

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Urgent Update	<p>Very Urgent Action Required this week - Vote on euthanasia</p> <p>This week is critical for people of faith to urgently oppose Euthanasia in NSW, with debate about to commence in Parliament. Bishop Mascord urges the faithful of the Diocese to urgently contact your state MP this week to stand for the culture of life from conception to natural death. Go to www.dow.org.au/euthanasiabill to receive contact details of your State MPs, as well as speaking points. Emailing is a less impactful, but still valuable option.</p> <p>Online Survey: <i>We also urge need as many voters from NSW who oppose this terrible legislation to complete this survey by 11:59pm, 22 November 2021 at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XRQNHFZ.</i></p> <p>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>Click to download MP contact details and speaking points</p>
NEW POSITIONS VACANT	<p>The Diocesan Office of Professional Standards is recruiting to two new roles in the office. We are looking for enthusiastic people who are committed to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in the Diocese to join the team. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, information about the two positions can be found at the following links:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> OPSS Administration Officer https://www.dow.org.au/position-vacant-administration-officer-opss/ Professional Officer – Policy and Professional Standards https://www.dow.org.au/position-vacant-professional-officer-policy-and-professional-standards-opss/ 	

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NEW POSITION VACANT	<p>Become part of Jamberoo Abbey’s Cottage Retreats hospitality team</p> <p>Full-time housekeeping position available in retreat cottages for immediate start. Experience in hotel (fast turnaround) room service an advantage. Hours 8am - 4pm Monday to Friday. For full job description and requirements please contact accounts@jamberooabbey.org.au Applications close Monday 22 November 2021</p>	
Updated	<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>	
Updated	<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, 23 November, Seth Harsh will led us in the Prayer of the Church. Otherwise known as the Liturgy of Hours, it was at the Second Vatican Council this sacred prayer was encouraged to be reclaimed by all people of the Church. The Prayer of the Church reminds us that God is present with us, each hour of every day, such that each day it becomes a ‘liturgy of hours’. Seth will help us to understand the significance of the prayer and led us in Compline.</p>	<p>Register to all Sessions</p> <p>Register to individual sessions</p>

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Continuing	<p>iWitness Conference 2021</p> <p>The iWitness Conference is back this December from the 10th – 12th at The Tops Conference Centre. Join us for a jam-packed weekend of fellowships, talks, liturgy, perpetual adoration and more! If you're 18+ and keen to meet other Catholics, then register now!" there is a Diocesan rebate for first 10 Participants from the Diocese of Wollongong www.iwitnessconference.com</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p> <p>Conference Speakers</p> <p>Special Deals</p>
Ongoing	<p>Plenary Council Update</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>	
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>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 21 November 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Christopher del Rosario's (Parramatta) gospel reflection. Mother Hilda on the saying “to die for”. Fr Mike Delaney learns to lead like Jesus while bushwalking. Plus, Darren McDowell, Trish McCarthy, Pete Gilmore, and more great music!</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	<p>jcr.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>	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. 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>	

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NEW	<p>A Vocation view</p> <p>Jesus claims, <i>“Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice.”</i> Commit yourself to truth and heed the voice of God. (John 18:33-37) 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>Response to the Cry of the Earth calls us to equitably address climate change, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability. 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 – 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 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. 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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