





## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	21 January 2025	<b>For weekend:</b>	25 – 26 January 2025


*RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.*

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
Continuing	<p><b>Young Adult Summit Night: "God, the universe &amp; everything"</b></p> <p>Join us for a transformative evening of faith formation. Young adults of the diocese, it's time to climb the highest peak and seek truth — and we invite you to do it with us at our Summit Night, a brand-new event designed just for you! Whether you're seeking deeper understanding or simply craving a vibrant community of like-minded young adults, this night is for you.</p> <p><b>When:</b> 6.30pm-9.15pm Wednesday 29 January 2025  <b>Where:</b> The Xavier Conference Centre, next to the Wollongong Cathedral  <b>For whom?</b> This is an 18+ event and primarily for young adults</p> <p>We're thrilled to welcome <b>Matt Fradd</b>, renowned Catholic speaker, author, and apologist. Matt will lead us in an inspiring talk on seeking truth through our faith, challenging us to deepen our relationship with God and discovering the fullness of the Gospel.</p> <p>This Summit night is more than just an event — it's a chance to encounter Christ, dive deep into the faith, and be part of a community that is committed to growing together in truth. Whether you're new to faith formation or looking for ways to strengthen your spiritual life, this is the place for open, honest conversations.</p> <p>Bring your friends, bring your questions, and be ready to experience a night that will leave you feeling inspired, encouraged, and closer to Christ. <b>Registration is essential</b>, secure your place ASAP and scan the QR code to register.</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click to download poster</a></p>

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<p><b>New Years Resolution!</b></p>	<p><b>Starts January 1: Go Deeper in your Faith with popular &amp; FREE Catholic Podcasts</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><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.</p>	
<p><b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>Hope For the Illawarra Launch Night</b></p> <p>Friday, 31 January, 6:00-8:30pm, Figtree Anglican Church</p> <p>All invited! A night of celebration, music, testimonies and prayer to kick-off the Hope For The Illawarra Mission and countdown to 28 and 29 March.</p> <p>For catering purposes, please register your attendance <a href="#">trybooking Hope for the Illawarra Launch Night</a></p>	
<p><b>NEW each week</b></p>	<p><b>The Journey, 26 January – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr John Nguyen OFM says that Jesus is still inviting us to advance Australia through acts of mercy. Mother Hilda’s story of misunderstanding teaches the importance of responding with compassion and understanding. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Christy Honeysett, and Fr Dave Callaghan MGL. 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>
<p>Continuing</p>	<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 style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;">  <span style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: left; margin-left: 10px;">                     STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE:  <b>cymw.org.au</b> </span>  </div>	

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NEW	<p><b>A Women’s Opportunity to Experience a Cursillo 3-Day Weekend</b></p> <p>A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville (Near Campbelltown) from Thursday evening 6 March to Sunday afternoon 9 March 2025. To view brochure and find out more, please scan the QR code, email <a href="mailto:cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com">cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com</a> or contact Margaret on 0417 041 721.</p>	
NEW each week	<p><b>A vocation view</b></p> <p>Through the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today? Ponder the possibility of being a deacon, priest, brother or sister. (Luke 1:1, 4:14-21)</p> <p>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>	
Continuing	<p><b>Want your community to grow? Try Faith Circles</b></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 <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/">www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/</a> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	Continuing
NEW each week	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>I cannot fail in this regard to remind the Catholic faithful of the motivations born of their faith. I encourage my brothers and sisters of other religions to do the same, since we know that authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with creation as a whole. - <i>Laudate Deum – Pope Francis - To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis</i></p>	

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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>	
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>	2

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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>	
Continuing	<p><b>CAtHFAMILY</b></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 <a href="https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/">https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</a></p>	