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Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	<p>Anzac Day for the Faithful in the Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>Bishop Mascord has made available an online service that enables the faithful around the Diocese to appropriately and prayerfully mark the occasion of Anzac Day this weekend. The material is available via www.dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Nourish your Faith at Home – New Section on DoW Website</p> <p>Visit: www.dow.org.au/covid-19/nourish-your-faith-at-home</p> <p>During these times of uncertainty, and isolation, nourishing our faith becomes even more important. Through spending time with God and with one another we find the hope, comfort, guidance and certainty that our loving God and Father wants to share with us. Jesus wants to be with us and care for us during these days. On this page you will find resources for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participating in Masses and other Liturgies and Prayer Gatherings• Sharing Faith with Others in the Community• Nourishing Your Faith and that of Your Family	

NEW	<p>Adoration livestreamed Wednesday nights</p> <p>The NET Team will be hosting a Holy Hour every Wednesday at 6:30pm. This will be a time set aside for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.</p> <p>This will be broadcast via This will be broadcast via: Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/ Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/wollongongnetteam/</p>	
NEW	<p>Coming Soon: Youth Adult Online Small Groups</p> <p>In the incoming weeks, the NET Team will be inviting all young adults ages 18-35 to join our Faith Circles on Zoom. Faith Circles is a weekly young adult small group that brings together people of faith whether you just started your journey or one who is open to an encounter with Jesus Christ, this is done by sharing of the Gospel and reflecting upon in it. This is a great way to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" CYMW facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"</p>	
Continuing	<p>Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online and other Spiritual Resources</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Starting Sunday 29 March, we will be providing Sunday Mass online available at www.dow.org.au and on the diocese's Facebook page www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.</p> <p>Other Online Masses from Around the Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>For daily Masses, parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to access other home worship resources including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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</p>	
Continuing	<p>The Chosen - Great Family Viewing on the Life of Jesus.</p> <p>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. The easiest place to watch the whole first season for free is through a free membership on VidAngel - https://www.vidangel.com/</p>	
NEW	<p>The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – ‘The Journey’ – 26 April 2020</p> <p>Listen in this week for as we hear from Sr Hilda Scott, Fr Mike Delaney from Tasmania, Pete Gilmore from Wollongong and other inputs from some of Australia’s best Catholic presenters. There is some brilliant music as we celebrate joyfully in isolation, this Easter Season. Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Connecting Online – Simple Steps to Video Group Gatherings</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Click to download Zoom User Guide Basic Steps</p>

Continuing	<p>Electronic parish planned giving</p> <p>Given that all non-essential travel has been cancelled, some parishioners who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</p> <p>Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (insert phone number/email) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families</p> <p>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: liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.</p>	<p>Click to download liturgy help</p>
Continuing	<p>Prayer during the Pandemic every evening at 7pm:</p> <p>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 Pandemic crisis.</p> <p>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.</p>	

	<p>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.</p>	
NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter (26/04/20)</p> <p>‘Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning.’ Now that Christ is raised from the dead, our actions must be changed to reveal this great gift to the world. (1 Peter 1:17) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>CAtHFAMILY</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>We’re always here, if you ever need...</p> <p>These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes.</p> <p>To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 4254 9395 or email intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	

Continuing	<p>Always Connected</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	
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