

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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<b>Date:</b>	21 December 2021	<b>For weekend:</b>	25 – 26 December 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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UPDATED	<p><b>Synod of Bishops</b></p> <p>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>	
NEW	<p><b>Summer Nights, Youth Retreat, 12-15 January 2022</b></p> <p>Summer Nights is a four day non-live in retreat experience held at the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville. In the picturesque grounds enjoy an outdoor event including friends, fellowship, prayer &amp; worship, excellent speakers, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, music &amp; dramas, powerful encounters with God. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community. From 12 – 15 January 2022. Ages 16-35. <a href="http://www.summerschool.org.au/summernights">http://www.summerschool.org.au/summernights</a></p>	
UPDATED	<p><b>Cathedral Books &amp; Gifts Wollongong</b></p> <p>Please be advised the Cathedral Books and Gifts Wollongong Gift shop will be closed from 24 December 2021 and will re-open week commencing 10 January 2022.</p> <p>Operating hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am until 2pm. Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong. For any enquiries, please contact Wendy Douglas 0438 244 860.</p>	

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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> 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><b>Free access to 2021 Australasian Called to Discipleship Conference</b></p> <p>On 20 November, nearly 700 people participated in this conference for Parish Renewal across Australia and New Zealand and the key notes have now been made available at no cost to clergy and parishes. It provides great encouragement and simple ideas for outreach and re-invitation to Parish life. Fr James Mallon’s opening keynote provides some great points about Synodality in the process of renewal. Be encouraged and inspired by following the links below:</p> <p>Session 1 (DR &amp; Leadership – Fr James Mallon)  <a href="https://youtu.be/ZMBDFrU9xp4">https://youtu.be/ZMBDFrU9xp4</a></p> <p>Session 2 (Panel Discussion) <a href="https://youtu.be/U3KN29QHRIk">https://youtu.be/U3KN29QHRIk</a></p> <p>Session 3 (Evangelisation – Dr Ralph Martin)  <a href="https://youtu.be/LbI0HYCWiQY">https://youtu.be/LbI0HYCWiQY</a></p> <p>Session 5 (Holy Spirit – Dcn Peter Pellicaan)  <a href="https://youtu.be/qA05madbl0w">https://youtu.be/qA05madbl0w</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> <b>to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly</b></p>	

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NEW	<p><b>The Journey, 26 December 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</b></p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Bishop Brian Mascord’s Christmas reflection. Mother Hilda’s story on children providing a safe environment for themselves, and more of the Spirit of Christmas from Fr Mike Delaney, Michelle Vass, Deacon Josh Clayton, and Fr Quyen Vu SJ. To listen to the entire episode and subscribe to the weekly podcast, go to <a href="http://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>. 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>
UPDATED	<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! <a href="https://dow.sh/cymw_youtube">https://dow.sh/cymw_youtube</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>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>	
Continuing	<p><b>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus</b></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 <a href="https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen">https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen</a> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via <i>The Chosen app</i> (<a href="#">download</a>)</p>	
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>	

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NEW	<p><b>A Vocation view</b></p> <p>God continues to send messengers to announce good news. Listen so you can tell the story to others. (Luke 1:39-45)</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>Ecological Education calls us to re-think curricular and undertake institutional reform in the spirit of integral ecology to foster ecological awareness and action. <a href="https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au">https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au</a></p>	
Continuing	<p><b>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</b></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 <b>Anne Russell on 0427 072 363</b>. Resources can be collected and returned at the Catholic Education Office, 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong.</p> <p><b>For Catechist in the Macarthur and Southern Highlands –</b></p> <p>Contact Cindy on 4640 8550 or <a href="mailto:cindy.oliver@dow.org.au">cindy.oliver@dow.org.au</a> for more information.</p>	

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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>	
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>	

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