

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	17 May 2022	For weekend:	21–22 May 2022

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

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URGENT	<p>Urgent Euthanasia Petition (Paper Version for Signing)</p> <p>Please urgently consider signing the petition opposing Euthanasia in NSW that is available for signing near the entrances to the Church.</p> <p>For more information contact Dominica Connor, Right to Life NSW on P: 02 9299 8350 or via www.righttolifensw.org.au</p>	
NEW	<p>Mass of Thanksgiving for Mr Warwick Hansen OAM</p> <p>Friends are warmly invited to attend a special Mass and Supper that will be held in commemoration of Mr Warwick Hansen OAM's significant service to the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, and his retirement, on Friday 17 June 2022. 6pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong, will be followed by a light supper in the Xavier Centre's Function Room.</p> <p>To rsvp to attend, please visit https://dow.sh/HansenMass by Tuesday 7 June 2022.</p> <p>If you are unable to attend and would like to leave Warwick a message, please visit https://dow.sh/3Eg4J7S by 3PM Friday 17 June 2022.</p> <p>For all enquiries call: 4222 2400.</p>	

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NEW	<p>Eucharist - The Sacrifice We Offer</p> <p>Join Bishop Mascord and people from across the Diocese for a Workshop on Saturday 11 June 2022 Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong (38 Harbour St), 9:30am - 2:30pm, presented by Sr Carmel Pilcher RSJ, PhD</p> <p>Lunch and Morning Tea provided. An opportunity to make a donation to assist in covering costs will be provided towards the end of the workshop.</p> <p>At this workshop we will seek to understand what the early church understood by priestly participation in the liturgy. Namely that each of us, together with our sisters and brothers in Christ, bring to the celebration the joys and hopes, grief and anxieties of our week. Ritually we place these on the Eucharistic table along with bread and wine to become the mystery of Christ's sacrifice. From the communion table we go to continue our priestly role as witnesses of Christ's love.</p> <p>This is a great opportunity for formation for anyone who wishes to deepen their appreciation of Eucharist.</p> <p>Register by Tuesday 7 June 2022: dow.org.au/events Enquires: Anthony Rewak anthony.rewak@dow.org.au / 4222 2465</p>	
Continuing	<p>Laudato Si' Week 16 – 24 May</p> <p><i>Laudato Si' Week</i> (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical <i>Laudato Si'</i> and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action, and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations, and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au</p>	
Updated	<p>Celebration for New Catholics</p> <p>On Pentecost Sunday, 5 June, Bishop Brian invites all those who have progressed through the RCIA process and who were baptised or received into the Catholic Church over the last twelve months to celebrate, together with family and friends. This celebration will take place in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Xavier Conference Centre. To register your attendance please go to www.dow.org.au/events and for more information contact Helen Bennett at 4222 2403 or via helen.bennett@dow.org.au</p>	

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UPDATED	<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 will be made publicly available in coming weeks. Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.</p>	
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>Deeper: Pentecost Intensive Carmel House, Varroville 1-5 June 2022</p> <p>Join the MGL Sisters as we deepen together in the experience of Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Come for a five-day intensive retreat in the lead-up to Pentecost and be encouraged in discipleship, activating the charismatic gifts, and being equipped for mission through inputs, discussion, prayer, and practical workshops. Enquiries: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com Bookings: https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJI</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>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 – Due to recent extreme weather conditions, the centre remains closed until further notice. Please contact Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au for any enquiries.</p>	

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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 our deanery youth group coordinator, Luke Vail at luke.vail@dow.org.au</p> <p>For more details on youth groups, visit https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</p>	
Continuing	<p>ePetition to abolish the Death Bill</p> <p>Bishop Mascord urges you to take a stand to ABOLISH Alex Greenwich's Death Bill. It is imperative that all our supporters of life sign this ePetition—WITHOUT DELAY—encouraging others to do the same. To do so, please click here or go to www.dow.org.au/abolishdeathbill/</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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NEW	<p>The Journey, 22 May 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Anthony Crook says the Easter Gospels have been leading us towards the imminent return of the glorified Jesus to the Father; today Jesus gives us his peace and promises the Advocate. Mother Hilda on how music triggers all sorts of memories for us. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Cathy Jenkins, Pete Gilmore, and more great music! The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au</p>	jcr.org.au
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 (<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>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 subscribe dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	
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>	

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NEW	<p>Social Justice Statement</p> <p>The Church has the right to be a teacher for mankind, a teacher of the truth of faith: the truth not only of dogmas but also of the morals whose source lies in human nature itself and in the Gospel. – <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</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>	
Continuing	<p>Faith Circles—free small group resource:</p> <p>During this period of COVID pandemic, 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 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>	