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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	It's time to register for the National Men's Gathering – 15 August 2020	
	It is a free online event – and the thing you need to do – right now - is to register at <u>www.catholicmensgathering.com.au</u>	
	This half day gathering will look to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, Diocese and the world, with inputs across 4 sessions from a variety of Bishops and lay leaders that will inspire men to renewal and unity in Christ and the Church, drawing them into good discussion or individual reflection.	
	The program offers flexibility so men can participate individually but also in around 30 locations around Australia, with men of all ages and stages coming together in to be inspired in the presence of other good men.	
	 The Diocese of Wollongong will give men the option to come together in 4 locations on Saturday 15 August from 9.30-3pm: Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong – Host: Peter Crowe 0407 913 696 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville – Host: Eddie Ferry 0417 049 418 St Michael's Parish, 28 North Street, Nowra – 	
	 St Michael's Parish, 28 North Street, Nowra – Host: Nigel Porter 0430 365 383 St Anthony's Parish, 20 Stratford Rd Tahmoor – Host: James Glynn 0431 636 027 	

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 5: Contentment/Priorities – get your life back August 12: Managing technology – get your life back (youth) 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	Feast Day Mass of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – 8 August 2020 On the feast day of St Mary MacKillop (8 August) the Diocese of Wollongong, in collaboration with the Diocesan Catholic Women's League, usually celebrates Mass at one of the churches where Mary MacKillop visited during her lifetime. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions and limitations arising from that, this year we have filmed a special Liturgy of the Word for the feast day. You are invited to view the liturgy on the diocesan YouTube channel http://dow.sh/YouTube or website www.dow.org.au on Saturday, 8 August 2020.	
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	<u>Click to download</u>

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 <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 (<i>insert phone number/email</i>) 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.	<u>Click to download</u> <u>Nourish Your Faith</u> <u>at Home - Update</u> April 23
Continuing	Youth Ministry Online Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong has launched LIVE - Check it out at. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7OVY</u> 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' – 9 August 2020 This week we have Fr Mike Delaney giving us the Gospel reflection for this Sunday, some brilliant music, and short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters. The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to <u>www.jcr.org.au</u>	
NEW	A Vocation view Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (9/8/20) "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." By keeping our eyes set on Jesus, we are able to do marvellous things. Trust that he will not allow you to stumble or fall. (Matthew 14:23) 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 With the social doctrine of the Church, first of all Bishops will determine the most suitable methods for making it known and interpreting it correctly; Men and women religious and those responsible for formation will find a guide for their teaching and pastoral service; The lay faithful, who seek the Kingdom of God "by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will", will enlighten their own mission; and Christian communities will find assistance in analysing new situations and action in the light of the unchanging words of the Gospel. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	<u>Click to download</u> <u>logo</u>
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> Zoom User Guide Basic Steps
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	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.	
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 <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	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	