

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Status	Bulletin notice	Attachment(s)
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. Stay informed by subscribing at subscribe https://dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly</p>	
Continuing	<p>Prayer Seminars: Experience various prayer styles – All Welcome</p> <p>A series of Prayer Seminars, commencing on Tuesday 21 September, and run weekly, 7pm - 8:30pm via Zoom. These are open to anyone in the Diocese to attend any or all of the 12 evenings</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Registering does not require you to attend every seminar. Please follow the link to register for Prayer Seminars: https://www.dow.org.au/events Next Tuesday 28 September, Peter Gilmore will lead us on Praying with the Holy Spirit. Tuesday 5th October Frances Tilly on The Examen. Come and discover the beautiful practice of interior silence using a sacred word and simply rest in the presence of God. Please encourage the faithful to be part of this experience to grow in prayerfulness.</p>	<p>Click to download Prayer Seminar Graphic</p>

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Modified	<p>Plenary Council 2021 – 3-10 October</p> <p>From 3 – 10 October, 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"> • Advisers, Chairpersons named for Plenary Council https://www.dow.org.au/advisers-chairpersons-named-for-plenary-council/ • 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>The clergy members from the Diocese of Wollongong are: Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD, Very Rev Bernard L Gordon VG, Very Rev Kenneth Cafe OFM EV, Very Rev Sean Cullen PP EV.</p> <p>Hear from the three lay members of Plenary Council from the Diocese of Wollongong Mr Paul Fleming, Mrs Erin Gillard and Dr Jodi Steel via a short interview that can be accessed at https://dow.sh/plenarychats and which will be released via social media over the next week.</p> <p>DoW interview with Lana Turvey Collins: Free access at jcr.org.au We will also be producing a daily podcast of 3 interviews from the Plenary Council form 3-10 October which we will share on our website daily.</p> <p>The Tuesday Evening Diocesan Prayer Seminar series where we will pray for the Council members can be accessed via https://www.dow.org.au/events</p>	

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Modified	<p>Men’s Kickstart Program: Monday Nights 13- September till 4 October 7.30 – 8.30pm</p> <p>There are still two sessions to go for the kickstart program and men can attend any or all of the remaining sessions that engage with some great talks from the National Catholic Men’s Gathering (NCMG) presentations. Kickstart is being facilitated by menALIVE for the Diocese of Wollongong, online by Peter Gabauer and Colin Bennett and the menALIVE leaders from the Diocese of Wollongong. To register go to https://www.dow.org.au/events/ancmgkickstart</p> <p>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’?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Man of Character: Shayne Bennett (27 Sept) • Missioning and Sending: Archbishop Julian Porteous (4 Oct) 	
Modified	<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 Sacramentality</p>	<p>Click to download Social Justice Statement 2021-22</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?</p> <p>Deepening your awareness of Spirituality 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 2 consecutive days per month, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9 November 2021 to 27 July 2022. (Limited spaces still available – clinical pastoral placement required)</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 22 October 2021.</p>	

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NEW	<p>Blessing of Animals: Monday, 4 October, 9:30am onwards</p> <p>Monday, 4 October – Parish of St Michael, Thirroul</p> <p>The annual Blessing of Animals will be held on the long weekend in October, from 9:30am onwards to 11:00am on Monday, 4 October. All animals are welcome. This year, because of social distancing regulations, all animals must keep two paws or two wings apart. You may “walk by” with your pets anytime between 9:30am and 11:00am so as to maintain social distancing (two paws or two wings apart).</p> <p>On 4 October, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It is customary that in remembrance of St Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the “Blessing of the Animals.” Every year, millions of animals are blessed by priests/friars in a ceremony that touches the hearts of most of those in attendance.</p> <p>The Blessing of Animals will take place at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul – outside the church – on the Feast of Saint Francis, Monday, 4 October.</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 26 September 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>Great show this week as we jump into an interview with Lana Turvy Collins who is the chief organiser of the upcoming Plenary Council. Plenty of great music and the regular God spots you’ve come to expect from the Journey available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au
Continuing	<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! Enjoy!</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTphLF5OdSt8V_yo7ZLrVgg</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>	

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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>	Online Masses
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>Divine Renovation Australasia Virtual Conference 2021</p> <p><i>Called to Discipleship</i> 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: https://www.divinerenovation.org/dr-aus-called-to-discipleship-conference</p>	Click to download Flyer

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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>	
NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p>All who serve in the name of Jesus will receive a reward. Encourage someone you know who would be of service as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister. (Mark 9:38-43) 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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MODIFIED	<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 https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ 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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