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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	Engaging the Seekers - Reaching the Unchurched Webinar: Wednesday 3rd March, 7pm-8pm In the current pandemic, people are spiritually curious. Many are asking who is in control of their lives, and what the purpose of life is. People are seeking to find the truth and many churches are in prime positions to offer them a place to search and provide answers to their deepest longings. Join Kevin Bailey and Donna Brennan (Alpha in a Catholic context co-ordinator for Alpha Australia) as we explore and discuss innovative ways to reach people and bring them to a beautiful experience with Jesus. To register visit: www.divinerenovation.org/australasia	
Continuing	Bible Study Bible Study is coming back! CYMW will re-launching Bible Study every Tuesday night, 6:30pm to 8pm at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Balgownie (47 Balmoral St, Balgownie NSW 2519) Bring your bible – we are going to be studying the Gospel of Mark. Young Adults 18+, we look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit @cymdow on Facebook or Instagram	
Continuing	LIVE Local Attention High School students! LIVE Local is coming back and we are going to be better than ever! LIVE Local is a youth group ran by CYMW in the Macarthur Region. <i>Where?</i> St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, Campbelltown <i>When?</i> Every Friday night! 7pm–9pm	

NEW	What to expect? Food, live music, games, prayer, and community! We look forward to seeing you there :) For more information, visit @cymdow on Facebook or Instagram. 'The Journey' – 21 February 2021 – Your Diocese of	jcr.org.au
	Wollongong Weekly Podcast – get it at jcr.org.au The Journey This Week – We get ready to kick off the Lenten Season and hear some amazing short reflections and great music all with a focus on making the Lenten season a grace filled time of transformation. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au	
Continuing	Marriage Enrichment Weekend We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 16–18 April 2021 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au	
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MODIFIED	 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 CCD Resource Centre Micah House Campbelltown has now REOPENED. 	

	Cindy Oliver is present in the centre from 9am-3pm Monday to Thursday. Contact Cindy on 4640 8550 or <u>cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</u> for more information.	
Continuing	Spiritual & Pastoral Care Training Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others? An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered in Campbelltown and would be suitable for kind-hearted people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities or people in the parish. This 40-hour course will commence on Monday 22 February 2021 and comprise of 5 face to face (or 6 online?) consecutive sessions each Monday. Applications are now invited. For more information and an application form, please contact Carmen Karauda at <u>ckarauda@gmail.com</u> 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	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 <u>darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</u> or <u>helen.bennett@dow.org.au</u>	
Continuing	Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <u>https://dow.sh/dailymass</u>	<u>Click to download</u>
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 <u>https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/</u> 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.	<u>Click to download</u> <u>Nourish Your Faith</u> <u>at Home - Update</u> <u>April 23</u>
NEW	A Vocation view As we begin this Lenten season, we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us. Renew the promise you made with God. Believe in the Good New! (<i>Psalm 25</i>). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at <u>vocations@dow.org.au</u>	
NEW	Social Justice Statement The Book of Genesis provides us with certain foundations of Christian anthropology: the inalienable dignity of the human person, the roots and guarantee of which are found in God's design of creation; the constitutive social nature of human beings, the prototype of which is found in the original relationship between man and woman. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace	<u>Click to download</u> <u>logo</u>
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.	<u>Click to download</u> <u>Zoom User Guide</u> <u>Basic Steps</u>
Continuing	Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families	<u>Click to download</u> liturgy help

	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: <u>liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray</u> 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	Tribunal of the Catholic Church	
	The Wollongong Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal is still "open" – staff are available to take calls and enquiries Tuesdays to Thursdays each week during business hours. If you have any questions about marriage, divorce and remarriage in the Catholic Church, or about any other matters of Church law, please contact the friendly staff on 4222 2409 or <u>tribunal@dow.org.au</u>	
Continuing	Healing after abortion	Click to download
	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 <u>www.rachelsvineyard.org.au</u>	<u>brochure</u>

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 <u>fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</u> or go to <u>http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</u> 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 <u>intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</u>	
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 <u>https://cathfamily.org/activities/</u>	