

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	23 November 2021	<b>For weekend:</b>	27 – 28 November 2021

*RSVP details are essential for adequate catering, seating, handouts etc. We ask that details are kept in notices where included.*

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NEW	<p><b>Plenary Council First Assembly - Member Q&amp;A Session</b></p> <p>Interested in hearing about the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, held 3-10 October?</p> <p>Some of the Diocese of Wollongong Plenary Council Members will be sharing their experiences and answering questions via a Zoom livestream on 8 December 2021, 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. The event will also be recorded and provided to Parishes.</p> <p>Please register <a href="https://bit.ly/3FJHIAV">https://bit.ly/3FJHIAV</a> where you can also include any questions or topics you would like to hear about. There will also be a small amount of time given to questions submitted during the event through the Zoom Q&amp;A function. In the meantime, the Concluding Statement from the First Assembly is available.</p>	<a href="#">concluding statement</a>
NEW	<p><b>Novena in preparation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Tues 30 November to Tues 7December at the Diocesan Shrine of The Immaculate Conception, Unanderra.</b></p> <p>The Novena will entail 4:30pm Adoration followed by 5:30pm Mass each of the weekdays; on the Saturday and Sunday a Holy Hour at 4:30pm with usual Parish Mass times for the weekend. All welcome.</p>	
NEW	<p><b>Advent Resource</b></p> <p>Families are invited to use this wonderful advent resource in preparing primary aged children for Christmas. It is full of games, activities, stories, and music. To use this free Catholic resource please click on <a href="https://issuu.com/ccressnsw/docs/2021_adventchristmas_sre_family_resource_wollongon">https://issuu.com/ccressnsw/docs/2021_adventchristmas_sre_family_resource_wollongon</a></p>	

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NEW	<p><b>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</b></p> <p>The annual <i>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</i> was held this week (Thursday 25 November). As Pope Francis noted in February this year: “The various forms of ill-treatment that many women suffer are acts of cowardice and a degradation of all humanity.... Let us pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all.” We will pray together today the following <i>Prayer to End Violence Against Women</i>:</p> <p>Just and merciful God, As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Grant us the grace to reflect your love for all women who are created in your image and likeness.</p> <p>Provide comfort and a safe resting place for those who have experienced violence, and give eternal peace to those who have died through acts of hatred. As a community of faith, give us the courage to love and protect women everywhere and at all times.</p> <p>Heal your children who have seen loved ones subjected to ill-treatment. May they grow to be people who respect the personal dignity of others.</p> <p>Soften the hearts of those who do harm. May they repent, seek guidance, and replace their acts of violence with deeds of love.</p> <p>We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>Our Lady Help of Christians, <i>pray for us.</i></p> <p>St Rita of Cascia, <i>pray for us.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Prayer Card (front)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Prayer Card (Back)</a></p>

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UPDATED	<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>	
Updated	<p><b>Prayer Seminars to experience different prayer styles – All Welcome</b></p> <p><b>Thank you to all those who have attended Prayer Seminars!</b></p> <p>This coming Tuesday, 30 November, is our final Prayer Seminar for this year and we urge you to join us for what will be a very inspiring seminar! Paul Elarde, who witnessed his wife Juliana being healed and walking out of her wheelchair at Lourdes, will lead us to ‘Rediscover the Power of the Rosary’.</p> <p>The Rosary for some, may seem to be a repetitious and an old-fashioned style of prayer. Heaven, however, would disagree. In every Church approved Marian apparition for the last 150 years, Mary has called us to pray the Rosary. It is THE prayer of our times! Fatima visionary Sr Lucia said: “There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” In this seminar we will offer solutions for the common problems in praying the Rosary and then offer a chance to pray and enter deeply, in perhaps a new way, to help rediscover the immense power of the Rosary. Please register before the day of the seminar, to ensure you receive your zoom link on time. <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/events">https://www.dow.org.au/events</a>.</p>	<p><a href="#">Register to all Sessions</a></p> <p><a href="#">Register to individual sessions</a></p>
Continuing	<p><b>iWitness Conference 2021</b></p> <p>The iWitness Conference is back this December from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.iwitnessconference.com">www.iwitnessconference.com</a></p>	<p>Click to download <a href="#">flyer</a></p> <p><a href="#">Conference Speakers</a></p> <p><a href="#">Special Deals</a></p>

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<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>The Journey, 28 November 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says in Advent we must stay awake and step outside the secular culture around us, Mother Hilda calls us not to settle for the superficial, plus Michelle Vass, Deacon Josh Clayton and more!</p> <p>The Journey podcast available at <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>.</p>	<a href="http://jcr.org.au">jcr.org.au</a>
Continuing	<p><b>Youth Ministry Online</b></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><a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTphLF5OdSt8V_yo7ZLrVgg">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTphLF5OdSt8V_yo7ZLrVgg</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online</b></p> <p>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></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><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></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>	

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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>Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve. (Jeremiah 33:14-16)</p> <p>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>Response to the Cry of the Earth calls us to equitably address climate change, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability.</p> <p><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>	

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Continuing	<p><b>We're always here if you ever need...</b></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 <a href="mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au">intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a></p>	
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>	