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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	15 December 2020	For weekend:	19 –20 December 2020

Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Summer Nights for 18–35's at Varroville January 2021 Register now for Summer Nights at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre with the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL's). An outdoor experience featuring quality talks and teaching, night sessions with praise and worship, drama, preaching, testimonies, and prayer. Mass, adoration and reconciliation will be available each day with COVID safe dinner provided. There are two options to register, with the retreat running twice during the week: Monday 11 January – Wednesday 13 January (3pm to 9pm) Thursday 14 January – Saturday 16 January (3pm to 9pm)	
NEW	Pastoral Care Course - CPE Introductory Course: February - March 2021 Full Course: April-November Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a program of professional development designed to prepare a person for pastoral and spiritual care practice and/or chaplaincy ministry. CPE provides opportunities for you to: Grow in knowledge and understanding of the pastoral role, develop skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care, deepen your awareness of peoples' needs, hopes, and concerns during times of illness, become more aware of your own values, attitudes	Click to download: Foundational CPE Goulburn and Campbelltown Dates Application Form Foundational CPE Campbelltown Introductory CPE Courses Brochure Introductory CPE Course Application Form

	and assumptions. Further information can be found by contacting ckarauda@gmail.com	
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.	
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	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	Included in the attached document are a range of online resources which families might like to utilise in nourishing	Click to download Nourish Your Faith at Home - Update April 23
NEW	The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – 'The Journey' – 20 December 2020 On the Journey this week: Fr Greg Pine's Gospel reflection says we have choices – to be selfish or selfless or be like Mary and just respond to God's grace. Mother Hilda on those who find Christmas difficult and says they're the reason for the season, Pete Gilmore waiting for Christmas gifts, and Fr Mike Delaney tells us all he wants for Christmas. Plus, great music! The Journey available as a podcast now – jcr.org.au	
NEW	A Vocation view 20 December 2020 - 4th Sunday of Advent Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1: 26-38). 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 With the unceasing amazement of those who have experienced the inexpressible love of God, the New Testament grasps, in the light of the full revelation of Trinitarian love offered by the Passover of Jesus Christ, the	Click to download logo

Continuing	ultimate meaning of the Incarnation of the Son and his mission among men and women. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace Connecting Online – Simple Steps to Video Group Gatherings Zoom Video Conferencing is excellent platform for hosting	Click to download Zoom User Guide Basic Steps
	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.	
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: iturgyhelp.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	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/	