

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	19 October 2021	<b>For weekend:</b>	23 – 24 October 2021

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<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Synod of Bishops:</b> Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <a href="http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch">http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch</a></p>	
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Earthcare Families Launch webinar</b></p> <p>This year the <a href="#">Laudato Si Action Platform</a> launches on the 14 November. Caritas Catholic Earthcare for years has been helping parishes and schools on the path to an integral ecology. The Action Platform names seven other groups that they would like to see live out Laudato Si and become part of an integral ecology. One of those groups are families. Catholic Earthcare is therefore launching another program - <a href="#">Earthcare Families</a> to support them to engage in the Action Platform and Laudato Si. To launch this program, you are invited to a webinar to learn about the program. We will discuss how you can participate if you are interested, or how you can promote the program if you represent a parish or school.</p> <p>The launch will be held on the 29 November 7:30pm AEDT, 6:30pm AEST. To register, please go to: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BUMMY">https://www.trybooking.com/BUMMY</a></p> <p>Please also feel free to share this event with others.</p>	

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NEW	<p><b>Liturgy Brisbane: Online Liturgical Formation &amp; Training</b></p> <p>The team from Liturgy Brisbane have launched an excellent online training platform titled 'Learn + Discover'. Learn at your own pace with comprehensive, multi-modal, and engaging training, all from the comfort of your own home. A certificate will be issued on course completion. The current courses on offer are as follows: Ministers of the Word (Readers) Course, Lay Ministers of Communion Course, and Combined Course: Ministers of Word &amp; Communion. To learn more and to purchase access to one of these online courses, please visit: <a href="https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/">https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/</a></p>	
Continuing	<p>Urgent - Join in Opposition to Euthanasia in NSW. The move to make Euthanasia / Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legal has been introduced into the NSW Parliament. We are called to stand up for the sanctity of life and oppose 'the culture of death'. Bishop Mascord urges the faithful of the Dioceses to contact their local state MPs without delay, asking them to vote NO. Advocates of Assisted Suicide, are similarly working very hard to influence local MPs and without similar efforts for those who uphold the value of life from conception to natural death, it is likely that this terrible bill will become law.</p> <p>Go to <a href="http://www.dow.org.au/euthanasiabill">www.dow.org.au/euthanasiabill</a> to receive contact details of your State MPs, as well as speaking points for a phone call which is by far the most impactful form of communication. Emailing is a less impactful, but still valuable option. This is a most urgent call to brave action, with this bill infringing many religious freedoms and worse still the sanctity of human life.</p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download MP contact details and speaking points</a></p>
NEW	<p><b>Plenary Council – what happens next?</b></p> <p>With the conclusion of the First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, the members approved a concluding statement sharing the fruits of the first assembly and looking forward to nine months of "prayer, reflection, maturation and development" leading up to the second assembly. Please find attached a <a href="#">media release</a> and a copy of the <a href="#">concluding statement</a>.</p> <p>The Journey podcast compiled a series of insightful interviews at the conclusion of each day of the assembly that can be accessed at <a href="http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenarypodcast/">www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenarypodcast/</a></p>	

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MODIFIED	<p><b>Prayer Seminars to experience different prayer styles – All Welcome</b></p> <p>There has been an overwhelming response to the Prayer Seminar series that runs each Tuesday evening, 7pm - 8:30pm via Zoom. Prayer Seminars are hosted by the CCD Team but are open to anyone and everyone in the Diocese to attend. Each week a different presenter will lead us in a style of prayer that is meaningful to them. The seminars will include information, but also the opportunity to be led by an expert in the prayer experience. You are welcome to come to any or all of the seminars. Registering does not require you to attend every seminar. Please follow the link to register for Prayer Seminars:  <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/events">https://www.dow.org.au/events</a>.</p> <p>Please register before the day of the seminar, to ensure you receive your zoom link on time.</p> <p>Next Tuesday, 26 October, Sr Kerry Gardiner RSJ, will lead us in Prayer Journaling. Be sure to bring a journal (paper) and something to write with.</p>	<p><a href="#">Register to all Sessions</a></p> <p><a href="#">Register to individual sessions</a></p>
Continuing	<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. Stay informed by subscribing at <a href="https://dow.sh/stayingconnected">subscribe https://dow.sh/stayingconnected</a> 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>	
Continuing	<p><b>Divine Renovation Australasia Virtual Conference 2021</b>  <b><i>Called to Discipleship</i></b> Saturday 20 November 2021   9:00am-12:30pm</p> <p>Join us for a spirit-filled time of prayer, live keynotes, inspiring panel sessions. The virtual conference will aim to support priests, parish teams and individuals in their journey of parish renewal, while encouraging and equipping you in your Catholic faith.</p> <p>For more and information and registration:  <a href="https://www.divinerenovation.org/dr-aus-called-to-discipleship-conference">https://www.divinerenovation.org/dr-aus-called-to-discipleship-conference</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Click to download Flyer</a></p>
NEW	<p><b>The Journey, 24 October 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>A jam packed show this week as Mother Hilda Scott asks us to be the Amen, Fr Mike Delaney addresses Social Prejudice and Darren McDowell invites us to lead with vision. Plenty of uplifting music on this week's show - the Journey available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p>	<p><a href="http://jcr.org.au">jcr.org.au</a></p>

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Continuing	<p><b>Online Young Adult Bible Study!</b>            Are you missing your community? CYMW are hosting an online Bible Study for all young adults aged 17-35 throughout the Wollongong Diocese.            Bring your bible and your favourite snack as we journey through scripture together... over zoom!            Every Tuesday night. 7PM-8PM.            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>	
Continuing	<p><b>Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online</b>            For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website  <a href="https://dow.sh/onlinemass">https://dow.sh/onlinemass</a></p>	<a href="#">Online Masses</a>
Continuing	<p><b>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving</b>            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>	

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Continuing	<p><b>The Year of St Joseph</b></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 <a href="https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph">https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph</a></p>	
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>Jesus hears our cry for help. What do you want Jesus to do for you? How will you show your gratitude? (Mark 10:46-52) 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>	
NEW	<p><b>Social Justice Statement</b></p> <p>The Bishops’ Social Justice Statement 2021-22: <i>Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor</i>, 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. <a href="https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au">https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au</a></p>	

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Continuing	<p><b>Formed (Free for DoW parishioners)</b></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 <a href="mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au">darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</a> or <a href="mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au">helen.bennett@dow.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</b></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 <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/">https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/</a> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	
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. 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>	

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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>	