

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	12 July 2022	For weekend:	16–17 July 2022

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NEW	<p>To all parishioners in the Wollongong Diocese, you are invited to a Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on Monday 8 August at 12 Midday, to celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop and the 150th Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW.</p> <p>Following Mass Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the new Statue for the Unborn, provided by Catholic Women's League. Light lunch will be provided by Catholic Women's League in the Xavier Centre. All are welcome.</p>	
NEW	<p>Claiming Hope: Creative Healing Retreat 12 – 14 August</p> <p>Join the MGL Sisters at Carmel House for a healing retreat experience. Come to God in your woundedness, journey with Him through creativity, and allow Him to transform you into a living sign of hope.</p> <p>Enquiries: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com</p> <p>https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJN</p>	
NEW POSITION VACANT	<p>Diocese of Wollongong Client Service Officer</p> <p>The Catholic Development Fund, Diocese of Wollongong is seeking an experienced client service officer with financial institution experience. A full-time appointment is desirable. However, suitably qualified candidates looking for part-time or job share should apply. Applications close Friday 22 July 2022.</p> <p>For a role description please email tony.sanderson@dow.org.au</p>	

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POSITION VACANT	<p>Diocese of Wollongong Junior Professional Officer (OPSS)</p> <p>The Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding (OPSS) has an exciting opportunity for a motivated person to join the team as a Junior Professional Officer. This role will work with parishes, agencies, and ministries in the Diocese to deliver initiatives that focus on the safety of children and all people in the Diocese. More information about this position can be found on the website – https://www.dow.org.au/position-vacant-junior-professional-officer-opss/ or on Seek - https://www.seek.com.au/job/57609211</p>	
NEW	<p>Jesus’ Voice Remains Strong in Australian Society</p> <p>Recently, the Australian Bureau of Statistics released the first data from the 2021 Census, including figures on religious affiliation, which show Catholics now make up 20% of the population—down from 22.6% in 2016. Catholics, at almost 5.1 million people, remain the largest religious group by a significant margin, followed by Anglicans at 10%. The combined Christian population is now 44%. Those professing no religion comprise 39% of those who answered the question on the Census. The president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, said that despite a fall in the number of people identifying as Christian, “Almost half the population still identify as Christian, which means that Jesus is very much part of the mix in the Australian soul.” You can read Archbishop Coleridge’s full comments at: https://dow.sh/2021census</p>	
Continuing	<p>Join the Diocesan Choir</p> <p>People from across the Diocese who have suitable experience are encouraged to register to participate in the Diocesan Choir for major diocesan liturgical events. It is the hope of Bishop Brian that we will receive numerous expressions of interest and will have broad representation from across the Diocese. The next opportunity to join the Diocesan Choir will be for the 2022 Eucharistic Celebration for Significant Marriage Anniversaries which will be held on Sunday 7 August, 2:00pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. To learn more, and to register, please visit the Diocesan website: www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/</p>	

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UPDATED	<p>The Conclusion of the second General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, 3-9 July</p> <p>Almost two weeks ago, the weeklong final General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia was opened. At the assembly, the 277 Council Members considered the motions that emerged from our national journey, with the goal of renewing the life and mission of the Church in Australia. The Council has released a series of documents that declare the motions and the voting outcomes for the four sessions that were held. These documents can be downloaded from plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. In August this year, the Council will finalise and release the Acts of the second General Assembly and accompanying discussion of the way forward for the Church in Australia.</p> <p>We would encourage all the faithful to take the time to review and reflect upon the outcomes of this week’s General Assembly. There are a number of ways that you can connect and interact with this historic moment in the life of the Church in Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting the Plenary Council’s Facebook page which has media releases and recordings of the live streams from the Council - https://www.facebook.com/PlenaryCouncil (Caution: The comments section of this page are quite politicised, aggressive, and uncharitable. We would strongly advise, as with many online forums, to avoid the comments section.) • Visiting the Official Plenary Council website (all documents are stored here) – plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au • Visiting the Diocesan Plenary Council Page for local resources – dow.org.au/media-resources/plenary-council/ • Continuing to pray for the future of the Church in Australia and her mission in the world. 	
Continuing	<p>LIVE Festival 2022</p> <p>This year the annual LIVE Festival is returning for the first time since 2019. If you are a young person in year 9 - 12 in the Wollongong Diocese who likes live music, quality content, fun, games, festival activities and has missed big Catholic events, then come to the LIVE Festival!</p> <p>Date: Friday the 2nd of September Time: 10am - 8pm Location: WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong Cost: \$50 Register your interest now through the QR code. Registrations close on the 31st of July. For more information, please email youth@dow.org.au and follow @cymdow on Instagram for updates!</p>	

