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Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Divine Renovation Australasia Launch Webinar October 24th, 2020 - 9:30-11am Sydney time (AEDT). You are encouraged to register for this exciting event that will cast a vision for what is possible for parish renewal in Australia and New Zealand with the launch the DR Australasia office — speakers include Fr James Mallon, Dan O'Rourke, Fiona O'Reilly and Kevin Bailey AM. To register go to https://www.tfaforms.com/4857335	
NEW	Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Saint Mary MacKillop's Canonisation. 17 October marks the 10 th anniversary of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop. You are encouraged to use the free prayer booklet titled 'Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer' which you can view or download from this link: https://online.flippingbook.com/view/372439/	
NEW	Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong The opening hours for the shop are by appointment only. Please contact Wendy Giles 0457 023 556. Cathedral Books & Gifts shop has a wide range of gifts for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Missals, Books, Rosaries, medals, statues, plaques, cards for various occasions, holy cards etc.	

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	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. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au	
Continuing	Parish Renewal: Reflecting on Pope Francis' Recent Instruction on Parish Life Online Sessions in Three Parts - Held between 12 October - 13 November Visit: www.dow.org.au/news-and-events for more information. You are invited to join us, over three (3) sessions, to reflect upon Pope Francis' instruction "The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelising Mission of the Church". Bishop Brian has strongly invited all the clergy, along with Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Leadership Teams to spend time reflecting upon and seeking ways in which this document can be put into action within our Diocese. For further information please contact Darren McDowell on darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au	
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	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' – 18 October 2020: On the Journey this week: Fr Graeme Schmitzer ponders politics & religion, Darren McDowell looks at what we accept, tolerate and reward in our families, parishes, workplaces, and social communities, and Pat Keady says even in these difficult times, there's always something that we can give praise and thanks to God for. The Journey jcr.org.au	
NEW	A Vocation view Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (18/10/20) "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Our lives ultimately belong to God; let His love shine through all that you do. (Matthew 22:21). 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	Against the background of universal religious experience, in which humanity shares in different ways, God's progressive revelation of himself to the people of Israel stands out. The revelation responds to the human quest for the divine in an unexpected and surprising way, thanks to the historical manner - striking and penetrating - in which God's love for man is made concrete.— 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: https://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	Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend 20 – 22 November 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Book online at www.wwme.org.au Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au If you would like Worldwide Marriage Encounter brochures please see WWME website at www.wwme.org.au	
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Continuing	CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer? 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	CAtHFAMILY 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.	