

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	6 November 2024	For weekend:	9 – 10 November 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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IMPORTANT	<p>2024 Mass Attendance Count – November</p> <p>During November, all parishes and Mass centres across the Diocese of Wollongong will conduct the simple annual Mass attendance count. This aims to provide data of Mass attendance to aid in local parish and broader Diocesan planning. All sites holding public weekend Masses are required to participate in this Mass count.</p>	
NEW	<p>Diocesan Annual Catechist Mass</p> <p>All active and retired SRE Catechists and those involved in the Sacramental preparation of children are warmly invited to the Annual Catechist Mass and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 7 December, at 9:30 am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. This special gathering is a wonderful opportunity to come together with fellow Life Members, fellow catechists, award recipients, special guests, and their families. Whether you're new to the CCD ministry or have served for many years, we look forward to celebrating with you!</p> <p>Join Bishop Brian Mascord, clergy, and fellow SRE and sacramental teachers and helpers for this celebration, followed by a light luncheon. RSVP dow.sh/cm24 or contact Helen Bennett at helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.</p>	
Continuing	<p><i>Last opportunity to Register for "Come & See, Go & Make" Formation Pathway – November Session</i></p> <p>Campbelltown Tuesday 12 November 7 – 9:30pm Wollongong & Zoom Wednesday, 13 November 7-9:30pm "Principles & Foundations of Come & See, Go & Make" (Module 107). Exploring the three foundations and ten principles of the vision for parishes, understanding a "values" approach to renewal, and making decisions through our values. Register today dow.sh/nov2024</p>	

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NEW	<p>A Young Adults Advent Special! Let's get Advent Ready! (Over 18 event)</p> <p>Register at: https://www.trybooking.com/CWEOF</p> <p>After one awesome and blessed year since our first Vocations Promotions Event in late October 2023 (at the Campbelltown Catholic Club) we have plenty to celebrate at our last event of the year! Join us for a night of great company and Outdoor Screening of the Chosen Christmas Special on Saturday, 16 November from 5pm at 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park (25 minutes from Campbelltown and Wollongong). Follow signage on site to parking and event site. We hope to see you there!</p>	
NEW	<p>Catholic Youth & Young Adults Wollongong serves young people in Illawarra, Macarthur, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven regions. To stay up to date with what is happening around the diocese, head to our social media and scan the code to see to access the youth calendar.</p> <div data-bbox="384 969 1267 1128" style="text-align: center;">  <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE: cymw.org.au</p>  </div>	
NEW	<p>Milton Parish 3-Day Advent Gathering/Reflection/Retreat</p> <p>Join the Milton Parish Spiritual Formation Team for an Advent Reflection and Retreat, from 1-4 December at the Milton Parish Retreat Centre. The retreat theme, 'Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path of Peace,' will be led by Fr Michael Dyer, beginning with a shared meal after the 5pm Mass at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Milton, on Sunday, 1 December. En-suite accommodations available. Costs: Full retreat: Twin share - \$180 pp; Single - \$240 Day rate: \$30 per day (for single-day attendance) RSVP by 27 November For more details and payment, contact Lynne Kelly at 0407 540 263 or Anne Foster at 0402 904 188</p>	
Continuing	<p>All Souls Day Memorial Service – Lakeside Memorial Park</p> <p>Saturday 9 November 2024 at 10:30am Celebrated by Most Rev Bishop Brian Mascord</p> <p>RSVP by Friday 1 November bookings@lakesidecrem.com.au</p>	<p>click to download flyer with QR Code</p>

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NEW each week	<p>The Journey, 10 November – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Joshua Whicker MGL says that we're called to hold nothing back from God. Mother Hilda says God often says "yeah" in our conversations with him. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron & Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney. 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>
NEW	<p>One Music Festival</p> <p>This Music festival is an ecumenical family event aiming to bring different generations and denominations together to celebrate and experience Jesus in community. All ages welcome. The event will be held Saturday November 16th at Kiama Showground and Pavilion from 2.00pm to 9.00pm. Live music, food vans, games, guest speaker, messages of hope in a beautiful seaside setting. For more information and tickets go to: onemusicfestival.com</p>	
Continuing	<p>Cross + Generation Technology Program</p> <p>This program is a partnership between CatholicCare, Catholic Education DoW, Corpus Christi (Oak Flats) and Holy Spirit College (Bellambi). The program pairs students with seniors to assist you with technology. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident and familiar with downloading apps, sending messages, using google maps or other help you may need. <i>Refreshments will be provided at each session.</i></p> <p>AVAILABLE SESSIONS:</p> <p>Corpus Christi, Oak Flats Friday 8 November 11am-1.30pm Friday 22 November 11am-1.30pm Friday 6 December 11am-1.30pm</p> <p>Holy Spirit College, Bellambi Thursday 7 November 10am-11am Thursday 21 November 10am-11am Thursday 5 December 10am-11am</p> <p>Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting here at the high school. Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	

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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>	
NEW each week	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival. Today it is worth repeating the ironic comment of Solovyov about an “age which was so advanced as to be actually the last one”. We need lucidity and honesty in order to recognize in time that our power and the progress we are producing are turning against us. - <i>Laudate Deum – Pope Francis - To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>Want Netflix for Catholics? Get ‘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 is a fantastic 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 and click ‘Formed for Individuals’ button. • Enter your email address and Submit. • Type 'Wollongong' into the box then click the Diocese’s name and address (38 Harbour St) which will appear. Click Next. • Enter your name and email address. You’ll get a confirmation email asking you to sign in and then follow the prompts – and get formed! 	

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	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</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.</p> <p>The shows are of the highest quality, and it continues to receive acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to watch.thechosen.tv to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!</p>	
Continuing	<p>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</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>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. Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/ to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	

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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 Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.</p>	
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>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular & FREE 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 	

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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>	