

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	4 September 2023	For weekend:	9 – 10 September 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>Blessing of Animals, Monday, 2 October at 9:30am.</p> <p>As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 2 October at 9:30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep the larger crocodiles on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Wednesday, 4 October, with Mass at 9:00am – animals are welcome at that Mass. Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.</p>	
NEW	<p>Catholic Men's Conference 2023 'Be Not Afraid' 16 September</p> <p>The Inaugural 'Catholic Men's Conference' – BE NOT AFRAID is a one day conference for men (18yrs plus) at St Mary's Cathedral Hall from 8am to 4.30pm. The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, talks by guest speakers, Q&A Panel, adoration, confession, Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, lunch and fellowship.</p> <p>Tickets are \$55 and Concession Ticket is \$45. CLERGY and SEMINARIANS are FREE</p> <p>More details and Registration : https://www.trybooking.com/CKKFQ</p>	
NEW	<p>Jamberoo Arts & Crafts Exhibition 'By the Work of our Hands'</p> <p>Come and join us for the Jamberoo Arts & Crafts Exhibition being held at the Old Fire Station Kiama.</p> <p>Date: 22 – 27 September 2023 Time: 10am- 3:30pm</p> <p>Save the date and bring your friends and family along and enjoy beautiful Kiama and discover the beauty 'By the Work of our Hands'.</p>	<p>Click to download Flyer</p>


