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BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date	20 April 2021	For weekend:	24 – 25 April 2021

Status	Bulletin Notice	Attachment(s)
NEW	The Fourth Sunday of Easter (25 April 2021) is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel at Mass always draws on the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Fr Duane Fernandez, the Diocesan Vocations Director, together Bishop Brian Mascord and the Vocations Team, have been accompanying a number of young people as they discern their vocations. If anyone would like help in discerning their vocation, including connecting with others who are also discerning, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au. In the words of Pope Francis, may St Joseph "help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God's dreams for them come true. May he inspire in them the courage to say "yes" to the Lord who always surprises and never disappoints."	Click to download: Message of Pope Francis for World Day of Vocations Message from Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director Sample Prayers of the Faithful World Day of Prayer for Vocations Daily Prayer for Vocations Brochure
NEW	MenALIVE Men's Weekend Rediscover God's Presence and Purpose for your Life 12-13 June 2021, St Patrick's Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O'Donnell Street, Port Kembla The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403; Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021	Click to download: Brochure Poster

Continuing	Young Adults Evening Come join with Young Adults in a night about prayer and knowing our creator with a talk from Fr Chris Sarkis and a focus on Scriptural Prayer. Tuesday 27 April at 7:30pm in the Joachim Hall (the old church), Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow. Please note entry is limited to the young adults, 18 - 35 years, only. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided. All are warmly invited to attend 6:30 pm Mass before the talk. QR code registration will be required for Mass and the Hall. Any questions please contact Ryan Suares on 0412939705.	
Continuing	Milton Parish Dinner: Friday 7 May 2021 Mollymook Golf Club 6.00 for 6.30pm	
	Tickets on sale 11 - 25 April only. Cost is \$38 pp. Tables of 8/9. Please come along and invite family, friends, and fellow parishioners to join you. Help make this fun, entertaining and community building evening a success. There is a great raffle and other special prizes to be won. Kindly note that payment is required at time of booking a seat/table. Tickets can be purchased individually, and your table preference nominated. Payment is by cash, cheque, or Tap & Go machine. Looking forward to seeing you there.	
NEW	The Journey' – 25 April 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast On the Journey this week: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his flock; our ANZAC memorial tribute. Fr Duane Fernandez says we are all called to be shepherds, Mother Hilda on a father's search at Gallipoli, and Bishop Brian shares two personal experiences to honour the ANZACs in two wars. The Journey available as a podcast at icr.org.au	jcr.org.au
Continuing Position Vacant	Part time employment opportunity with the Benedictine Sisters at Jamberoo Abbey	
	The position vacant is for a Home Care Assistant. We have several elderly sisters living within our community at Jamberoo who require help with personal care, household cleaning and transportation to appointments. Monday – Friday 7.30am – 12.30pm, 25-30 hours per week Previous experience in Home Care or Community Aged Care essential. For full job description and requirements please contact accounts@jamberooabbey.org.au	

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The Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (*With a Father's Heart*), 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.

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_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

St Joseph Prayer Card:

https://www.catholic.org.au/images/Year of St Joseph Pr ayer Card.pdf

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Year Amoris Laetitia Family, 19 March 2021 – 26 June 2022

On March 19, Pope Francis launched 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

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.

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.

Please see links below for the short video message from Rome (available in English and Spanish) for the beginning of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year.

English: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AERy96AETEA
Español: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65WD6i-g1V8

Continuing	Plenary Council 2021	
	With just over 180 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/	
Continuing	Bible Study Bible Study is back! CYMW are holding Bible Study every Tuesday night, 6:30pm to 8pm at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Balgownie (47 Balmoral St, Balgownie NSW 2519) Young Adults 17-35, BYO bible and we will supply the snacks!! We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit @cymdow on Facebook or Instagram.	
Continuing	Attention High School students! LIVE Local is a youth group ran by CYMW in the Macarthur Region. Where? St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Hall, Campbelltown When? Every Friday night! 7pm—9pm during school terms What to expect? Food, live music, games, prayer, and community! We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit @live.local.cymw on Instagram.	
Continuing	Cathedral Books & Gifts Wollongong Please be advised the Cathedral Books and Gifts Wollongong has now re-opened. Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong For any enquiries, please contact Wendy Giles on 4222 2484	
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, has moved into new premises. For more information contact Anne Russell on 0427 072 363 at the Catholic Education Office 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong 2500. For Catechist in the Macarthur and Southern Highlands — 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. Catechists	

	are welcome to access the resource centre and get help from Cindy to obtain the materials they need to create engaging lessons for their students.	
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 darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au	
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.	
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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.	
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	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/	