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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	8 December 2020	For weekend:	12 –13 December 2020

Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Young Adult gathering at Rosemeadow Parish	
	St John Paul II Theology of the Body - presented by Fr Damian Mosakowski	
	As a young adult in the 21st century you are bombarded by the teachings of the world, how you are to act, treat yourself and others. St John Paul II's Theology of the Body speaks to us of a different reality. There is much excitement today among the young about these teachings which have revolutionised the way many think about love, sexuality, and marriage.	
	Come and hear Fr Damian from the Pauline Fathers at Penrose Park on Monday 14 Dec at 7pm to present a talk on the Theology of the Body. This exciting event will be held in the Joachim Hall (the old church) Demetrius Road, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish	
	Dinner will be provided at 7p.m. (donations greatly appreciated) followed by the talk and finishing with some questions and discussion.	
	Please note entry is strictly limited to youth aged 18 - 35 years and due to COVID restrictions seating is limited to 100 people.	
	Contact Ryan on 0412 939 705 for details and to register	
Continuing	Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong	
	Please be advised the last trading day for this year is 30 November 2020 and re-opening end of February 2021 due to renovation.	

AMENDED	Bible Study	
	CYMW will be holding their final two bible studies Tuesday evenings on 8 December and 15 December 2020 at 38 Harbour Street Wollongong, underneath the canopy on the grass area by the back gate. Starting at 6:30p.m. to 8p.m.	
Continuing	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!	
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	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	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
NEW	The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – 'The Journey' – 13 December 2020 On the Journey this week: Fr Sean Cullen says John the Baptist shows us that Christianity's call is to a life much bigger than my own. Darren McDowell has the four fundamental qualities for success as a leader of family or parish and Trish McCarthy says look into our own eyes to see who I am. Plus, great Advent music! The Journey available as a podcast now – jcr.org.au	

NEW	A Vocation view	
	3rd Sunday of Advent God gives you a mission. How will you respond? Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you. (Isaiah 61: 1-2,10-11) 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 love that inspires Jesus' ministry among men is the love that he has experienced in his intimate union with the Father. For Jesus, recognising the Father's love means modelling his actions on God's gratuitousness and mercy; it is these that generate new life. It means becoming - by his very existence - the example and pattern of this for his disciples. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	<u>logo</u>
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.	Basic Steps
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: 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.	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	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/	