



BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	1 December 2020	For weekend:	5 – 6 December 2020

Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
Continuing	<p>Could you provide a forever home?</p> <p>Fostering Futures are currently looking for a forever home for a 3-year-old boy, Liam*. Liam is a happy boy who enjoys singing and dancing to his favourite songs and loves spending time outdoors. He needs carers who give him lots of time, attention, and consistency to help him build healthy attachments and an opportunity to thrive.</p> <p>A forever home is also needed for a 10-year-old girl, Olivia*. Olivia has been learning to play the guitar, enjoys listening to music and riding her bike. She is a very sociable girl and enjoys playing with other children. She needs patient, caring and loving carers to provide her security to achieve a positive future.</p> <p><i>*Children's names have been changed for privacy</i></p> <p>To find out more about becoming a carer with Fostering Futures call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	<p>Click to download Logo</p>
Continuing	<p>Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong</p> <p>Please be advised the last trading day for this year is 30 November 2020 and re-opening end of February 2021 due to renovation.</p>	

Continuing	<p>Bible Study</p> <p>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!</p>	
Continuing	<p>Adoration</p> <p>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!</p>	
Continuing	<p>Saints Relics</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>The 11TH ANNUAL <i>iWitness</i> Conference Awake, O Sleeper 10 – 13 December 2020 The tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops</p> <p><i>iWitness</i> 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.</p> <p>For more information please check website https://www.iwitnessconference.com/</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Formed</p> <p>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.</p>	

	<p>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</p>	
Continuing	<p>Request for Prayer for Catechist Ministry in the Diocese</p> <p>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</p>	
Continuing	<p>Dates locked in for Plenary Council Assemblies</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online</p> <p>For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website https://dow.sh/dailymass</p>	Click to download
Continuing	<p>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</p> <p>Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office (<i>insert phone number/email</i>) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you.</p>	

Continuing	<p>Update - Nourish Your Faith at Home</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Click to download Nourish Your Faith at Home - Update April 23</p>
NEW	<p>The Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – ‘The Journey’ – 6 December 2020</p> <p>On the Journey this week we break open the scriptures for week 2 of Advent and the coming of the Messiah. Great God spots an music from our amazing Australian Catholic speakers. The Journey available as a podcast now – jcr.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p><i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>God calls us to proclaim the Good News. How do you share that Good New? Pray for the grace to be a faith-filled witness of God’s love. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>The benevolence and mercy that inspire God's actions and provide the key for understanding them become so very much closer to man that they take on the traits of the man Jesus, the Word made flesh. Jesus therefore places himself on the frontline of fulfilment, not only because he fulfils what was promised and what was awaited by Israel, but also in a deeper sense that in him the decisive event of the history of God with mankind is fulfilled. – <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</i></p>	<p>Click to download logo</p>
Continuing	<p>Connecting Online – Simple Steps to Video Group Gatherings</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Click to download Zoom User Guide Basic Steps</p>
Continuing	<p>Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Click to download liturgy help</p>

	<p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Continuing	<p>We're always here, if you ever need...</p> <p>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</p>	
Continuing	<p>CAtHFAMILY</p> <p>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/</p>	

