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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Saints Relics Rosemeadow Parish has established a "Shrine of the Saints" in the Parish church. The basis of this was the donation by the Carmelite Sisters of 50 relics of Saints dating back to the first centuries of the Church. It is hoped that once our churches are able to be fully opened again, the shrine will be open for visitors to come and pray in quiet and solitude with the Saints whose lives sustain us still from Heaven. If anyone has a First-Class Relic (from the bone) of any Saint and would like to offer it to be permanently included in this Shrine, please contact Father Sarkis on (02) 4628 1385. Not only would the relic be available for prayer and devotion for everyone, but it would ensure its proper safeguard and dignity in a reverent and beautiful setting.	
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 <u>dow.sh/ccdjob</u> or for enquiries contact <u>helen.bennett@dow.org.au</u> .	
Continuing	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.	<u>Click to download</u> flyer

	For more information please check website https://www.iwitnessconference.com/	
Continuing	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	
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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 <u>darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</u> or <u>helen.bennett@dow.org.au</u>	
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 <u>www.ccdwollongong.com</u>	

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	<u>Click to download</u>
	For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <u>https://dow.sh/dailymass</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 (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.	<u>Click to download</u> <u>Nourish Your Faith</u> 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 - <u>https://www.vidangel.com/</u>	
NEW	The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – 'The Journey' – 1 November 2020 On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista breaks open the Gospels and teaching about our call to holiness and Pat Keady speaks about what it means to be dressed in the Holy Spirit. Go to <u>icr.org.au</u> to listen.	
NEW	A Vocation view All Saints (1/11/20) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Mt 5:9) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at <u>vocations@dow.org.au</u> or our Vocations video at <u>https://www.dow.org.au/covid- 19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/</u>	
NEW	Social Justice Statement There comes from the Decalogue (ten commandments) a commitment that concerns not only fidelity to the one true God, but also the social relations among the people of the covenant. – <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the</i> <i>Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</i>	<u>Click to download</u> logo
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.	<u>Click to download</u> <u>Zoom User Guide</u> <u>Basic Steps</u>

Continuing	Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families	Click to download
	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: <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.	<u>liturgy help</u>
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	Click to download
	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 .	<u>flyer</u>
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 <u>intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</u>	
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-</u> <u>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 <u>www.cathfamily.org</u> especially during this time of COVID- 19 social distancing especially if children are unable to attend school.	