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BULLETIN NOTICES

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RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.

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NEW	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday this weekend This weekend in the Australian Church we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. It coincides with NAIDOC WEEK, a time when the whole church comes together to celebrate and acknowledge the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. This Sunday we acknowledge that we are united in our efforts to be steward of God's creation. We combine the knowledge of First Australians with the technology of Western culture to ensure that future generations shall have the opportunity to experience the gifts of God's creation as intended. Let us love, respect and pray with thanks for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, especially this weekend. You are encouraged to visit catholicreligious.org.au for a brief report on the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the Indigenous Co-Design Process.	
Continuing	Alive in the Spirit Virtual Pastoral Ministry Conference 8-10 July We are encouraged to engage in a special opportunity inviting us to experience new vision, new energy, new life as we become the community Christ calls us to be. "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online pastoral ministry conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021, which will enliven and inspire our Catholic Church through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. Please find attached a media kit and parish kit to assist your promotion and engagement with this important event in the life of our Catholic Church. To register or find out more details, please go www.aliveinthespirit.com.au or contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.	Click to download flyer

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NEW POSITION VACANT	Executive Assistant – Welcoming and Information Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Executive Assistant – Welcoming and Information in the Diocese of Wollongong. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to www.dow.org.au/jobs Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 0407 438 434 or email recruitment@dow.org.au	
NEW	Go Deeper in Faith! FREE 6-week course in the Catholic Faith This course is designed for any Catholic who is looking to discover more about their Catholic Faith. Over six consecutive Mondays or Fridays, we will explore the following topics with great guest speakers: Morality: Life in the Spirit (Mr Seth Harsh), Church: Mission of the Holy Spirit (Sr Susanna Edmunds OP), Christ: Heart of Catechesis (Fr Bernard Gordon VG), Creation: Work of the Trinity (Sr Bernadette Toohey MGL), Reconciliation: Forgiveness of Sins, Healing (Sr Therese Mills MGL), Communion: Eucharist - Source & Summit (Fr Mark De Battista) In the past, this course was only available to Catechists, but we have now opened it up to all interested people. We hope that you can join us. There are two opportunities to attend: Mondays: Commencing Monday 19 July 9:30am-1:30pm CCD Regional Centre, Micah House 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown (Dates: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23) Fridays: Commencing Friday 23 July 9:30am-1:30pm Xavier Conference Centre 38 Harbour St, Wollongong (Dates: July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27) If you would like to attend please register by clicking here, RSVP by Friday 16 July.	To register please click here, RSVP by Friday 16 July.

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NEW	Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 400 Hour Foundational Unit Are you interested in: Growing in knowledge, understanding and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care. Deeping your awareness of God's presence in your life and of people's needs, hopes, and concerns during times of illness. Becoming more aware of your own values, attitudes and assumptions. CPE Foundational Unit will be offered as a blend of both online and face to face sessions conducted on two consecutive days per month from 7 September 2021 to 24May 2022. Please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676 for more information and/or application form. Applications are now open. Please apply early. Applications close 20 August 2021.	
NEW	Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others? An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online via zoom 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 Thursday 22 July 2021 and comprise of 6 consecutive weekly sessions ending on the 26 th August 2021. Applications are now invited. For more information, please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676.	

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MODIFIED	2021 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year, and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 8 August 2021 at 2pm, please register online at www.dow.org.au/events/ , or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday 12 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent to you. For those who missed out in 2020 In this year of St Joseph and the Family, we are exploring the possibility of hosting two (2) sessions to enable as many couples as possible, and some limited members of their family, to attend the Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass. Furthermore, this also enables us to invite couples who reached one of these significant milestones in 2020 to contact Helen Bennett and register their interest. As you would appreciate, due to the possibility of heightened COVID-19 restrictions, our plans are subject to change and even cancellation. We kindly urge you to register as soon as possible in order to receive an invitation and enable appropriate planning for this important celebration.	
Continuing	Could you provide a forever home? Fostering Futures, CatholicCare are looking for a forever home for a 10-year-old girl, Jessie*. Jessie is a lovely, sociable girl who enjoys listening to music, riding her bike and loves animals. She is smart, energetic and loves to chat! She needs patient and loving carers who can give her time, consistency, and support so she can thrive and achieve a positive future. (*Child's name has been changed for privacy) To find out more about becoming a carer with Fostering Futures: call 0418 783 956 email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au	

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Continuing	The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus. The Chosen is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via The Chosen app (download)	
Continuing	Plenary Council 2021 With just 95 days to Assembly One of the Plenary Council, you can keep up to date by accessing the Plenary Post on the Plenary Council website https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the first Assembly will be a mix of in-person and online delivery. See the up-to-date Plenary Council Journey 2020-2022 .	
NEW	The Journey, 4 July 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast Fr Brian Steele MGL – challenges us about lacking faith and Pete Gilmore encourages us to live with passion and purpose. Greta music on this week's show too. Be encouraged in difficult time by the Journey - Listen at jcr.org.au or your local Christian Radio station.	jcr.org.au
Continuing	The Year of St Joseph Pope Francis on 8 December 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	
Continuing	Year Amoris Laetitia Family, 19 March 2021 – 26 June 2022 Pope Francis is encouraging the Church to enrich your understanding of the vocation marriage and the core role of family in the mission of the Church at http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html On July 25 th the first celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be held near the liturgical memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.	

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NEW	A Vocation view Are there people you know who you would like to encourage to think about religious vocations? What would people think if you became a priest/brother/sister? (Mark 6:1-6) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au	
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 4222 2484	
Continuing	Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre The Diocesan Resource Centre is in transition to its new premises. Resources are still available to borrow during this transitional period. For more information or request for resources, please contact Anne Russell on 0427 072 363. Resources can be collected and returned at the Catholic Education Office, 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong. 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

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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.	
NEW	Social Justice Statement 2021/22 - Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. More info and link for pre-orders for hard copies online (deadline 8 July) here Social Justice Statement 2021-22 - Office for Social Justice (catholic.org.au)	Click to download logo
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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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	
	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/	