



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)
NEW	<p>Frameworks & Resources</p> <p>In a crisis its often hard to get a handle on how to structure our response, to see where the possibilities lie and where we need to hold back. The attached document gives some ideas on how we might go about approaching the way we guide our parishes through this time.</p> <p>Similarly, people are looking for faith, for reassurance, for understanding. The attached resource list provides some useful links and ways in which people can nurture their faith during this crisis.</p> <p>Zoom is proving to be a highly useful way in which parishioners are gathering to continue building relationships and supporting one another in faith and life. We have also attached an instruction guide on how to get started.</p> <p>For more information contact Darren McDowell on 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</p>	<p>Click to download Resource List</p> <p>Click to download framework</p> <p>Click to download Zoom User Guide for DOW</p>
NEW	<p>Connecting Online – Simple Steps to Video Group Gatherings</p> <p>Connecting online can be simple and straightforward enabling people to feel supported, connected and able to pray and share faith and life together. The following simple process will give you access to a 40min time period of a zoom video call. A picture is also attached:</p>	<p>Click to download Simple Zoom Setup</p>

	<p>Decide on your regular time Create a free Zoom Account (www.zoom.us) Share your Zoom meeting ID Start your gathering at the appointed time</p>	
NEW	<p>The Hope at Home Film Festival Some Great home viewing starting HOLY WEEK / EASTER provided Heritage Films – faith-based films of hope and inspiration. It feels like we could all do with a good dose of hope, courage and inspiration right now! We invite you to join with thousands of others at The HOPE at HOME Film Festival. (1 movie per week over 10 weeks - \$30) https://www.hopeathome.com.au/?code=SPECIAL50&gclid=EAlaIqobChMlwKSV_9jD6AIVkAsrCh1kdQSsEAAYASAAEgKK4PD_BwE</p>	
NEW	<p>Telephone and Video (Zoom) Conferences Being Established within the Milton Parish:</p> <p>If you would like to participate in a weekly telephone and/or video conference with other parishioners please register your interest with Fr Michael: michael.dyer@dow.org.au or Annelise Robinson: annelieserobinson@bigpond.com These weekday conferences will be hosted by a variety of parishioners and others. They will provide social, spiritual and practical support. The teleconference is at 10 am – 10.30 am on Tuesdays; the video conference will be 9.30 – 10.30 am on Fridays. There will also be a Liturgy of the Word video (ZOOM) Conference on Sundays 10.15 – 11 am. This will be led by Fr Michael and members of the Parish Liturgy Team. This will involve sharing/breaking open and praying with the Sunday Scripture Readings.</p>	
Continuing	<p>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 <u>Spiritual Communion</u>, 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 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.</p>	

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:

- [Mass for You at Home](#) is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6:00 a.m. and any time on Ten Play
- [Daily Mass on Demand](#) is available at CathNews YouTube channel
- [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 7 p.m. Mass and Sunday 10 a.m. Mass](#) from Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Eagle Vale
- [Daily 1 p.m. Mass and Sunday 11 a.m. 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:

- [Liturgy and prayer resources](#) 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 [Lenten Program](#) is still available to purchase as a PDF and the MP3 resource is now available to [download for free](#).

Continuing	<p>Electronic parish planned giving</p> <p>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.</p> <p>https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/</p>	
Continuing	<p>2020 Wollongong Hospitals</p> <p>Fr George Condookala will be available for visits to the sick. He can be contacted on 0475 815 506.</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>The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs 5 April 2020</p> <p>Listen in this week for Palm Sunday on the Journey. Bishop Brian Mascord proclaims the Gospel and Sr Anastasia Reeves provides some great Spiritual Direction for the 5th week of Lent. You'll hear some uplifting music and encouragement. It's free – go to www.jcr.org.au to get it sent to you each week.</p>	
Continuing	<p>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 Pandemic crisis.</p> <p><i>PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD, AMIDST COVID-19</i> <i>Gracious God,</i> <i>We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.</i></p>	

	<p><i>We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	
NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (4/5/20)</p> <p>Our Lord identifies with our suffering and offers His for our salvation. When we unite our sufferings with His, we are bound to Him on the Cross for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. 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: 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 <i>Faith Circles</i> 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>	<p>Click to download CathFamily March t66t29-4</p>