



BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	15 September 2020	For weekend:	19 – 20 September 2020

Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	<p>Blessing of Animals – Monday 5 October 9:30a.m.</p> <p>The annual Blessing of Animals will be held on the long weekend in October, from 9:30a.m. onwards to 11:00a.m. on Monday, 5 October at St Michael’s Church, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. All animals are welcome. This year, because of social distancing regulations, all animals must keep two paws apart. You may bring your pets anytime between 9:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. so as to maintain social distancing [especially between the lions and sheep].</p> <p>On 4 October, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It is customary that in remembrance of St Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the “Blessing of the Animals.” Every year, millions of animals are blessed by priests/friars in a ceremony that touches the hearts of most of those in attendance.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Formed</p> <p>Would you like to nurture your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace? FORMED.org is a large Faith Formation Resource library website containing thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children.</p> <p>Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</p>	

Continuing	<p>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/</p>	<p>Click to download Introduction to Resources for Celebrating Catholic Season of Creation during September</p>
Continuing	<p>Worldwide Marriage Encounter</p> <p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend 20 – 22 November 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville</p> <p>Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!</p> <p>Book online at www.wwme.org.au Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p> <p>If you would like Worldwide Marriage Encounter brochures please see WWME website at www.wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Livestream Holy Hour</p> <p>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!</p>	
Continuing	<p>Healing after Abortion</p> <p>Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4-6 December 2020.</p> <p>Join in an Online Reflection - <i>Called to Life</i> - a confidential <i>free</i> online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you.</p> <p>Please enquire about these programs at Rachel's Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at www.rachelsvineyard.org.au</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Request for Prayer for Catechist Ministry in the Diocese</p> <p>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</p>	

	<p>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</p>	
Continuing	<p>Dates locked in for Plenary Council Assemblies</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online</p> <p>For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website https://dow.sh/dailymass</p>	<p>Click to download</p>
Continuing	<p>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Update - Nourish Your Faith at Home</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Click to download Nourish Your Faith at Home - Update April 23</p>
Continuing	<p>The Chosen - Great Family Viewing on the Life of Jesus.</p> <p>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</p>	

	<p>Him. The easiest place to watch the whole first season for free is through a free membership on VidAngel - https://www.vidangel.com/</p>	
NEW	<p>The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – ‘The Journey’ – 20 September 2020 The Journey this week – A Catholic version of Q&A -- Mother Hilda asks how many times has God put an act of kindness into your life after a rugged day? Fr Mike Delaney asks how do we react to the Johnny come lately getting the same deal as those there from the beginning? And, Darren McDowell looks at Jesus’ leadership style and asks do we let Jesus empower us through His Spirit to be the same type of leader?</p> <p>The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>A Vocation view <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (20/09/20)</i> The Kingdom of Heaven is built by mutual cooperation, not competition. Work together to build the Kingdom, regardless of when God calls. (Matthew 20:1-16) 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/</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement The disciples of Jesus Christ feel that they are involved with these questions; they too carry them within their hearts and wish to commit themselves, together with all men and women, to the quest for truth and the meaning of life lived both as individual persons and as a society. They contribute to this quest by their generous witness to the free and extraordinary gift that humanity has received. – <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</i></p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>
Continuing	<p>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.</p>	<p>Click to download Zoom User Guide Basic Steps</p>

Continuing	<p>Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Click to download liturgy help</p>
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>CatHFAMILY</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>We're always here, if you ever need...</p> <p>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</p>	

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	
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