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BULLETIN NOTICES

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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)
UPDATED	Mass online and other spiritual resources	
	During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving holy Communion. Starting on Sunday 29 March, we will be premiering Sunday Mass online available at www.dow.org.au and on the diocese's Facebook page with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.	
	These online Masses will continue every Sunday (including the Paschal Triduum during Holy Week) giving parishioners the opportunity to make an act of Spiritual Communion together as a diocese.	
	 For daily Masses, parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to access other home worship resources including: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays 12:10pm Mass from the Cathedral House at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong Tuesday—Sunday Masses from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow Saturdays 5pm and Sundays 10am Mass from St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park 	

- Daily Mass from St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Campbelltown
- Daily Mass at 7am from All Saints Catholic Parish, Shellharbour City
- Daily 7pm Mass and Sunday 10am Mass from Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Eagle Vale
- Daily Masses from St Paul's Catholic Parish, Moss Vale
- Tuesday—Sundays at 8am and Saturdays at 6pm at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, Macquarie Fields (also on their Facebook page)
- Sunday 9:30am Mass from St Patrick's Catholic Parish, Port Kembla.
- Sunday Mass from St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish,
 Bowral and St Michael's Catholic Parish, Mittagong.

Mass for You at Home is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6am and any time on TenPlay

Daily Mass on Demand is available at CathNews YouTube channel

Daily 1pm Mass and Sunday 11am Mass from the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Daily Mass from Bishop Robert Barron's chapel

The following resources are also available on our website to assist parishioners with their home worship:

<u>Liturgy and prayer resources</u> from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Daily Mass readings.

Act of Spiritual Communion prayer card.

Journey Catholic Radio is a Diocesan weekly podcast. It includes awesome music, a weekly Gospel reflection, interviews and a variety of weekly inputs from some of the best Catholic presenters in Australia.

Faith Circles is free weekly single-sided A4 PDF resource that contains the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading as well as a reflection on the Gospel (usually by Pope Francis) accompanied by questions for discussion and prayer points. It is a great resource for individual and families to use at home.

The diocese's <u>Lenten Program</u> is still available to purchase as a PDF and the MP3 resource is now available to <u>download for</u> free.

NEW The Chosen - Great Family Viewing on the Life of Jesus.

This new, crowd funded series on the life of Jesus is receiving wide acclaim around the world and is well worth a look, especially during holy week. It is a high-quality production that explores the life of Jesus through the eyes of those around Him. Download 'The Chosen' app for various devices or watch for free on u-tube. https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen

NEW	Holy Week Resources for use by families at home	Click to download
	Attached are some Family Resources for Holy Week that can be used at home, recommended by Bishop Mascord Click to download Holy Thursday Click to download Good Friday Click to download Easter Sunday Click to download The end of Lent	Click to download Holy Thursday Click to download Good Friday Click to download Easter Sunday Click to download The end of Lent
Continuing	The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs 12 April 2020 Listen in this week for Easter Sunday on the Journey we hear from Bishop Brian Mascord with his Easter message, great music, and God spots from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters as we celebrate joyfully in isolation, the resurrection	
Continuing	of Jesus. It's free – go to www.jcr.org.au Connecting Online – Simple Steps to Video Group Gatherings • Zoom Video Conferencing is excellent platform for hosting small faith sharing groups as well as parish meetings, liturgies and courses. Each parish has an account which can be used for the hosting of such meetings. Click here to download the user guide .	Click to download Zoom User Guide Basic Steps
Continuing	Electronic parish planned giving During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, parishes are urgently need the ongoing financial support of parishioners more than ever, as their overhead costs will not change. As the vast majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection baskets during Mass, we are encouraging all parishioners to join the electronic parish planned giving program. The Diocese have created a page with two simple options for parishioners to give to their local parish electronically. https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/	
Continuing	2020 Wollongong Hospitals Fr George Condookala will be available for visits to the sick. He can be contacted on 0475 815 506.	

	Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families During this time of social isolation, it is important that we pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources are available to assist with this. These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office, commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to: litturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful	Click to download liturgy help
Continuing	A Call to commit to Prayer during the Pandemic every evening at 7pm: The faithful across the Diocese of Wollongong are urged to join with other members of the National Council of Churches, so that all Christians pray 7pm every night through until Easter Sunday during the	
	PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD, AMIDST COVID-19 Gracious God, We give thanks anew for your providence and presence. We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response. We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable. This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
NEW	A Vocation view	
	Easter Sunday (12/04/20) He is Risen! Salvation has been won; the power of death is broken. Be inspired by Christ's triumph over death that you might be a confident witness of His Resurrection. (Matthew 28:6-7) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at vocations@dow.org.au	
Continuing	Faith Circles—free small group resource: During this period of Pandemic isolation, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that	

	you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by skype / phone with others at this time, with its questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.	
Continuing	CAtHFAMILY CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website. Don't miss CathKids https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/ : A weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer. Families in the diocese are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids. Visit www.cathfamily.org especially during this time of COVID-19 social distancing especially if children are unable to attend school.	
NEW	Always Connected While CatholicCare office is closed due to current restrictions, our dedicated Client Services Officer Marion is still here to take your calls and emails. Marion and the CatholicCare team are working on practical and innovative new ways to support our clients through COVID-19. Please email or call us if you have any questions – we're here to help. Phone: 4227 1122 or email enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au	Click to download Image