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## BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Vocations News This year, the Diocese of Wollongong officially welcomes Joseph V. Nguyen as a new student, who will join James Arblaster and Sinh Le at the Seminary. Please pray for all three of these young men as they continue their journey towards serving our diocese as priests. Please also keep in your prayers a number of others who are discerning their Vocation at this time.  If any young men or women would like help in discerning God's call in their lives - to priesthood, marriage, religious life, or single life - please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director, at vocations@dow.org.au	
NEW	Bring young people the Joy of knowing Jesus in 2021- Be a Catechist.  In the Diocese of Wollongong, wonderful volunteers in all Parishes help bring meaning and joy to the lives of young people through the teaching of SRE in state schools. You get great training, resources and support, so come and be part of our training in February in Wollongong or Campbelltown, or even online! Contact <a href="mailto:peter.gilmore@dow.org.au">peter.gilmore@dow.org.au</a> for more information and join the ranks of our 500 amazing Catechists who attend over 140 school in our Diocese. Please pray for a smooth start for this ministry in 2021, for our Catechists, students and their families.	

NEW	Healing after abortion Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non judgmental environment. The next retreat will be held 30 April - 2 May 2021.  Join in an Online Reflection: Called to Life and Hope Transforming Fear and Shame a confidential free individually guided reflection at a time to suit you.  Please enquire about these at Rachel's Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at <a href="https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au">www.rachelsvineyard.org.au</a>	Click to download brochure
Continuing	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 <a href="mailto:ckarauda@gmail.com">ckarauda@gmail.com</a> 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
Continuing	Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre As part of the renovations of the Xavier Centre, the Diocesan Resource Centre which is utilised by numerous teachers and Catechists in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven, will be moving into new premises. 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 collated and 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	

NEW	'The Journey' – 24 January 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast – get it at <a href="icr.org.au">icr.org.au</a> It's easy to get this emailed to you every week and listen wherever and whenever you like. Great music this week along with a great homily, from Fr Mark De Battista breaking open the Gospel, a wonderful story from Mother Hilda and the Pirola's teach us about mercy in marriage.	jcr.org.au
Continuing	Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong  Please be advised the Cathedral Books and Gifts  Wollongong will be re-opening end of mid-March 2021  due to renovations.	
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 <a href="mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au">darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</a> or <a href="mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au">helen.bennett@dow.org.au</a>	
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. Courses for new Catechists start in a few weeks time. 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 <a href="https://www.ccdwollongong.com">www.ccdwollongong.com</a>	
Continuing	Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online  For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <a href="https://dow.sh/dailymass">https://dow.sh/dailymass</a>	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 <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/">https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/</a> 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	A Vocation view	
	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	The reign of God is now. Are you willing to drop what you are doing to follow Jesus' call? Believe that God will give you what you need. (Mark 1:14-20) 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 revelation in Christ of the mystery of God as Trinitarian love is at the same time the revelation of the vocation of the human person to love. This revelation sheds light on every aspect of the personal dignity and freedom of men and women, and on the depths of their social nature. — 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	liturgy help

	well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to: <a href="liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray">liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray</a> and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully, these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.	
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 <b>0418 783 956</b> , email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <a href="http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au">http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</a> 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 <a href="mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au">intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a>	
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 <a href="https://cathfamily.org/activities/">https://cathfamily.org/activities/</a>	