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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW POSITION VACANT	CCD Faith Education Officer – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of CCD Faith Education Officer in the Diocese of Wollongong, to commence in December 2020. Applications close on Friday 13 November. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to dow.sh/ccdjob or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au .	
NEW	Marriage Enrichment Weekend We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 20 –22 November 2020 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au	
Continuing	Divine Renovation Australasia Launch Webinar 24 October 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	

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	
NEW	The 11 TH ANNUAL <i>iWitness</i> Conference Awake, O Sleeper 10 – 13 December 2020 The tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops iWitness is an annual, summer conference drawing together 100s of young (18-35 year old) Aussie Catholics for a summer weekend of prayer, formation and fun. For more information please check website https://www.iwitnessconference.com/	Click to download flyer
Continuing	Formed 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	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' – 25 October 2020 On the Journey this week: Have you ever had the overwhelming sense you were loved? Fr Mark De Battista breaks open the Gospel's commandment of Love for God and love for neighbour. Mother Hilda says it is often hard for us to accept God's mercy and Trish McCarthy tells how to respond to that nagging voice in your head. The Journey jcr.org.au	
NEW	A Vocation view	
	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (25/10/20) "You turned from idols to serve the living and true God." Destroy the false gods in your life which prevent you from serving the one true God. (1 Thess. 1:10) 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	Click to download
	The gratuitousness of the efficacious divine action is constantly accompanied by the commitment to the covenant, proposed by God and accepted by Israel. the Ten Commandments, which constitute an extraordinary path of life and indicate the surest way for living in freedom from slavery to sin, contain a privileged expression of the natural law. — Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	<u>logo</u>
Continuing	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.	

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	Healing after Abortion 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.	Click to download flyer
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 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.	