




## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	19 November 2024	<b>For weekend:</b>	23 – 24 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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<b>IMPORTANT</b>	<p><b>2024 Mass Attendance Count – November</b></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>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Advent Day Retreat Jamberoo Abbey with Mother Hilda Scott osb, Sr Magdalen Mather osb and Sr Julian Grigor</b></p> <p>Saturday 7 December 2024 Mass: 9am Talks: 10.30am – 3.30pm Cost: \$50 Morning tea provided, bring your own lunch</p> <p>Register <a href="http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/abbey-retreat-programs">www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/abbey-retreat-programs</a></p> <p>Advent is ushered in with the lighting of the first Advent candle. The beautiful purple candle represents Hope, and its lighting represents the Light with which the Christ enlightens our hearts and world. On this day of retreat, we explore how the hope and promise of the coming of the Lord continues to sing in the deepest places of our soul.</p>	<a href="#">Click to download brochure</a>
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Vinnies South Coast Retail shops - Volunteer Recruitment</b></p> <p>Vinnies shops are seeking new Retail Volunteers to assist them in supporting their local Community. if you are passionate about people, love to chat and putting a smile on someone's face, then we would like to hear from you. You can scan the QR Code, email us or pop into one of our shops for a chat to find out more.</p>	<a href="#">Click to download flyer Across Wollongong</a> <a href="#">Across Shoalhaven area</a>

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NEW	<p><b>SCAM ALERT – Fraudulent Use of CatholicCare Wollongong name and branding</b></p> <p>CatholicCare Wollongong has been made aware of Facebook pages that are utilising CatholicCare's name and branding to offer loans. This is a <b>scam</b>. CatholicCare Wollongong does <b>not</b> provide any financial services, including loans or any type of financing.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Disabled Surfers Association – Thirroul, 30 November</b></p>  <p>Join the Disabled Surfers Association at Thirroul Beach on Saturday, 30 November, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. This volunteer-driven event provides people with disabilities a chance to experience the joy of surfing in a safe and supportive environment. No surfing experience or swimming skills are required, and all ages are welcome to volunteer. A sausage sandwich will be provided for participants and volunteers. To register or learn more, visit <a href="https://events.humanitix.com">events.humanitix.com</a>.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Diocesan Annual Catechist Mass</b></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. Join Bishop Brian Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a light luncheon. RSVP <a href="https://dow.sh/cm24">dow.sh/cm24</a> or contact Helen Bennett at <a href="mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au">helen.bennett@dow.org.au</a> for more information.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Catholic Youth &amp; Young Adults Wollongong</b> 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 1503 1267 1659" style="text-align: center;">  <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE: <a href="https://cymw.org.au">cymw.org.au</a></p>  </div>	

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<b>NEW each week</b>	<p><b>The Journey, 24 November – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Chris de Rosario says that God must reign over every aspect of our lives, not just in select moments. Mother Hilda says God whispers to us every day, have a nice day. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p> <p><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: Attached is a jpg file or <a href="#">click to download the file</a> for parishes to display on their digital screen)</i></p>	<p><a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Click to download jpg file</a></p>
<b>NEW each week</b>	<p><b>A vocation view</b></p> <p>To testify to the truth; this is why Christ came, this is the mission of the priest and religious. Has your life testified to the truth that Christ is King? 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>	
Continuing	<p><b>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</b></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 <a href="http://dow.sh/stayingconnected">dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> or visit <a href="http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin">dow.sh/weeklybulletin</a> to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	

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NEW each week	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>It continues to be regrettable that global crises are being squandered when they could be the occasions to bring about beneficial changes. This is what happened in the 2007-2008 financial crisis and again in the Covid-19 crisis. For “the actual strategies developed worldwide in the wake of [those crises] fostered greater individualism, less integration and increased freedom for the truly powerful, who always find a way to escape unscathed”. - <i>Laudate Deum – Pope Francis - To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis</i></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Want Netflix for Catholics? Get ‘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 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><b>To register for FORMED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go to <a href="http://www.formed.org">www.formed.org</a> and click ‘Formed for Individuals’ button.</li> <li>• Enter your email address and Submit.</li> <li>• Type 'Wollongong' into the box then click the Diocese’s name and address (38 Harbour St) which will appear. Click Next.</li> <li>• 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!</li> </ul>	
Continuing	<p><b>Catholic Bible Study   Thursdays, 7:30-9pm* Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong)</b></p> <p>Come and explore the Bible with the mind and heart of the Church in an open and friendly environment. All are welcome. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086</p> <p><b>* Thursdays during school term</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – Season 4</b></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 <a href="http://watch.thechosen.tv">watch.thechosen.tv</a> to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council</b></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 <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/">https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/</a> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</b></p> <div data-bbox="384 1144 1230 1637" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>A gift to the Church in your will</b> ... <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 <a href="http://dow.sh/legacy">dow.sh/legacy</a>, call the diocesan representative on <b>4222 2446</b>, or scan the <b>QR code</b> here ▶</p>  </div> <p><b>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image <a href="#">click here</a>)</b></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Cathedral Books &amp; Gifts Wollongong</b></p> <p>Cathedral Books &amp; 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>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Go Deeper in your Faith with popular &amp; FREE Catholic Podcasts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bible in a Year</b>  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 <a href="http://www.ascensionpress.com/biy">www.ascensionpress.com/biy</a> and it's not too late to catch up or simply work through at your own pace.</li> <li>• <b>Catechism in a Year</b>  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 <a href="http://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy">www.ascensionpress.com/ciy</a></li> </ul>	
Continuing	<p><b>Men's Rosary Group – an Invitation to all Men</b></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.  For more information, please contact David at <a href="mailto:djbarrett85@gmail.com">djbarrett85@gmail.com</a> or phone: 0410 487 630.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>menALIVE's — reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm</b></p> <p><b>reFUEL</b> 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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</a></p>	