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NEW	<p>Ignite Conference 23 ‘Wonder’</p> <p>Brisbane 21-24 September Sydney 28 September – 10 October</p> <p>Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. Registration: https://igniteconference.com.au/</p>	
NEW	<p>Australian Catholic Medical Association National Conference 10-12 November 2023</p> <p>Those who work in health care are invited to attend The First National Catholic Medical Association Conference. Ethical Medicine is at an important crossroad and Catholic practitioners are confronted everyday with an increasingly secular workplace. This conference aims to address a number of the current and emerging issues confronting the Catholic practitioner. This is also a time where we can connect with each other and become more acquainted with the professionals within our network. For more information and registration: The Conference will also enable the First ever National “White Mass’ for Catholic Health Care professionals. https://acma.glueup.com/event/acma-national-conference-2023-85401/</p>	
NEW	<p>Sisters of Charity of Australia Heritage Centre</p> <p>We invite you to come and share in the story of Australia’s first religious sisters. We’d love to welcome you! Open Tuesday to Thursday 10am-3pm or by appointment. Bookings recommended. Our centre celebrates over 180 years of ministry of the Sisters of Charity of Australia. Enquiries please contact concierge@rsoffice.com or (02) 9138 0835</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Bishop’s Annual Appeal will be promoted in our parish on the weekend of 16/17 September</p> <p>"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated." + Bishop Brian Mascord</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Mary in the Bible Talk</p> <p>The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) in the Diocese of Wollongong invites you to discover the unique role of Our Lady as the Ark of the Covenant, New Eve, and Queen Mother in an eye-opening in-service presented by our very own CCD faith education office, Daniel Saliba, revealing the deep theological connections between Mary and her ancient biblical types.</p> <p>Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the rich theological significance behind titles the Church has historically assigned to Our Lady and their implications for Mary's relationship with Christ and the Church. Whether you are a catechist, a devoted Catholic, or someone seeking to deepen their understanding of Mary's role in salvation history, this talk will provide invaluable insights into the profound symbolism and theological depth of Catholic teaching on Mary. Join us on this spiritual journey as we uncover the beauty and significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the pages of Sacred Scripture.</p> <p>There are two options for attending the talk:</p> <p>Campbelltown Monday 18 September 10.00am - 12.30pm Level 1, Micah House 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown</p> <p>Wollongong Friday 22nd September 9.30am - 12.00pm Conference Room, Xavier Centre 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong</p> <p>Please register by following this link: Register Here Or by visiting our website: www.dow.org.au/events/ and following the links for the event.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration</p> <p>You are invited to register for the national liturgy and music conference "Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration" hosted by the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network together with the National Liturgical Council, commencing 28 - 30 September 2023 at the Hilton Hotel in Brisbane. This promises to be an outstanding conference for the Australian Catholic community in response to the Pope's call for a "serious and dynamic liturgical formation" within the Catholic church. For all the details, including keynote speakers and workshop presenters, please go to http://www.mysteryandmission.com.au You may watch the promotional video here https://youtu.be/0pyclmMFrGA</p>	
Continuing	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</p> <p>An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 27-29 October 2023 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, a stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.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. We are seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com 0407 672 417.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>CatholicCare Fostering Futures</p> <p>The Fostering Futures team are urgently looking for a forever home for Ollie* who is 8 years old. Ollie is a very engaging, outgoing, polite and active boy. Ollie enjoys swimming, going to the park, playing Nintendo, watching movies, colouring in, and trying new foods. Ollie would love to learn to ride a bike and play soccer or Oz Tag. Ollie is looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, caring, calm, and patient who can give him a sense of security and belonging.</p> <p>You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au for more information. Fostering Futures will support you every step of the way.</p> <p>*name has been changed for privacy</p>	
Continuing	<p>Coniston Homeless Hub</p> <p>Our centre is located at 12-16 Miller St, Coniston. The Vinnies Van operates out of this centre and provides emergency food relief and items for daily living to people experiencing homelessness and those living in difficult circumstances, 5 days a week. The Vinnies Homeless Hub and the Vinnies Van would be grateful for any one off or regular donations of food items, small toiletry items, sleeping bags, warm jackets, gloves, beanies, and snacks/poppers for school aged children.</p> <p>The Vinnies Homeless Hub accepts donations 9am-12pm Monday-Friday. Please call the Vinnies Hub on 4228 9355 or Kelly McCrohon, Vinnies Van Coordinator on (02) 5612 1357 or M: 0476 532 002, or E: vinniesvan@vinnies.org.au for any queries</p>	
Continuing	<p>ARETE - Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program 2024</p> <p>Applications for our Foundations of Missionary Leadership Program 2024 are now officially open! If you have a strong desire to deepen your faith, acquire practical leadership skills, theological knowledge, and spiritual formation to effectively serve Christ in today's Church, then our program is specifically designed for you.</p> <p>Please note that spaces for our Foundations of Missionary Leadership program for 2024 are limited and expected to fill quickly. Don't hesitate, take action now to ensure your place!</p> <p>Find out more: https://www.aretecentre.org/</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	<p>The Journey, 10 September 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week Fr Mike Delaney says this Gospel challenges how we respond to issues within our faith communities. Mother Hilda says the sunrise is a metaphor for God in our life. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Robert Falzon, and Byron and Francine Pirola. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>“Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them.” Make Christ the centre of your conversations and interactions with others. (Matthew 18:20)</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>	
Continuing	<p>A women’s opportunity to experience a Cursillo three-day weekend</p> <p>A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville from Thursday evening 5 October to Sunday afternoon 8 October 2023. To view brochure and find out more, please scan the QR code, click the link, email cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com or ring Geraldine Dayball on 0421 329 365.</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>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. 	

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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://dow.sh/parishgiving to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>The Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' highlighted the damage caused by the dominant technocratic paradigm and proposed the logic of an integral ecology, where “everything is connected”, “everything is related”, and where environmental issues are inseparable from social issues, for they go together. Caring for the environment and caring for the poor stand or fall together. In the end, no one is saved alone, and the rediscovery of fraternity and social friendship is decisive in order not to lapse into an individualism that makes people lose the joy of living and even their lives.</p> <p>- ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE "CENTESIMUS ANNUS PRO PONTIFICE" FOUNDATION, Clementine Hall, Monday, 5 June 2023</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</p> <p>https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</p>	

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