

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	27 July 2021	<b>For weekend:</b>	31 July – 1 August 2021

*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	<p><b>National Vocations Awareness Week Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b></p> <p>Each and every one of us has been called by name through our baptism to follow Jesus and serve God and all people in our own unique way. For many that is marriage; for some priesthood and religious life; for some single life. Whether we are still discerning God's call or seeking to live out His call more faithfully in our lives, make sure this week is a time of deepening of our commitment to follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives. Please pray for those in formation for priesthood in our Diocese: James Arblaster, Sinh Le, Joseph Nguyen, Darren McDowell and Seth Harsh. If anyone would like help discerning God's call in their lives, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, Vocations Director, at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</b></p> <p>Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way of staying informed and connected is to subscribe at <a href="https://dow.sh/stayingconnected">https://dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> to receive regular stay connected updates or visit <a href="https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin">https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin</a> to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly</p>	<a href="http://jcr.org.au">jcr.org.au</a>
NEW	<p><b>Online Holy Hour for Young Adults</b></p> <p>CYMW &amp; NET are hosting online Adoration every Thursday from 4-5pm. Join our Holy Hour through Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/">https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/</a> or watch via Instagram @net.wollongong – everyone is welcome!</p>	

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NEW	<p><b>Online Young Adult Bible Study!</b></p> <p>Are you missing your community? CYMW are hosting an online Bible Study for all young adults aged 17-35 throughout the Wollongong Diocese.</p> <p>Bring your bible and your favourite snack as we journey through scripture together... over zoom!</p> <p>Every Tuesday night. 7PM-8PM.</p> <p>Check out @cymdow on Instagram or Facebook for more information or email <a href="mailto:youth@dow.org.au">youth@dow.org.au</a>.</p>	
NEW	<p><b>Online Alpha</b></p> <p>Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong is holding an online youth alpha series for all young people aged 13 to 18 years old.</p> <p>Youth Alpha is a video series that tackles questions on faith, life, and God. The weekly online youth group will run from 7PM to 8PM each Friday starting soon. For more information and to register your interest, please visit <a href="https://forms.gle/oXmRjx6QkNeydihs8">https://forms.gle/oXmRjx6QkNeydihs8</a></p>	
NEW	<p><b>St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre - Online LIVE Retreats - August 2021</b></p> <p>The current COVID situation means that St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre is not able to run our usual August residential retreats. We are making the most of this time by introducing Online LIVE retreats using Microsoft Teams, as a special offering during the month of August. Please find attached our special program for August providing a range of retreats including day reflections and longer retreats. Spiritual accompaniment is available for all retreats and also for individual accompaniment at any time. Fees are negotiable. For more information and for bookings, email: <a href="mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au">contact@towersretreat.org.au</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download brochure</a></p>

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Continuing	<p><b>Support Your Priest Sunday is Back!</b></p> <p>This year, Parousia, along with <a href="#">Divine Renovation Australasia</a>, 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><a href="#">Here is an explainer video by the Co-Director of Parousia and National Coordinator of Divine Renovation Australasia, Kevin Bailey AM.</a></p> <p>Register for free to receive the daily novena prayers in your inbox. <a href="#">Click Here</a> or the image below to register.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Urgent Euthanasia Petition</b></p> <p>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>To help stop precious parliamentary time and health resources being diverted to those with a pro-death agenda, please consider taking two important steps today:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 <a href="https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition_2107_nsw_cas">https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition_2107_nsw_cas</a></li> <li>2. Please email your NSW State Member of Parliament and ask them to oppose the introduction of these dangerous laws.</li> </ol>	
NEW	<p><b>The Journey, 1 August 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On the Journey this week Fr John Paul Escarlan breaks open the Gospel for this Sunday, Fr Dave Callaghan asks us to rethink the Bible and Peter Gilmore notes how Jesus affirms how we should do great things. The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p>	<a href="http://jcr.org.au">jcr.org.au</a>

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Continuing	<p><b>Marriage Enrichment Weekend</b></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 <a href="http://www.wwme.org.au">www.wwme.org.au</a> or contact Christine &amp; Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or <a href="mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au">nswbookings@wwme.org.au</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Call to Connect - Catholic Women's Ministry</b></p> <p>Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of female friends, online or face to face? "Call to Connect" Catholic women's ministry is a ministry that offers prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey for women through its prayer/sharing group structure. Their aim is to strengthen the relationship between women and facilitate a deepening walk with God.</p> <p>There are Starter Kits available with all you need to form prayer/sharing groups. For more information contact Bronnie Schlager on <a href="mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com">calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com</a> or <a href="https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/">https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download Information Sheet</a></p>
Continuing	<p><b>Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online</b></p> <p>For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <a href="https://dow.sh/onlinemass">https://dow.sh/onlinemass</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Online Masses</a></p>

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Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – watch during lockdown!</b></p> <p>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 <a href="https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen">https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen</a> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (<a href="#">download</a>)</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Plenary Council 2021</b></p> <p>With just 67 days to Assembly One of the Plenary Council, you can keep up to date by accessing the Plenary Post on the Plenary Council website <a href="https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au">https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au</a></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 <a href="#">PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY 2020-2022</a>.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Year Amoris Laetitia Family, 19 March 2021 – 26 June 2022</b></p> <p>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 <a href="http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html">http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html</a></p> <p>On July 25<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>	
NEW	<p><b>A Vocation view</b></p> <p>We are challenged today to seek what will last. Give Jesus, the Bread of Life, your priority and you will always be satisfied. (John 6:24-35) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at <a href="mailto:vocations@dow.org.au">vocations@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</b></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 <b>Anne Russell on 0427 072 363</b>. Resources can be collected and returned at the Catholic Education Office, 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong.</p> <p><b>For Catechist in the Macarthur and Southern Highlands –</b></p> <p>Contact Cindy on 4640 8550 or <a href="mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au">cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</a> for more information.</p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</b></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><b>Please visit <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/">https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/</a> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</b> 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>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Social Justice Statement</b></p> <p>The good things - such as human dignity, brotherhood and freedom, all the good fruits of nature and of human enterprise - that in the Lord's Spirit and according to his command have spread throughout the earth, having been purified of every stain, illuminated and transfigured, belong to the Kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love, and of peace that Christ will present to the Father, and it is there that we shall once again find them. – <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download logo</a></p>



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Continuing	<p><b>CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?</b></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 <b>0418 783 956</b>, email <a href="mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au">fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a> or go to <a href="http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au">http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</a> more information.</p>	
Continuing	<p><b>We're always here, if you ever need...</b></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 <a href="mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au">intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>CAtHFAMILY</b></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 <a href="https://cathfamily.org/activities/">https://cathfamily.org/activities/</a></p>	