

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEW	<p>Diaconate Ordination of James Arblaster 30 April 2022</p> <p>Limited spaces remain available for the ordination of James Arblaster to the Diaconate on Saturday 30 April at 10.30 am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.</p> <p>You are invited to consider joining James’ family, friends, fellow seminarians and the faithful of the diocese, in praying for James on this special day. You must register to attend in person at rsvp.dow.org.au</p> <p>Alternatively, please you are encouraged to join with the faithful from around the Diocese who will prayerfully view the ordination online http://livestream.lumenchristi.org.au/</p>	
UPDATED	<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>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. 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. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.</p>	
NEW	<p>Divine Mercy Feast, Veneration of the First-Class Relic of St Faustina and 9th Anniversary of the Centre</p> <p>Sunday 24 April 2022 at 9.00am to 4.00pm</p> <p>Bishop Anthony has a formal approval by a decree for the public veneration of the First-Class Relic of St Faustina at Divine Retreat Centre at Somersby. This Centre is given the status of a SHRINE of St Faustina by the same decree.</p> <p>Residential Divine Mercy Growth Retreat starts on 22 April at 5.30pm to 24 April at 4.00pm. Booking is required for this. retreat.</p> <p>For more details, contact Anne Fernando 0416 002 963 or email drcsydney@divineretreatcentre.org</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>
Updated	<p>The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops</p> <p>Thanks to all individuals and groups who contributed submissions to the to the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR). The Diocese recently received a collated report on all DoW submissions from the NCPR. A writing advisory team of 12 persons from around the Diocese, including three members of the Clergy, gathered on Tuesday 5 April, to provide their insights on the feedback provided, also utilising Plenary 2020 feedback and National Church Life Survey data. The advice gleaned from the discernment, discussion and writing from this day, will be used to compile Bishop Mascord’s submission to the ACBC, which in turn will contribute to the submission of the Australian Church to the Synod.</p> <p>Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.</p>	

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Continuing POSITION VACANT	<p>Faith Education Officer Catholic Diocese of Wollongong</p> <p>Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Faith Education Officer for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Commencing in May/June 2022, this role supports the important work of Catholic Special Religious Education for over 8000 young Catholics in approximately 140 state schools. Based in Campbelltown, with hybrid working location arrangements, the successful applicant will be primarily involved in supporting the recruitment, training, and authorisation of volunteers throughout the diocese. Proficiency in teaching/presenting and sound administrative skills are essential. The position comes with an attractive remuneration package including salary, superannuation, fully maintained vehicle, IT equipment and phone.</p> <p>Applicants must submit a cover letter and a resume detailing relevant qualifications and experience.</p> <p>Applications can be emailed to helen.bennett@dow.org.au For more information and a detailed role description go to www.dow.org.au/jobs For all enquiries, call Helen on (02) 4222 2403 Applications close Friday 29 April 2022.</p> <p><i>Employment with the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is conditional upon a successful referee check, National Criminal History Record check and Working with Children check.</i></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 – Contact Cindy on (02) 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au for more information.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Technology skills workshops</p> <p>CatholicCare and the Being Connected network are teaming up to facilitate small group sessions aimed at assisting older Australians with improving their digital skills and knowledge. Sessions will be held at Wollongong Golf Club on Monday 2 and 9 May from 10am-12pm spaces are very limited. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and connect with others. Morning tea will be provided, and we encourage you to stay, purchase lunch from the club and continue the conversation. For more information: Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer 0417 018 152 janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p> <p>Note: all NSW Health Covid 19 guidelines will be adhered to.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Former members of Wollongong CYO (Catholic Youth Organisation) and YCW (Young Christian Workers) are holding a reunion on Saturday 30 April 2022 with Mass at 11:00am at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral followed by lunch at The Fraternity Club.</p> <p>Put the date on your calendar. More details on Wollongong CYO/YCW Reunion 2022 Facebook page.</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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Continuing	<p>SmartLoving The Marriage Kit Leader Formation Program</p> <p>April–June 2022 Online Gatherings: Wednesdays @7:30 pm April 27, May 11, May 25, Jun 8, Jun 22</p> <p>The Marriage Kit is an online course for couples to strengthen and enrich their marriage. It includes multimedia input via SmartLoving's online learning platform, individual reflection, and couple activities.</p> <p>Enrolment includes: Access to the Marriage Kit online course (Apr 1- June 30). The course is comprised of 5 lessons with each one taking approximately 2 hours to complete. Access to Online Gatherings, community chat, file share, via MS Teams private group.</p> <p>More Info & enrolment: Web: smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation-sydney T: 0434 346 280 E: info@marriagerc.org</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 24 April 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Celebrate the joy of the Easter season with some of the most dynamic catholic speakers in the Catholic Church in Australia on this week's show, not to mention some amazing music that will wake you up to the profound reality of the good news of the resurrection! The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au</p>	jcr.org.au

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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 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>	
NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Are you like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust. 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>The Church’s social doctrine is an integral part of her evangelizing ministry. – <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</i></p>	

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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>	
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>	

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