



BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	<p>Alpha - Refreshing our Vision and Practice</p> <p>Monday 12 April 2021, 7:30pm–9pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, 193 St Andrews Rd Varroville</p> <p><i>Alpha</i> is a highly successful tool for outreach and evangelisation in many parishes within our diocese. Why is this the case and how can we utilise Alpha to its fullest potential in drawing people into a life of faith and relationship with Jesus? This refresher training, run by Tania Rimac from Alpha Australia, will inspire you, your parish and Alpha teams. This gathering will help us refresh our vision for Alpha in parish life and some of the 'best practices' in its implementation. We will also look at strategies for inviting and running an online Alpha. Register at https://www.dow.org.au/news-and-events/ by Friday 9 April 2021. For more information contact darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Increasing the Experience of the Holy Spirit in Your Parish</p> <p>The Holy Spirit wants to animate our lives and impact the ministries of Catholic leaders. How do we respond to this call? How can we help people in our parishes experience the Holy Spirit in a profound way? Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit is one of the three keys of Divine Renovation since we know that parish renewal cannot happen without his power. Join us for a webinar with Deacon Peter Pellicaan Executive Director, Evangelisation Brisbane, and Kevin Bailey AM as they discuss how to increase the experience of the Holy Spirit in your parish.</p> <p>Please click here to register.</p>	<p>click here to register</p>

NEW	<p>6 Day Retreat 23-29 April 2021 “Become Like Water” Fr John Armstrong</p> <p>This retreat will notice how we are called to be participants in the life of grace by reflecting on the Mysteries of Light and where we notice the waters of baptism welling up within us, inviting us to enter the river of life: Cost for 6-day Retreat: \$870 (Prayer Weekend 23-25 April: \$290) St. Mary’s Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. Download the Form from our Website: http://towersretreat.org.au or RSVP Ph:46300233 OR Email contact@towersretreat.org.au</p>	<p>Click to download brochure</p>
NEW	<p>Disciples School of Mission 7 – 11 April 2021</p> <p>Are you aged between 16 - 40 and searching for an adventure in 2021? If so, then join us for the Disciples School of Mission in Canberra. This five-day live-in training course calls young people from across Australia to be equipped in youth ministry and evangelisation. You then have the opportunity to put into practice what you have learn’t and dive into an optional three-week mission experience.</p> <p>Be renewed in your own journey, fully equipped for mission/youth ministry, and formed in the Catholic faith. You won’t regret it, it’s an adventure!</p> <p>For more information: therese.mgl@gmail.com or discipleschoolofmission.com.au</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey’ – 21 March 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On the Journey this week: the wheat harvest gospel; Mons Graham on Jesus setting the ground rules for gaining or losing life’s rich harvest. Mother Hilda tells her personal dying grain moment to gain a new dimension of herself. Plus, Michelle Vass, Darren McDowell, and Sr Kate Atkens. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au</p>	<p>jcr.org.au</p>
Continuing	<p>The Year of St Joseph</p> <p>Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter <i>Patris corde (With a Father’s Heart)</i>, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. You are encouraged to visit the ACBC year of St Joseph page at https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph including Monthly reflections on various aspects of St Joseph's life and character and prayers.</p>	

	<p>You are encouraged to read the beautiful pastoral Letter from Pope Francis – with a Father’s Heart http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letter/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html</p> <p>St Joseph Prayer Card: https://www.catholic.org.au/images/Year_of_St_Joseph_Prayer_Card.pdf</p>	
Continuing	<p>Year Amoris Laetitia Family, 19 March 2021 – 26 June 2022</p> <p>On March 19, Pope Francis will launch the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family”, which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. Families are encouraged to break open the resources and stories at http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html</p> <p>Pope Francis has decided to institute throughout the Church the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be held beginning this year on Sunday July 25th, near the liturgical memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.</p> <p>Married couples who have a passion for the beauty of Church teaching on marriage and family are urged to consider participating in marriage enrichment later in the year. You may even be keen to join with a team to help promote and deliver some of this online formation around the Diocese. If so please contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au so you can be included in communications and training.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Plenary Council 2021</p> <p>With just over 200 days before the historic Plenary Council 2021, you can keep up to date by accessing the Plenary Post on the Plenary Council website https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/</p>	
Continuing	<p>Calling All Business People</p> <p>Catholic Business Connections (CBC) is an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing</p>	<p>Click to download Catholic Business Connections (CBC) Logo</p> <p>CBC Logo (Portrait)</p>

	<p>the diocese. CBC gathers four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. The first luncheon for 2021 will be held on Thursday 25 March at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm).</p> <p>Guest Speaker Rosemary Kariuki <i>Australian of the Year 2021 - Local Hero</i> Rosemary's warmth, courage and kindness inspire all who meet her. Her work was the subject of the documentary 'Rosemary's Way'. Rosemary resides in the Macarthur region and is a parishioner of St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish at Oran Park.</p> <p>For more information on Rosemary and CBC visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446. RSVP for March luncheon is Thursday 18 March.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Project Compassion Virtual Immersions</p> <p>Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff.</p> <p>Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register here for the Virtual Immersion Schedule</p>	<p>Click to download Caritas Australia's Logo</p>
Continuing	<p>Bible Study</p> <p>Bible Study is 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 17+, we look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit @cymdow on Facebook or Instagram</p>	

Continuing	<p>LIVE Local</p> <p>Attention High School students!</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Where?</i> St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, Campbelltown</p> <p><i>When?</i> Every Friday night! 7pm–9pm</p> <p><i>What to expect?</i> Food, live music, games, prayer, and community!</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you there :)</p> <p>For more information, visit @cymdow on Facebook or Instagram.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For Catechist in the Macarthur and Southern Highlands CCD Resource Centre Micah House Campbelltown has now REOPENED.</p> <p>Cindy Oliver is present in the centre from 9am-3pm Monday to Thursday. Contact Cindy on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au for more information.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong</p> <p>Please be advised the Cathedral Books and Gifts Wollongong will be re-opening after Easter with renovations almost finished.</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. 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>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> <p>https://www.dow.org.au/nourishing-our-faith/</p>
NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p>To be God's servant, we must follow Jesus. Do you desire to see where Jesus lives? Serve the poor and marginalized. (John 12: 20-33) 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>Personal and social life, as well as human action in the world, is always threatened by sin. – <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</i></p>	Click to download logo

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 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>	<p>Click to download liturgy help</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>Tribunal of the Catholic Church</p> <p>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 tribunal@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</p> <p>We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!</p>	

	<p>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.</p> <p>Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Healing after abortion</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please enquire about these at Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries on their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 – more info at www.rachelsvineyard.org.au</p>	Click to download brochure
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	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/	
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