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Continuing	<p>menALIVE Growing Good Men Father & Teenage Son Weekend Experience Friday 6.30pm 21 October – Sunday 1.30pm 23 October 2022 to be held at Cataract Activity Centre, Appin</p> <p>A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world.</p> <p>GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10).</p> <p>Don't miss this! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon (founder of menALIVE) and his team.</p> <p>Please Register and pay online at www.dow.org.au/events Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	<p>dow.org.au/events</p>

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Continuing	<p>Free Technology Training for Seniors – Corpus Christi</p> <p>If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or using a QR code, CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Corpus Christi Catholic College offering free technology training again to seniors within our diocese.</p> <p>The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an ‘exchange of gifts’ between both students and seniors. This program has been successful in the Macarthur and last year with the pilot program launched in Shellharbour.</p> <p>There will be 6 sessions through August and September</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>3 August</td> <td>7 September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 August</td> <td>14 September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 August</td> <td>21 September</td> </tr> </table> <p>This session will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic College, time to be advised. Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152.</p>	3 August	7 September	10 August	14 September	17 August	21 September	
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Continuing	<p>Online Retreat: Be refreshed and renewed! (28-30 July 2022)</p> <p>Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to survive? Priests and active parishioners across Australasia are passionate about answering the Church's call to mission. The problem is that with the usual demands of parish ministry, it can be easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to get by spiritually?</p> <p>Join us at the Refreshed & Renewed Online Retreat on 28-30 July 2022. With fantastic keynote speakers and retreat leaders, such as Fr James Mallon from Divine Renovation and renowned Catholic author Dr Edward Sri, take this opportunity to be re-energised, pray and worship, and spend time with other Catholics.</p> <p>Register here: dow.sh/Refreshed</p>							
NEW	<p>The Journey, 17 July 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Stephen Drum says true hospitality is spending time talking to and listening to Jesus. Plus, Mother Hilda on telling the never-ending story of our life, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy, and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au</p>	jcr.org.au						

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Continuing	<p>Bishop Brian’s Flood Relief Appeal</p> <p>My prayers and thoughts are with you all as this “never ending rain” continues to cause so much damage and distress in our communities. <i>In a heartfelt video message to his flock in early March, Greg Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore, said it had been “a very tragic few days”. To those who had “lost everything” in these floods, Bishop Greg said that everyone across the diocese was suffering with them. “This has all happened at a time when we were hoping that 2022 would be a year of hope, a good year,” he said.</i> As a diocese, I would like to provide practical support for the people of Lismore. I also want to provide pastoral and practical support for the people in our own diocese who have been and will continue to be impacted by these floods.</p> <p>I invite you to join me in prayer for these people, and to donate to my Flood Relief Appeal https://www.dow.org.au/giving/ , so that with your support, we can meet this goal. +BM</p>	
Continuing	<p>Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal</p> <p>The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.</p> <p>Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.</p> <p>Donate today or call 1800 024 413 toll free.</p>	
Continuing	<p>The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops</p> <p>The Diocese has completed its XVI Synod Synthesis Report, with the advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing of the faithful of the Diocese, used as the basis of Bishop Mascord’s submission in contributing to the XVI Ordinary Synod global church feedback. The Diocese of Wollongong Synthesis Report may be viewed at https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch . Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>LIVE Local Illawarra</p> <p>LIVE Local is a Regional Youth Group run by the CYMW and NET Team which runs every Friday night during school term from 7 - 9pm, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall. This regional youth group is for all parishes and is open to young people aged 13 -17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music.</p> <p>For more information, please contact youth@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</p>	<p>Click to download CYMW Poster</p>
Continuing	<p>LIVE Local Macarthur</p> <p>Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is back with LIVE Local in the Macarthur, running every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm– 8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13–17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music.</p> <p>For more information, please contact youth@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</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>	
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God's people. (Luke 10:25-37)</p> <p>If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au</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.</p> <p>For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au</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 cathfamily.org/activities/</p>	