


BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEW	<p>Advent Appeal For Ukraine</p> <p>At a recent meeting with the country’s bishops and Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, the bishops gave strong support to a special appeal to be held during Advent to “support refugees and people in Ukraine during this winter, which will be the most challenging for our country for decades of independence”. The Advent Appeal For Ukraine will take place across parishes and churches in our diocese this weekend 10/11 December.</p> <p>All donations raised will support the work of <i>Mudra Sprava</i> (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons.</p> <p>A special leaving collection will be held in our parish. To find out more information or to donate online please visit https://bit.ly/ukraineappeal2022</p> <p>Your support of this appeal is greatly appreciated.</p>	

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NEW	<p>Reconnect this Christmas: An Invitation from Bishop Brian</p> <p>"Each of us has at least one person in our life that is disconnected from faith. Will you invite them to be with you, with us, this Christmas?" - Bishop Brian</p> <p>Perhaps they are a family member - a son or daughter, a sibling, or spouse - or a friend or colleague. You can pray a simple prayer for them (and for yourself!) and then simply ask them, "What are you doing for Christmas this year? Would you like to come to mass with me?"</p> <p>Please prayerfully read Bishop Brian's letter and consider, "who is God calling me to reach out to?" https://bit.ly/bishopchristmas2022</p>	
Continuing	<p>Job Opportunity: Caritas Australia Diocesan Director for Wollongong</p> <p>Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate Diocesan Director for the Wollongong diocese. This paid role is appointed by Caritas Australia in conjunction with the Bishop of Wollongong and promotes the work of Caritas Australia through fundraising, advocacy and relationships with schools and parishes.</p> <p>The role is flexible, part-time (1 day/7.5 hours per week on average across the year) and involves engaging with communities across the Wollongong diocese, supporting Caritas Australia appeals and coordinating volunteers.</p> <p>Scan the QR code for more information and to apply for this role. Questions can be directed to Chris Nolan at chris.nolan@caritas.org.au or call 0429 368 855.</p> 	

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Continuing	<p>A Gift to the Church in your Will.... will help</p> <div data-bbox="438 369 1216 728" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">A gift to the Church in your will ... <i>will help!</i></p> <p>The Church has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your First Holy Communion, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness. Its many ministries are far-reaching, life-giving and life-saving.</p> <p>By leaving a gift to the Church in your will, you will be leaving a legacy of faith to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue, both for today's needs, and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.</p> <p>For information about leaving a gift in your will to your local parish or a ministry of the Church, please visit dow.sh/legacy, call the diocesan representative on 4222 2446, or scan the QR code here ►</p>  </div> <p><i>(Note to Parish Secretaries: To access this image - click here)</i> https://www.dow.org.au/wp-content/uploads/final-Bequest-Ad-parish-newsletter-2022.jpg</p>	
UPDATED	<p>An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving from your Parish Finance Council</p> <p>An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient, and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time.</p> <p>Please visit https://dow.sh/parishgiving to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 11 December 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Chima Ofor's Gospel reflection – happy those who trust in me. Mother Hilda has a tip for naming when God is in our life. Plus, extra Advent reflections and menALIVE's Stephen Bird on spiritual brotherhood. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.</p>	jcr.org.au

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Updated	<p>New CCD Resource Centre Location in Campbelltown</p> <p>The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown will officially reopen on 12 December. We look forward to having our catechists accessing great resources and a much-improved training space, or the ability to come in for a cuppa and a bite to eat as they prepare lessons. The Centre will also give access to all Catholics in 2023, to a range of quality faith resources they can borrow.</p> <p>Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au or Ph 4640 8550 for any enquiries.</p>	
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.' Be resolute in following the Lord, whether convenient or difficult. (James 5:8)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>Speak out about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.</p> <p>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 at the Catholic Education Office, 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong. Resources are still available to borrow during this transitional period.</p> <p>For more information or to request resources, please contact Anne Russell on 0427 072 363. By arrangement, resources can be collected and returned to the Office of the Bishop, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.</p>	
Continuing	<p>menALIVE's—reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions—Every Tuesday 7.30pm</p> <p>reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise “catch up” with great men from across Australia and New Zealand. gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men. pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others. <p>Join via this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</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 dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</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>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</p> <p>Faith Circles is a weekly resource to help individuals but mainly small groups to come together in Parishes. In doing so it assists in the development of faith and community, a strong desire expressed in our Diocesan feedback from the National Church Life Survey. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use with simple questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/ or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.</p>	

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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 cathfamily.org/activities/</p>	