

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEW	<p>Support Your Priest Sunday is Back!</p> <p>This year, Parousia, along with Divine Renovation Australasia, would like to announce that 'Support Your Priest Sunday' will be held on Sunday 1 August 2021.</p> <p>Support Your Priest Sunday is a day of significance for all Catholics, as we acknowledge the tireless work of all priests around the world. It will take place each year around the feast of St John Vianney, patron of priests.</p> <p>Here is an explainer video by the Co-Director of Parousia and National Coordinator of Divine Renovation Australasia, Kevin Bailey AM.</p> <p>Register for free to receive the daily novena prayers in your inbox. Click Here or the image below to register.</p>	

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NEW	<p data-bbox="395 322 759 353">Urgent Euthanasia Petition</p> <p data-bbox="395 376 1185 488">Take Urgent Action today to help save vulnerable lives – Raise your voice to protect life: Sign the Open Letter to the Premier today</p> <p data-bbox="395 510 1153 611">The architect of NSW’s terrible abortion laws, Independent MP Alex Greenwich, has released a bill that would introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide in this state.</p> <p data-bbox="395 651 1166 824">There is never a good time to introduce laws that sanction the killing of our most vulnerable human beings. However, it seems that a pandemic, which is affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions of people won’t stop Mr Greenwich from introducing state-sanctioned killing in New South Wales.</p> <p data-bbox="395 864 1158 931">The community is currently accepting significant restrictions on our personal autonomy in order to protect those most at risk.</p> <p data-bbox="395 972 1190 1182">The people of NSW have already spent a month in lockdown, with many unable to visit elderly parents at home, in hospital or in aged care facilities. Our sick and elderly are already experiencing increased isolation with no definite end in sight, small business owners are struggling, as are those with reduced working hours: a pro-suicide message is not what they need to hear.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1223 1166 1323">To help stop precious parliamentary time and health resources being diverted to those with a pro-death agenda, please take two important steps today.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1364 1171 1536">1. Please sign a petition to Premier Gladys Berejiklian, asking her to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide, and instead focus parliamentary time and precious health resources on repairing the social and economic cost of this latest outbreak. Sign the petition here</p> <p data-bbox="395 1576 1134 1644">2. Please email your NSW State Member of Parliament and ask them to oppose the introduction of these dangerous laws.</p>	

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<p>Continuing POSITION VACANT</p>	<p>Executive Assistant – Welcoming and Information Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Executive Assistant – Welcoming and Information in the Diocese of Wollongong.</p> <p>For more information and a detailed role description, please go to www.dow.org.au/jobs</p> <p>Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 0407 438 434 or email recruitment@dow.org.au</p>	
<p>MODIFIED</p>	<p>2020-21 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass</p> <p>NEW DATE: Sunday 19 September 2021 – two Masses (12:30pm and 2:30pm)</p> <p>Due to covid restrictions, this event has been postponed from 8 August to Sunday 19 September 2021.</p> <p>To enable as many couples as possible the opportunity to attend, we will hold two (2) Masses (12:30pm and 2:30pm) on the same day for those who in 2020 or 2021 celebrated 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years of marriage.</p> <p>We have also extended the closing date for registration to receive an invitation to Monday 2 August to permit additional couples the opportunity to also register their interest.</p> <p>If you would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 19 September 201, 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.</p> <p>To those who have already registered, an invitation will be emailed to you.</p>	

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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! Come and join us on 21 – 22 August 2021 at a Live-Out Marriage Encounter Weekend at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>ACBC Men’s Gathering in our Diocese</p> <p>In 2020, over 1500 men gathered around the country in hub spots for the ACBC National Catholic Men’s Gathering. Be inspired, encouraged and renewed in faith with other blokes from around the Diocese. It’s free. For more info and to register go to www.catholicmensgathering.com.au .</p> <p>We will be running four (4) regional hubs around the Diocese on dates to be determined in August / September post COVID19 restrictions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Xavier Centre Wollongong: Contact Peter Crowe 0407913696 pcrowe360@gmail.com eferry@westnet.com.au 2. Bowral Parish Hall: Contact: Max Norden: 0414 733 823 max.norden@dow.org.au 3. Nowra Parish Hall: Key Contact: Nigel Porter 0430 365 383 (or Gary Egan 0438 077 876 garyegan@westnet.com.au 4. Rosemeadow Parish Hall: Key Contact: Eddie Ferry 0417 049 418 eferry@westnet.com.au – with Ryan Soares, Andy Adina and Ian Boorman 	

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Continuing	<p>Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online</p> <p>For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website https://dow.sh/onlinemass</p>	<p>Online Masses</p>
Continuing	<p>Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 400 Hour Foundational Unit</p> <p>Are you interested in: Growing in knowledge, understanding, and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care. Deepening 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.</p> <p>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 24 May 2022.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Plenary Council 2021</p> <p>With just 74 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</p> <p>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.</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 25 July 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On the Journey this week Fr Chima Ofor says the Gospel is about the ordinary having effects way out of proportion to its ordinariness. Mother Hilda wants us to give God a foot massage and Michelle Vass tells how to discover God’s will for each of us. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au
Continuing	<p>The Year of St Joseph</p> <p>Pope Francis on 8 December 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</p>	

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NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p>If you are willing to share what you have, God will multiply your gifts. Imagine how God can use you to nourish a hungry world. Consider being a sister, brother, priest, or deacon. (John 6:1-13) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
Continuing	<p>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For Catechist in the Macarthur and Southern Highlands –</p> <p>Contact Cindy on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au for more information.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Formed (Free for DoW parishioners)</p> <p>Join hundreds of other families around the Diocese of Wollongong in nurturing 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>	

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NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>God's promise and Jesus Christ's resurrection raise in Christians the well-founded hope that a new and eternal dwelling place is prepared for every human person, a new earth where justice abides. – <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</i></p>	<p>Click to download logo</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>	

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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	<p>CAtHFAMILY</p> <p>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/</p>	