cars, bikes, men's gatherings, prayer, worship, mass, keynote speakers, small group discussions and fellowship across the (Arch) Diocese of Bathurst/Orange, Canberra/Goulburn and Sydney! Supported by Parousia Media, MenAlive and Maximus Men's Ministry Network.</p> <p>Register Here: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1110723</p>	<p>Download: Brochure Itinerary SJMP23 reflection</p>
NEW	<p>A vocation view Fourth Sunday of Lent (3/10/24)</p> <p>To be cut off from the treasures of the Church is to be cast away from life itself. As the Israelites longed to rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem, so must we long to continue to build up the Church today. (Psalm 137)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & <i>FREE</i> Catholic Podcasts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible in a Year Ascension Press will again run the Catholic Bible in a Year Podcast featuring Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins in 2024. It remains one of the world's leading podcasts with over 400 million downloads. 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. Catechism in a Year This year, Ascension Press will also again run 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 	
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>Pilgrimage of Mercy 11 – 21 June 2024</p> <p>Father Christopher Sarkis, Parish Priest of Rosemeadow, will be the Chaplain accompanying Harvest Journeys Eastern Europe <i>Pilgrimage of Mercy</i> in June 2024, visiting Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic. It includes the Shrines of Divine Mercy, the Black Madonna of Czestochowa and the Infant of Prague. It visits places of importance to St John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximillian Kolbe, among others.</p> <p>Optional Extension: There is also an optional 6 night/7-day extension (21 – 27 June) to Bavaria and Austria. It will include the Marian Shrine of Altotting, as well as Marktl in Bavaria; Salzburg of the Sound of Music fame and the hometown of Mozart; and the historic, cultural, and artistic city of Vienna in Austria. We will also visit various other shrines and attractions along with some spectacular churches and monasteries.</p> <p>Enquiries: 4628 1385 or directly at harvestjourneys.com/tour/pilgrimage-of-mercy Bookings only through Harvest Journeys.</p>	

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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://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/ to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="384 1406 1233 1899" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>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)</p>	

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Continuing	<p>CatholicCare are currently looking for Community Support Workers</p> <p>Becoming a CatholicCare Community Support Worker will give you a career that you love, whilst providing a valuable connection to people living with a disability or the aged in our Diocese. If you want to find out more about becoming a Community Support Worker go to catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/ or call 4227 1122.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</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 dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong</p> <p>Cathedral Books & 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</p> <p>Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>The Church's social doctrine is a too little-known resource. This needs to be addressed. Local churches are invited not only to make its contents better known but to foster its reception through practices that put its inspiration into action. -- <i>'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.</i></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>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>	