

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEW	<p>Men's Kickstart Program: Monday Nights 13, 20, 27 September and 4 October</p> <p><i>Starts next week – register now with blokes from right around the Diocese and Australia.</i></p> <p><i>Kickstart</i> is being facilitated by menALIVE for the Diocese of Wollongong, hosted online by Peter Gabauer and Colin Bennett and the menALIVE leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong.</p> <p>To register go to https://www.dow.org.au/events/ancmgkickstart</p> <p>Kickstart will run on Monday evenings 13, 20, 27 Sept and 4 Oct from 7.30-8.30pm. Sessions are short and sharp and a great way for men in lockdown to come together to engage with the theme 'Brothers What must we Do' developed by the ACBC with some excellent keynotes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Man of God: Tomasz Juszcak • Man of Service: Tim Davis • Man of Character: Shayne Bennett • Missioning and Sending: Archbishop Julian Porteous 	
NEW	<p>Youth Ministry Online</p> <p>Have you seen Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong's (CYMW) online version of LIVE yet? Click on the link below for some great worship and challenges as you explore faith with some very awesome leaders!</p> <p>Enjoy!</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTphLF5OdSt8V_yo7ZLrVgg</p>	

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NEW	<p><i>Suspended until further notice</i></p> <p>Evening Prayer and Benediction</p> <p>St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral, Wollongong Saturday 6pm</p>	
Continuing	<p>Marriage Anniversaries Mass: Now to be Livestreamed Sunday 19 September – 12.30pm</p> <p>This celebration for those marking 25, 40, 50, 60, or over 60 years of marriage in 2020-21, will now be livestreamed, with no attendance possible due to COVID restrictions. All those who had registered will, in coming days, be invited to be part of an online Mass with Bishop Brian, who will celebrate Mass from the Cathedral, offering a blessing for each of the 40 couples who have registered. Each couple will be sent a letter and commemoration certificate by Bishop Brian.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Bishop’s Sacramental Program Parental Survey</p> <p>A discussion paper to assist in the development of a Sacraments of Initiation policy for the Diocese is being developed and Bishop Brian is seeking feedback from parents and, via parishes, is reaching out especially to parents with children in state schools who have presented their sons daughters for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If that is you, we would love to hear from you!</p> <p>You can access the Survey by simply clicking here: https://dow.sh/SacramentsSurvey and we would be most grateful for your feedback.</p>	
NEW	<p>Season of Creation</p> <p>The <i>Season of Creation</i> begins September 1, on the designated World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It concludes on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis.</p> <p>The Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace have created five prayer cards which focus on the themes of the statement. This week’s prayer focuses on A prayer for conversion</p>	<p>Click to download Social Justice Statement 2021-22</p>

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Continuing	<p>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</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>Please visit https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</p> <p>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>	Click here to download
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>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>	
Continuing	<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>	
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>	Online Masses

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 12 September 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>Great show this week as we celebrate the season of creation and feature some brand new God Spots from our presenters, with all of the great music you've come to expect from the Journey available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au
MODIFIED	<p>Plenary Council 2021</p> <p>In less than a month, the Church in Australia will commence its fifth Plenary Council – the first in 84 years. 279 members will begin a process of dialogue focusing on 6 themes that were developed from the responses of over 220,000 people.</p> <p>Checkout:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the latest media release which is also online here, • the agenda and is online here • Plenary Council by the numbers; and • Archbishop Coleridge – Why a Plenary Council are available <p>In coming weeks, we will share short clips from our DoW delegates, that have been shared with the Plenary 2020 organising committee.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Caritas Australia – Your Support is Needed</p> <p>Your support can provide aid and relief to humanitarian crises, like the one currently unfolding in Afghanistan, Lebanon and Haiti, where hundreds of thousands of people are now facing displacement, drought, COVID-19 and poverty.</p> <p>To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal at https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.</p>	<p>DONATE NOW</p> <p>Click to download More information</p>
Continuing	<p>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus – watch during lockdown!</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 https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (download)</p>	

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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>	
NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p>Do you want to follow Jesus? If you lose yourself for Jesus' sake, you will find life. It is worth the cost of your life. (Mark 8:27-35)</p> <p>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>	

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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>	
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>	

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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/	