

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEW	<p>National Vocations Awareness Week Sunday 1st August</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 vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</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 https://dow.sh/stayingconnected to receive regular stay connected updates or visit https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly</p>	
NEW	<p>Online Holy Hour for Young Adults</p> <p>CYMW & NET are hosting online Adoration every Thursday from 4-5pm. Join our Holy Hour through Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/ or watch via Instagram @net.wollongong – everyone is welcome!</p>	

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NEW	<p>Online Young Adult Bible Study!</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 youth@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Online Alpha</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 https://forms.gle/oXmRjx6QkNeydihs8</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 8 August 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Tony Alex MGL says life is about today. Plus, Mother Hilda on a broken heart, Michelle Vass uses the Psalms to pray, and Torrien Lau on being compassionate. Plus, more great music www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au

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NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>TAKING A STAND FOR REFUGEES: The 150 Days of Action for Refugees is a response to Pope Francis’ declaration of 2021 as the Year of St Joseph. The Pope has described St Joseph, who was a refugee in Egypt, “the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty”. The national campaign calls on people to write to their local politicians urging them to: Provide income support and a financial safety net for all people seeking asylum in Australia End temporary protection visas and create a clear pathway to permanent residency; Ensure access to family reunion for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia. The campaign also involves educating the public about inhumane government policies and their impact on people who have experienced trauma before coming to Australia. At national level, the campaign is being coordinated by the Sisters of St Joseph and the Justice and Peace Office of the Sydney Archdiocese. In Adelaide, the campaign is led by Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker Service (VRASS). VRASS Special Works Committee chair Henrietta Wighton said the Adelaide group was planning to approach parishes and schools to conduct brief talks in order to promote the 150 Days of Action Campaign. It also intends to work with the Vinnies Youth and Community Engagement Officer, Umes Acharya, to include young refugees and asylum-seekers in planning activities and learning the skills of advocacy. “We want to encourage everyone to work towards our country becoming a generous, smart and compassionate nation. Everyone should try to do something to contribute to us becoming a humane and fair Australia.” Cathnews 8/08/21 What might we as a Parish do to support this or similar enterprise?</p>	

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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 	
Continuing	<p>Urgent Euthanasia Petition</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"> 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 https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition_2107_nsw_cas 2. Please email your NSW State Member of Parliament and ask them to oppose the introduction of these dangerous laws. 	

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Continuing	<p>Get Connected with what is on around the Diocese</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 https://dow.sh/stayingconnected to receive regular stay connected updates or visit https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly</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! 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>	

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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 60 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>	
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>	
Continuing	<p>Year Amoris Laetitia Family, 19 March 2021 – 26 June 2022</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 http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html</p> <p>On July 25th 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>	

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NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p>Jesus continued to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life. Will you share your faith? Consider ministry in the Church. (John 6:41-51) 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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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>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>	

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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>	