

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	14 June 2022	For weekend:	18–19 June 2022

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Continuing	<p>Year of the Family Mass of Thanksgiving and Upcoming Family Events</p> <p>Last Week Bishop Mascord wrote to parishes to invite clergy to nominate a family from each Parish / Mass Centre to join with him for a Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving, to mark the end of the year of the family to be celebrated on Sunday 26th June, at 10:30am at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Please contact your parish if you are eager to represent your community.</p> <p>This Mass will coincide with the final Mass for the World Meeting of Families being held in Rome to end officially the year of “Amoris Laetitia Family” and the families will receive a candle to take back to their community, with the image of the Icon of the Holy Family that was commissioned and is now situated in the Cathedral. Prayer cards with the image of the icon, will also be provided for all parishes, to be distributed on that weekend.</p> <p>The DOW Website includes information about this Mass, and other upcoming family events www.dow.org.au/news-and-events/ including the Marriage Anniversaries Mass, A Father and Son Weekend in October and Catholic Family Camping Weekend planned for November. Links to videos and resources developed by the ACBC to assist families in the lead up to and during the World meeting of families may be found at https://nce.catholic.org.au/videos/events/world-meeting-of-families/world-meeting-of-families-videos</p> <p>As the year of Amoris Laetitia Family moves into its final month, please continue to pray that the "Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan." (Amoris Laetitia, 325)</p>	dow.org.au/events

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Continuing	<p>Vocations Event: Discovering God’s Plan for Our Lives</p> <p>Sunday 19 June 2022, Xavier Conference Centre (38 Harbour St, Wollongong), Refreshments from 1:30pm for a 2:00pm start</p> <p>You are invited to join with vibrant people from around the Diocese including a representative panel who will be discussing what a vocation is and how each of the four vocations are a call to love and holiness! What exactly does that mean? Come and see! All welcome - those living their vocation as well as those discerning their vocation. The event will include refreshments, good company, and the opportunity for anonymous Q and A. We hope to see you there!</p> <p>Register and learn more here: dow.org.au/events</p>	
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? 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. Register here: dow.sh/Refreshed</p>	
Continuing	<p>2022 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass</p> <p>If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, 7 August 2022 at 2pm, please register online at www.dow.org.au/events/, or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday 11 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent to you.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Catholic Women's League Council Meeting - Wollongong Diocese 10am Tuesday 28 June 2022 Xavier Centre Wollongong at 10am</p> <p>The Catholic Women's League members of the Wollongong Diocese would like to invite ladies in all our parishes to attend the upcoming Council Meeting. This will be an opportunity to experience and learn what Catholic Women's League do. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting or as many of our members do bring your own lunch.</p> <p>Please contact Diocesan President Jo Clark if you have any queries. 0400 041 190 or Email jo.clark@y7mail.com</p>	
Continuing	<p>Could you provide a forever home?</p> <p>CatholicCare urgently needs foster carers to provide love, care, and support to help 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>We are urgently seeking a placement for Katie* aged 13 years. Katie enjoys cooking, bike riding, playing board games, reading and loves animals. She needs a loving and caring home and will thrive with carers who have patience and time to support her to manage emotions, build connections with others and achieve a positive future.</p> <p>If you would like to learn more about becoming a carer with CatholicCare, please call 0418 783 956 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccarer.dow.org.au for more information.</p> <p><i>*Name has been changed for privacy</i></p>	

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Continuing	<p>"Deep Calls to Deep" a deep dive into the contemplative practice of centring prayer, 20 – 26 June 2022 Jamberoo Abbey Online Retreat with Sr Magdalen Mather OSB</p> <p>If you have a desire to go deeper in your prayer and relationship with God but have been at a loss to know how to go about it, this retreat may be of help. It takes us through the foundations, method, and practice of this simple, yet profound and transformative way of prayer. The invitation to practice and the offering of practical tips help to navigate the seas of spiritual practice and ultimately enable a wholehearted response when 'Deep calls to Deep'.</p> <p>Go to http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/ for more information/details, please</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Continuing	<p>Pastoral Formation Day: The Christian's Final Journey</p> <p>Catholic Cemetery and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Tuesday 12 July 9am - 4pm (8:30am arrival) for anyone interested in learning more about how Catholics prepare and celebrate funerals, including members of Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, Teachers, APRE's and School Staff. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as how to support the grieving. It will include the opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral, as well. It will be held at the All Saints Parish Hall, 48 George Street, Liverpool, and registration is essential by 1 July. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook).</p> <p>Enquiries: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training</p>	

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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>	

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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.</p> <p>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>	
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> <p>For Catechist in the Macarthur and Southern Highlands – The centre remains closed until further notice. Please contact Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au for any enquiries.</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 19 June 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection on the feeding of the five thousand. Mother Hilda tells Annie's story and says the hardest person to forgive is often ourselves. Plus, a faith testimony from NET member Hannah Tichbon. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au</p>	jcr.org.au

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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>	
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 www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.</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 (insert phone number/email) 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>The Chosen – A TV Series about Jesus</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 are receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to 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>	
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Jesus asked, “Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?” What do you have to offer to the hungry world? (Luke 9:11-17) 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>In practice, what does it mean to live this love? Before giving us this commandment, Jesus had washed the disciples’ feet; then, after giving it, he gave himself up to the wood of the cross. To love means this: <i>to serve</i> and <i>to give one’s life</i>. <i>To serve</i>, that is, not to put our own interests first: to clear our systems of the poison of greed and competitiveness; to fight the cancer of indifference and the worm of self-referentiality; to share the charisms and gifts that God has given us. Specifically, we should ask ourselves, “What do I do for others?” That is what it means to love, to go about our daily lives in a spirit of service, with unassuming love and without seeking any recompense. - <i>Pope Francis, Sunday, 15 May 2022</i></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>You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to 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>	
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>	