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## BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	3 June 2020	For weekend:	6 – 7 June 2020

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	<ul> <li>Plenary Council 2020</li> <li>New dates for plenary council have been announced as well as the Discernment Papers on each Plenary Theme. Keep up to date by visiting the</li> <li>Plenary website <u>https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/</u></li> <li>These Papers are the result of each writing group and will ultimately be the Agenda for the Assembly in October 2021 after approval by Rome.</li> <li>The Discernment Papers should be a real source of prayerful discussion and reflection over the next few months in parishes, schools, and Church agencies.</li> </ul>	
Continuing	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. To register go to <u>https://www.dow.org.au/news-and- events/</u> For further information email darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au	

Continuing	Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online	<u>Click to download</u>
	For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <a href="https://dow.sh/dailymass">https://dow.sh/dailymass</a>	
UPDATED	An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many 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 <u>https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/</u> 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	Free Bushfire Support Counselling (only relevant to Parishes in the Southern area of the Diocese)The Bushfire Support Counselling program offers a free counselling service to support individuals, families and communities impacted by bushfires.This service will help you and your loved ones to deal with the emotional reactions of disbelief, stress. anxiety and grief. Sessions are available via telehealth services.Contact 1800 068 698 to make an appointment and to find out more.	
Continuing	Update - Nourish Your Faith at Home 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.	<u>Click to download</u> <u>Nourish Your Faith</u> at Home - Update April 23

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: https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/ Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/wollongongnetteam/	
Continuing	Youth Ministry Online Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong launched LIVE Online last week. Check it out at. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7 -OVY</u> Joel and Robyn get real in this creative show about faith in the life of young people, inviting them into lives that are full and joyful. 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" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"	
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/	
NEW	The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – 'The Journey' – 7 June 2020 Listen in this week for as we hear from Fr Mark De Battista there's some great short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters. Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au	
NEW	A Vocation view The Most Holy Trinity (7/06/20) "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." God's love is powerful and all consuming, responding to this Love leads to a life-changing encounter! (John 3:16) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at	

NEW	vocations@dow.org.au or our new Vocations video at https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with- bishop-brian/ Social Justice Statement At the dawn of this Third Millennium, the Church does not tire of proclaiming the Gospel that brings salvation and genuine freedom also to temporal realities Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	<u>Click to download</u> logo
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.	<u>Click to download</u> <u>Zoom User Guide</u> <u>Basic Steps</u>
UPDATED		
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: <u>liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray</u> and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.	<u>Click to download</u> 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: FREE to CathKids till June 30 CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website. Don't miss CathKids <u>https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/</u> : 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.	
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	