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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	21 July 2020	For weekend:	25 – 26 July 2020

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	August 15 Virtual National Catholic Men's Gathering –	
	This free half day gathering, will look to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship four sessions with inputs from Australian Bishops and lay leaders to inspire and renew men in the Church for mission. Participate individually but also in around 30 locations around Australia, 4 in the Diocese of Wollongong. Simply register at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au The Diocese will bring men together in four locations on Saturday 15 August from 9.30-2.30pm:	
	 Wollongong: Xavier Centre 38 Harbour Street – Host: Peter Crowe – 0407 913 696 Macarthur: Venue TBC: Host: Eddie Ferry – 0417 049 418 Nowra: Venue St Michaels Parish: Host: Nigel Porter – 0430 365 383 	
	• Southern Highlands: Venue TBC: Host: James Glynn – 0431 636 027	
Continuing	Dates locked in for Plenary Council Assemblies The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from 3-10 October 2021, and in Sydney from 4 – 9 July 2022. The new dates mean that the celebration of the Plenary Council has effectively moved 12 months from the original plan of a first assembly in October 2020 and a second assembly in June/July 2021.	

Continuing	Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online	Click to download
	For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website https://dow.sh/dailymass	
Continuing	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 https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ 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	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.	Click to download Nourish Your Faith at Home - Update April 23
Continuing	Youth Ministry Online Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong has launched LIVE - Check it out at. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7 -OVY This is a great way for young people 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' – 26 July 2020 This week you will hear all about the upcoming National Men's Conference and new content from Darren McDowell in his segment – leading for mission – asking us why we would bother? The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au	
NEW	A Vocation view Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (26/07/20) "Give your servant an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong." True knowledge comes from the Lord and is not to be used for our own gain, but for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. (1 Kings 3:9) 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-with-bishop-brian/	
NEW	It must not be forgotten that the passing of time and the changing of social circumstances will require a constant updating of the reflections on various issues, in order to interpret new signs of the times. - Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	Click to download 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.	Click to download Zoom User Guide Basic Steps
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: https://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.	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 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.	
Continuing	CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? We are urgently seeking a forever home in the Shoalhaven area for a sibling group of four children, aged between 6 to 14 years. We need foster carers who provide love, care and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au more information	
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	