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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date	22 December 2020	For weekend:	26 –27 December 2020

Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Spiritual and Pastoral Care Training Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) programs are being offered in Campbelltown in 2021 for those interested in providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to others. An Introductory (40-hour) course will commence on Monday, 22 February 2021 and comprise of 6 online sessions, followed, for those who are interested, by a Foundational (400-hour) Unit in April. For more information contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676	Click to download: Foundational CPE Goulburn and Campbelltown Dates Application Form Foundational CPE Campbelltown Introductory CPE Courses Brochure Introductory CPE Course Application Form
NEW	Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre Whilst the Xavier Centre is under renovation from Monday 7 December 2020 to Monday 22 February 2021. The Diocesan Resource Centre will remain operational for Catechists in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven until the official move into new premises. It is important to know that the Diocesan Resource Centre and its services can be accessed by Catechists during this interim period. Access to teaching and faith formation resources from the Diocesan Resource Centre can be made by contacting Anne Russell on 0427 072 363 The selected resources will then be available to be collected from the collection point: Catholic Education Office 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong 2500	

	This will also be where resources are returned at the end of their borrowing period. For Catechist in the Macarthur and Southern Highlands Campbelltown Resource Centre can continue be accessed by contacting the Resource Centre Manager Mrs Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au	
Continuing	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) To register go to www.summerschool.org.au	
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	

Continuing	using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org,.au 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' – 27 December 2020	
	On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says God's promise to Simeon is a powerful sign that we too will find a hope that springs eternal. Darren McDowell has tips for church leadership teams, Trish McCarthy says Ps 139 is a great place to start a relationship with God and Mother Hilda discovers the importance of taking a break. Plus, great music! The Journey available as a podcast now – jcr.org.au	
NEW	A Vocation view	
	December 25, 2020 Christmas The angels announced tidings of great joy for all the people. How is Jesus born in you this day? Celebrate the presence of Emmanuel in a special way. (Luke 2:1-14) December 27, 2020 Holy Family Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness, and love. What will you do to show your love for your family? Ask for the grace to be holy. (Colossians 3:12-21)	
	January 3, 2021 Epiphany God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister. (Isaiah 60:1-6)	
	January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord Delight in God's call to you in baptism. What grace do you need to strengthen your commitment? Remember, God has set you as a covenant to the people. (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7)	
	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
	26-27 December 2020 The face of God, progressively revealed in the history of salvation, shines in its fulness in the Face of Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead. God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit: truly distinct and truly one, because God is an infinite communion of love.	<u>logo</u>

	2-3 January 2021 By his words and deeds, and fully and definitively by his death and resurrection, Jesus reveals to humanity that God is Father and that we are all called by grace to become his children in the Spirit, and therefore brothers and sisters among ourselves. 9-10 January 2021 Meditating on the gratuitousness and superabundance of the Father's divine gift of the Son, which Jesus taught and bore witness to by giving his life for us, the Apostle John grasps its profound meaning and its most logical consequence. "Beloved, if God loves us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us" — Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	
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	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/	