

## BULLETIN NOTICES




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<b>Date:</b>	3 February 2025	<b>For weekend:</b>	8 – 9 February 2025

*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>NEW</b>	<p><b>Get Your Jubilee Year Pilgrim Passport</b></p> <p>Pilgrim Passports are starting to arrive in Parishes! Bishop Mascord has had these produced and desires each Catholic get their own copy to help them embrace this Holy Year through pilgrimage, prayerfulness and service, embracing the gift of the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence. Get your copy and have your passport stamped at each of the 6 Pilgrimage sites in as we journey together in hope across the Diocese.</p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Vocaris: Young Adult Event</b></p> <p>Register at: <a href="https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/Vocaris">https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/Vocaris</a></p> <p>The Wollongong Vocations Promotions Team are back for an epic 2025! We are excited to invite all <b>young adults (over 18)</b> from across the diocese to our first event of the year on <b>Saturday, 15 Feb (5pm to 10pm)</b>.</p> <p>The event will be held on the outdoor grounds of St Mary's Towers Douglas Park (415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park). Follow signage on site to parking and event site. Please see the registration page for more details. We hope to see you there!</p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Medjugorje Pilgrimage commences Monday 1 September 2025</b></p> <p><b>Accompanied by Fr Patrick Vaughan</b></p> <p>Queen of Peace – Medjugorje Pilgrimage <i>A tiny Croatian village, six children and the faith of millions from all over the world have shed new light on what it means to be a true pilgrim on life's journey. In this hallowed place of Medjugorje, this valley of miracles, the Mother of God beckons us forward.</i></p> <p>For full details, itinerary and bookings, <b>Visit:</b> <a href="http://harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje">harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje</a></p>	<a href="#">Click to download flyer</a>

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Continuing	<p><b>Believing 'All shall be well' with Julian of Norwich 7 – 9 February</b></p> <p>Come and behold love and hope in a suffering world. A weekend retreat at Jamberoo Abbey, with Julian of Norwich as our guide. Presenter Sr Julian Grigor.</p> <p>To enquire or register: Phone 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email <a href="mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au">cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au</a> More information can be found at <a href="http://jamberooabbey.org.au/events/2025-02-07">jamberooabbey.org.au/events/2025-02-07</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>
NEW	<p><b>St Patrick's College for Girls invites you to Open Day</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 22 February 2025</b></p> <p>For Enquiries: contact <a href="mailto:info@saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au">info@saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au</a></p> <p>For more details: <a href="http://saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au">saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer and scan QR Code</a></p>
NEW	<p><b>St Patrick's College for Girls, Campbelltown, Legacy of Light Gala Ball Saturday 15 March 2025 at 6:30pm at The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club.</b></p> <p>Join us for an evening of gourmet dining, live entertainment and the chance to make a difference. All funds raised support scholarships for young women in Southwestern Sydney. Tickets \$175 per person including a sumptuous three course meal, beverages and entertainment.</p> <p>For Booking: <a href="http://trybooking.com/Legacy of Light Gala Ball">trybooking.com/Legacy of Light Gala Ball</a></p>	
UPDATE	<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><i>* Thursdays during school term</i></p>	
UPDATED	<p><b>Charismatic Healing Mass – Celebrant: Fr Patrick Vaughan</b></p> <p><b>14 Feb 2025, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart Street Wollongong</b></p> <p>A warm invitation is extended to all members of the public, all prayer groups, Alpha graduates, and members of Cursillo, Couples for Christ and Disciples of Jesus, to join us in charismatic praise to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa. Everyone welcome.</p> <p>7:00pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass</p> <p><b>For more information, contact Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404</b></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Hope for the Illawarra Inter Church Evangelisation Event 2025</b></p> <p>Bishop Brian Mascord is eager for Catholics from around the Illawarra to be attend and be involved in an Ecumenical Event Called Hope for the Illawarra, to be held at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre 28 and 29 March.</p> <p><b>Main Events</b>            Friday 28 March - An Evening for Youth (7pm)            Saturday 29 March - A Morning Event for Children (11am)            Saturday 29 March - A Celebration with Dr Michael Youssef (7pm)</p> <p><b>Training</b>            This is a great opportunity for members of our Catholic Parishes especially to be involved in outreach, especially as members of Prayer Teams, after some the <a href="#">Sharing Hope</a> course in February being held in 6 locations around the Illawarra. For more information go to <a href="https://www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/about-1">https://www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/about-1</a> or contact <a href="mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au">jude.hennessy@dow.org.au</a> / P: 4222 2407</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Sanctus Summit – Wednesday 19 February 2025</b></p> <p>New monthly adoration for young adults of the diocese at two locations, rotating each month. 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 PM for adoration in a beautiful and sacred space.</p> <p>The first Sanctus Summit will be at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow followed by dinner + fellowship at Campbelltown Catholic Club.</p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download flyer</a></p>
Continuing	<p><b>Enrolments for CatholicCare's Parenting and Relationship courses are now open.</b></p> <p>Our courses are held in a supportive environment with others who share similar life challenges. Our range of groups focus on strengthening relationships, parenting, post-separation, supporting parents with children in care, managing challenging emotions and loss and grief.</p> <p>If you would like to learn more about our courses or enrol please email <a href="mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au">intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a> or call 4254 9395</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 each week</b></p>	<p><b>The Journey, 9 February – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr James Arblaster says that while humans choose the most qualified, God calls those who humbly confess their unworthiness. Mother Hilda has a story of a father's unwavering love for his son, despite his unexpected revelation. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron &amp; Francine Pirola, 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>
<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 data-bbox="384 1516 1267 1675" style="text-align: center;">  <p>STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE:  <a href="http://cymw.org.au">cymw.org.au</a></p>  </div>	
<p>Continuing</p>	<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>	

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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>	
NEW each week	<p><b>Social Justice Points</b></p> <p>The Judaeo-Christian vision of the cosmos defends the unique and central value of the human being amid the marvellous concert of all God’s creatures, but today we see ourselves forced to realize that it is only possible to sustain a “situated anthropocentrism”. To recognize, in other words, that human life is incomprehensible and unsustainable without other creatures. For “as part of the universe... all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect”. - <i>Laudate Deum – Pope Francis - To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis</i></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>	

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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>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>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>	