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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	17 November 2020	For weekend:	21 – 22 November 2020

Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Bible Study CYMW will be continuing bible study every Tuesday evenings at Xavier Centre, Wollongong starting at 6:30PM to 8PM for prayer and fellowship. We will journey through the Infancy Narrative of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke as we begin to prepare for the season of Advent and Christmas. All young adults (17 – 35yo) are welcome to join!	
NEW	Adoration CYMW is holding Holy Hour every Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM to 7:30PM for an hour of Adoration at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. There will be time for silence and reflection before the Lord and is a great time to quiet our hearts to listen to Him more closely. We hope to see to you there!	
NEW	Hope for healing after an abortion Rachel's Vineyard Healing Ministries offer three (3) new Online Reflections in times of COVID19 while the weekend retreats are not taking place. There are two FREE online one-to-one facilitated reflections to bring healing and hope to those who seek spiritual healing from grief and loss and a FREE 4hr retreat healing experience Saturday 5 December from 9-1pm. Register at info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or call our confidential phoneline: 0400 092 555. Please mention you are registering for an online session. More details: rachelsvineyard.org.au	Click to download flyer

Continuing	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.	
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. 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	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,	

Continuing	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. Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW	Click to download
	website https://dow.sh/dailymass	
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	Click to download
Ü	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.	Nourish Your Faith at Home - Update April 23
NEW	The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – 'The Journey' – 22 November 2020 On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista reflects on drafting sheep & goats for the messianic banquet. Plus, Mother Hilda says use one word for deeper connection to God, and in Smart Loving, tips on how to resolve disputes respectfully. Plus great music! The Journey available as a podcast – jcr.org.au	

NEW	A Vocation view	
	Our Lord, Christ the King (22/11/20) "He will separate the sheep from the goats." To be a shepherd is to tend the flock of the Lord, teaching them to hear His voice. If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au	
NEW	Social Justice Statement	Click to download
	The reflection of the Prophets and that found in Wisdom Literature, in coming to the formulation of the principle that all things were created by God, touch on the first manifestation and the source itself of God's plan for the whole of humanity. — 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	Click to download Zoom User Guide
	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>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:	

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	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 from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids https://cathfamily.org/activities/	