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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Knowing the Community Whom We are Called to Serve. National Zoom Webinar - Tuesday 25th August 11am-12pm Register at: https://bit.ly/nationalwebinar_reg How well do we know the people who come to Mass? How well do we know those beyond the worshipping community? In our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are called to engage with the hopes and struggles of those in our local context. In this time of Covid-19, the need to connect has become even more pronounced. This webinar, led by the National Centre for Pastoral Research, addresses these questions, and ways we can be informed and supported, drawing upon the Parish Social Profiles and in dialogue with community leaders.	Click here to download flyer
NEW	This coming month marks the commencement of the Season of Creation , commencing with a world day of prayer on 1 September and concluding with the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. Join with Christians around the world in joyful celebrations, prayer, formation and activities that focus on our common home at https://seasonofcreation.org/	Click to download Introduction to Resources for Celebrating Catholic Season of Creation during September
NEW	DIARY BOOKING The Bishop's Annual Appeal – in support of clergy care and parish ministries will be held on the weekend of 19/20 September. A letter from Bishop Brian and other material supporting the appeal will follow shortly.	

NEW

St Mary Star of the Sea College Board

Expressions of Interest

St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong, is recognised as a leader in the holistic education of young women in a caring, engaging and inspiring environment, allowing them to use their gifts to change their world, for the better.

The Board of St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong invites suitably qualified, skilled and motivated people to express an interest in joining the Board as a Director, or one of its Committees as a non-Board member. Gender balance is a priority of the Board; therefore we extend this invitation to both female and male applicants.

For further information visit https://www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au/our-community/community-board-of-directors

To receive further information and an application form, please contact the Principal's PA, Jane Edwards at St Mary Star of the Sea College via email jane.edwards@stmarys.nsw.edu.au
The closing date for applications is Monday, 21 September 2020.

NEW

Vacancy – Committee for the Aged

CatholicCare Wollongong

The Diocesan Committee for the Aged is a volunteer committee that meets at least quarterly and online with other diocesan stake holders providing support and advice to the Bishop in the Ministry to the Aged within our Diocese. Members would bring experience and knowledge of the welfare of the ageing people or have other areas of expertise in ageing.

We are inviting expressions of interest from parishioners from all over the diocese to be part of this committee for a term of three (3) years.

If this interests you, please contact Jane Hollier Parish & Community Liaison Officer at CatholicCare Wollongong on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au to get an information pack including position description posted or emailed to you.

Continuing

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: 18/08 and 25/08	
Continuing	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	
Continuing	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	
Continuing	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!	
Continuing	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 www.ccdwollongong.com	

Continuing	Northern Illawarra Men's 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 Or zoom online for some great content. Topics August 26: Ancient practices – get your life back Contact Peter Crowe to register: 0407 913 696 (numbers	
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 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	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' – 23 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 Darren McDowell with a great input on Leadership for Mission. The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au	
NEW	A Vocation view Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (23/08/20) "Who do you say that I am?" We confess with Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. (Matthew 16:13-20). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au or our Vocations video at https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/	
NEW	Social Justice Statement The social doctrine of the Church is an act of service on the part of the Church to the women and men of our time. "For Christ entered this world to bear witness to the truth, to save and not to sit in judgment, to serve and not to be served."— 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: 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	CAthramily Cathramily 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	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	