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### BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW		
NEW	Alpha - Refreshing our Vision and Practice	
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June, 7:30pm via Zoom Video Conferencing	
	Alpha is becoming a highly successful primary tool of outreach and evangelisation for many parishes in our diocese. This refresher training, run by Donna Brennan from Alpha Australia, will help all those currently involved in running Alpha to refresh the vision and their practice of Alpha in preparation for restarting face to face Alpha courses in the months to come. We will also focus on strategies for inviting and running an online Alpha. Registration essential via <a href="mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au">darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</a>	
NEW	The Eucharist - Exploring our Catholic Faith	
	Mondays 1 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June or Fridays 5 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June all at 4pm via Zoom Video Conferencing	
	We are all missing the Eucharist - but what does this mean? What are we missing? In this four-part online series, we'll refresh and deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and its relevance for our lives using online video material from Bishop Robert Barron. We will explore Eucharist as Real Presence, as Sacrifice and as Meal and look at how we can prepare and get more out of our participation in this celebration. For more information and registration please email <a href="mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au">darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</a>	

#### NEW

### An Introduction to the Psalms: A Songbook for Today

# Thursdays, 4<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June at 4-5pm (repeated at 8-9pm) via Zoom Video Conferencing

The Book of Psalms is a rich collection of poetry, prayer and song canvassing the fullness of our human experience and life. In this four-part online series, Fr Mark De Battista will lead us on an introductory explanation of the Book of Psalms. Such an exploration will assist us in making the most of this book in both personal and liturgical prayer. For further information and registration email darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au

### NEW

# POSITION VACANT

### Director, Office for Evangelisation, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of Director, Office for Evangelisation. This is a full-time role based at Pennant Hills.

The Director supports Bishop Anthony Randazzo to achieve his pastoral priorities; provides strategic direction; and leads the Office for Evangelisation to meet present and future opportunities for Christian mission.

The Office for Evangelisation works across the areas of Pastoral Planning, Sacramental Life, Liturgy and RCIA, Life, Marriage and Family; Catholic Life, Mission, and Faith Formation; Catholic Youth and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It works closely with the parishes of the Diocese and provides significant support as they carry out the mission of the Catholic Church.

For the full advertisement see the Positions Vacant page of the Broken Bay Diocesan

website: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-

#### Continuing

### Pray with Pope Francis throughout May for an end to the Pandemic.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the Rosary, knowing that by doing so they would be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. Pope Francis has written two prayers that can be recited at the end of the rosary, prayers he said he would be reciting "in spiritual union with all of you."

Continuing	Prayer to recite at the end of the rosary O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.  Update - Nourish Your Faith at Home	Click to download
J	Included in the attached document are a range of online resources which families might like to utilise in nourishing their faith at home. It includes a number of resources for scripture study for both children and adults.	Nourish Your Faith at Home - Update April 23
Continuing	Theology of the Body Institute Presents	
Continuing	Theology of the Body Virtual Conference 8-10 May 2020  Join over 20,000 attendees from around the world for some of the Catholic world's most sought-after speakers about St John Paul II's Theology of the Body teachings.  Over 72 lay men and women, priests and religious who will offer 20-minute pre-recorded video reflections that will inspire you through testimonies, catechesis and art.  Register Today for the Free Theology of the Body Virtual Conference Friday, 8 May 2020 - Sunday, 10 May 2020 at Register Today for the Free Theology of the Body Virtual Conference. tobvirtualconference.com	

Continuing	Adoration livestreamed Wednesday nights  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.  This will be broadcast via This will be broadcast via: Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/">https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/</a> Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/wollongongnetteam/">https://www.instagram.com/wollongongnetteam/</a>	
Continuing	Coming Soon: Youth Adult Online Small Groups 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"	
Continuing	Diocese of Wollongong 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 Sunday 29 March, we will be providing Sunday Mass online available atwww.dow.org.au and on the diocese's Facebook page www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.  Other Online Masses from Around the Diocese of Wollongong 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 Aguinas 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 Continuing 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. The easiest place to watch the whole first season for free is through a free membership on VidAngel - https://www.vidangel.com/ The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – 'The **Journey' - 10 April 2020** Listen in this week for as we hear again in the Easter Series of Gospel reflections from Fr Mike Delaney, Mother Hilda Scott

from the Abbey and other short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters as we celebrate the Easter season in isolation. Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au

#### NEW A Vocation view

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (5/3/20)

'Repent and be baptized!' Our life as Christian disciples is a constant conversion to the Lord; we must constantly live out the commitments made at our own Baptism. (Acts 2:38). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au or our new Vocations video at https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-withbishop-brian/

Continuing	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  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. Please visit <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/">https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/</a> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically. 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.	
Continuing	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: <a href="https://liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray">https://liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray</a> and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.	Click to download liturgy help

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 <a href="https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/">https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</a> : 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 <a href="https://www.cathfamily.org">www.cathfamily.org</a> especially during this time of COVID-19 social distancing especially if children are unable to attend school.	
Continuing	We're always here, if you ever need  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.  To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 4254 9395 or email intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au	
Continuing	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	