

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEW	<p>Synod of Bishops: 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: http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch</p>	
NEW	<p>New Early Learning Centre for the Shellharbour City</p> <p>Do you know someone who is looking for a long day care centre in the Shellharbour area? CatholicCare will open a state-of- the-art the long day care centre in early 2022, for the 2-5year age group, with placements open and filling fast.</p> <p>The Centre is open to all families in the local community, to ensure you don't miss out on a placement, register your interest by calling now 42271122 or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au.</p> <p>Pending necessary approvals, the project team is expected to break ground within the coming month. The centre is conveniently located within the precinct of All Saints Parish and Nazareth Primary School, at 19 College Avenue, Shellharbour City.</p>	

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NEW	<p>Technology skills workshops</p> <p>Early next year, CatholicCare and the Being Connected network are teaming up to facilitate small group sessions aimed at assisting older Australians with improving their digital skills and knowledge. Sessions will be held in three parish centres in Wollongong, Shoalhaven, and Macarthur early next year and spaces are very limited. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and connect with others. There will be more information early next year on venues and times. We are also seeking mentors who have digital or technology skills to assist with this program.</p> <p>For more information Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer 0417 018 152 janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p>	<p>Click here to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Vote on euthanasia bill delayed until 2022</p> <p>Pleasingly, debate and voting on the Euthanasia / Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) bill that has been introduced into the NSW Parliament has been delayed until early 2022. This enables more time to join in Opposition to Euthanasia in NSW and to stand for the culture of life from conception to natural 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. Go to www.dow.org.au/euthanasiabill 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>Please go to https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/promoting-the-common-good/#/stepper?pageId=5056 to receive information from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong on issues impacting the common good, and how as faithful of the Diocese of Wollongong you can be part of coordinated efforts in this regard.</p>	<p>Click to download MP contact details and speaking points</p>

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Continuing	<p>Liturgy Brisbane: Online Liturgical Formation & Training</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 & Communion. To learn more and to purchase access to one of these online courses, please visit: https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/</p>	
NEW	<p>Plenary Council – what happens next?</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 media release and a copy of the concluding statement.</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 www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenarypodcast/</p>	
MODIFIED	<p>Prayer Seminars to experience different prayer styles – All Welcome</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: https://www.dow.org.au/events.</p> <p>Please register before the day of the seminar, to ensure you receive your zoom link on time.</p> <p>Next Tuesday, 2 November, Fr Aloysius Rego will lead us in Prayer with St Teresa of Avila. Learn from St Teresa, Doctor of the Church, who remains one of the most influential saints of all time. <i>Fr Aloysius, who is a Discalced Carmelite Friar, regularly assists and leads preached and private retreats at the Discalced Carmelite Retreat Centre.</i></p>	<p>Register to all Sessions</p> <p>Register to individual sessions</p>

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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. 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>Divine Renovation Australasia Virtual Conference 2021 <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. For more and information and registration: https://www.divinerenovation.org/dr-aus-called-to-discipleship-conference</p>	<p>Click to download Flyer</p>
NEW	<p>The Journey, 31 October 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On the Journey this week: Fr Patrick Vaughan’s gospel reflection, Mother Hilda on the three things God wants us to know and Michelle Vass on using nature and creation to pray. The Journey available now as a podcast – jcr.org.au</p>	<p>jcr.org.au</p>
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! https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTphLF5OdSt8V_yo7ZLrVgg</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. 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 youth@dow.org.au</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. 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>	
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>	
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>In the reign of God love is essential. Loving God, self, and neighbour is the basis of all Christian vocations. How do/will you choose to love? (Mark 12:28-34) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>The Social Justice Statement 2021-22 provides theological foundations to ground and inspire efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. The Statement reflects on creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; the wonder and beauty available to the contemplative eye; and the need for conversion and change of life. https://socialjustice.catholic.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>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. 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>	
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>	