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## BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	11 August 2020	For weekend:	15 – 16 August 2020

Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Bible Study  Every Tuesday evening from 7pm - 8pm, all young adults of Wollongong (18+) are welcome to the Xavier Centre for a bible study led by the NET Team. We are currently studying the book of Exodus, so bring your Bible for good chats and amazing community! Come at 6:30 for light food and the chance to talk to the team and other young adults!  To ensure COVID19 restrictions are abided, please let NET know you are planning to attend by a direct message via Instagram @wollongongnetteam or emailing them at net@dow.org.au  Upcoming Dates: 11/08; 18/08 and 25/08	
NEW	Sisterhood Sessions  All young adult women (18+) are welcome to Sisterhood Sessions led by the NET sisters! Join us at the Xavier Centre fortnightly on Thursdays at 7pm - 8:30pm for light snacks, fun sisterhood activities, and a great community!  To ensure COVID19 restrictions are abided, please let NET know you are planning to attend by a direct message via Instagram @wollongongnetteam or emailing them at net@dow.org.au  Upcoming Dates: 20/08 and 03/09	
NEW	LIVE Local is back!  LIVE Local is a youth group held at St John the Evangelist Hall, Campbelltown from 7 PM to 9 PM. LIVE Local is open to all high school students from year 7 – 12 and is run by local young adults with the NET Team. To find out more information email robyn.bailey@dow.org.au	

NEW	Men of Fire	
	All young adult men (18+) are invited to join the NET brothers at a local pub in Wollongong! Men of Fire meet fortnightly on Mondays at 8pm - 9:30pm for great discussions and an awesome community!  To ensure COVID19 restrictions are abided, please let NET know you are planning to attend by a direct message via Instagram @wollongongnetteam or emailing them at net@dow.org.au  Upcoming Date: 24/08	
NEW	Livestream Holy Hour	
	Join the NET Team for online Holy Hour! Every Wednesday from 6:30pm on Instagram @wollongongnetteam or Facebook @CYMDOW (Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong). Witness adoration, join in for praise and worship, and hear the Gospel as well as a reflection written by one of our team members! All from the safety of your home!	
NEW	Request for Prayer for Catechist Ministry in the Diocese	
	Each week, hundreds of volunteers around the diocese answer the call to share our Catholic faith with Catholic children. Please keep in your prayers the work of Scripture Teachers, the children they teach in state schools and their families. If you would like to know more about the ministry, please go to <a href="https://www.ccdwollongong.com">www.ccdwollongong.com</a>	
Continuing	Northern Illawarra Bootcamp 2020: "Get your life back"	
	Will help you stop, reflect, and give practical ways to regain some good rhythms for life.  "Stand at the crossroads and ask for the ancient path"  When: 7:30-9:30pm, Wednesdays in August (5,12,19,26).  Where: Bulli Parish Monsignor Riley Hall  Other venues to be confirmed for small groups / Zoom online meeting for those unable to meet socially.  Topics  August 19: Simplification – get your life back (community)  August 26: Ancient practices – get your life back	
	Contact Peter Crowe to register: 0407 913 696 (numbers limited)	

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  For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website  https://dow.sh/dailymass	Click to download
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 <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	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	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' – 16 August 2020 This week we have Fr Mark De Battista giving us a Gospel reflection for this Sunday, some brilliant music, and short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters, including Pat Keady, talking about Courage. The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to <a href="https://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>	
NEW	A Vocation view  Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (16/08/20)  "The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." Use the gifts that God has given you to stir into flame the gift of faith.  (Romans 11:29) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a> or our Vocations video at <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/">https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/</a>	
NEW	Social Justice Statement  The social doctrine of the Church is proposed also to the brethren of other Churches and Ecclesial communities, to the followers of other religions, as well as to all people of good will who are committed to serving the common good. —  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: <a href="mailto:liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray">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 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	