



BULLETIN NOTICES


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| From: | Mr Jude Hennessy | Ref: | JH/hb:2024/46 |
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| Date: | 3 December 2024 | For weekend: | 7 – 8 December 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>Share Hope This Christmas - Invite Others to Christmas Mass</p> <p>All of us know friends and family who are disconnected from faith. Recent research shows that 37% of people would attend church if invited by close friends and family and 30% are yet to make up their minds (or don't have close friends or family who attend Church) [NCLS, <i>Australian Openness to Invitation, 2020</i>].</p> <p>That means in practice that if we are courageous enough to invite, there's a good chance you will encounter someone who will say yes or at least be open to considering your invitation. We often think that we need to have all the answers, be a master in apologetics or arguing the faith, or be one of "those types" of Christians. In reality, all that's needed is presence, relationship, willingness to listen, and the courage to say, "<i>hey, this is a bit out there, but I was wondering if you'd like to come to Church with me this Christmas?</i>" Have a look at the helpful tips for inviting others to Church this Christmas and share hope this Christmas.</p> | |
| Continuing | <p>Charismatic Prayer Group's Christmas Reflection – Friday 13 Dec 2024, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong</p> <p>Our monthly Charismatic Masses will return next year. But before then, a warm invitation is extended to all members of the public who would like to thank God and share success stories of 2024 with a 'A Scripture Reflection on Christmas'. All Welcome.</p> <p>7:00pm Christmas Reflection and sharing 8:30pm Cuppa (bring a plate of food to share)</p> <p>Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404</p> | |

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| Continuing | <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="384 479 1267 638" style="text-align: center;">  <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE: cymw.org.au</p>  </div> | |
| Continuing | <p>Vinnies South Coast Retail shops - Volunteer Recruitment</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> | <p>Click to download flyer Across Wollongong</p> <p>Across Shoalhaven area</p> |
| NEW each week | <p>The Journey, 8 December – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Joshua Whicker MGL says the Gospel calls us to remove obstacles and open our hearts to Jesus. Mother Hilda says that no matter how disfigured someone's earthly identity may seem, they are known and cherished by the Father. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, and two Light Advent Series reflections. 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 each week | <p>A vocation view</p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent (8/12/24)</p> <p>John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Promote the gospel in our community (Luke 3:1-6) 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>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> | |

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| NEW each week | <p>Social Justice Points</p> <p>Postmodern culture has generated a <i>new sensitivity</i> towards the more vulnerable and less powerful. This is connected with my insistence in the Encyclical Letter <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> on the primacy of the human person and the defence of his or her dignity beyond every circumstance. It is another way of encouraging multilateralism for the sake of resolving the real problems of humanity, securing before all else respect for the dignity of persons, in such a way that ethics will prevail over local or contingent interests. - <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! | |
| Continuing | <p>Catholic Bible Study Thursdays, 7:30-9pm* Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong)</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>* Thursdays during school term</p> | |
| Continuing | <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> | |

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| 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> | |
| Continuing | <p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="384 1144 1232 1637" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">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> | |
| 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> | |

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| 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 & <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 | |