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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	30 June 2020	For weekend:	4 – 5 July 2020

Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	STEUBENVILLE LIVE – Virtual Youth Conference 17-18 July 2020 Experience hope alive at Steubenville's very first virtual conference, Steubenville Live! Enjoy a virtual event like no other • Live-streamed from Steubenville Florida, no prerecorded talks • Fully interactive • Powerful worship music	
	 And, of course, Jesus will be there, the source of our hope! Steubenville Live engages not only high schoolers but their families, too! Registration is now open! https://steubenvilleconferences.com/live/?mc_cid=3361e7364 O&mc_eid=a9eafb22e5 	
NEW	This Sunday, the Church around Australia marks the start of NAIDOC week with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (NATSIC) Sunday. Let us celebrate and as a community pray for and with our Aboriginal and Torres Straight brothers and sisters. Go to https://www.natsicc.org.au/2020-atsi-sunday.html to read some great stories, view some great videos and follow the link to live stream the NATSIC mass from St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide.	
Continuing	Refresher: Supporting & Coordinating Ministries Multiple daytime and evening sessions in July via Zoom. To Register visit www.dow.org.au/news-and-events	

How are you going in coordinating or supporting an area of ministry in your parish? Would you like to gain some further skills and tips to undertake this role more successfully? This introductory session will help you explore how you are going and consider ways in which we can all improve in inspiring, equipping and empowering people within our areas of ministry and parish life. For more info contact Darren McDowell on darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or 4222 2463	
Dates locked in for Plenary Council Assemblies The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from October 3-10, 2021, and in Sydney from July 4-9, 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.	
Knowing & Following the Holy Spirit	
Wednesday's, 22nd July - 9th September via Zoom. To Register visit www.dow.org.au/news-and-events	
The theme of Australia's Plenary Council is Listen to What Spirit is Saying. But how do we do this? How can we as individuals and parish communities truly know, listen and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Entering into these questions is vital as we discern how we will live our faith and mission in the years to come. Join us for this eight-part video reflection series, using material from formed.org, exploring the role and action of the Holy Spirit. For more info contact Darren McDowell on darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or 4222 2463	
Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online	Click to download
For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website https://dow.sh/dailymass	
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	
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	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' – 5 July 2020 Listen in this week for as we break open the Sunday Gospel reading with Fr Mark de Battista and hear from our new presenter Pat Keady from the Emmanuel Community. There are 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	
	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (5 July 2020) We are to live a life in the Spirit, putting to death the works of the flesh. Ask God to help you always live as a child of the Light. (Romans 8:13) 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	Social Justice Statement	Click to download
	Christian love leads to denunciation, proposals and a commitment to cultural and social projects; it prompts positive activity that inspires all who sincerely have the good of man at heart to make their contribution Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	<u>logo</u>
Continuing	Connecting Online – Simple Steps to Video Group Gatherings	Click to download Zoom User Guide
	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.	Basic Steps
Continuing	Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families	Click to download
	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.	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 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	
	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	