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## BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEW	Celebrating a Return to Global Mission  Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.  Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and Register for a Webinar on Monday 1 August at 7:00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.	
NEW POSITION VACANT	Diocese of Wollongong   Client Service Officer  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 29 July 2022.  For a role description please email tony.sanderson@dow.org.au	

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NEW	Diocese of Broome - Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service  NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS  The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.  For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060  Email: volunteers@broomediocese.org  Web: www.broomediocese.org  Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725	
Continuing	Online Retreat: Be refreshed and renewed! (28-30 July 2022)  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	
Continuing	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: <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/">www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/</a>	

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UPDATED	<ul> <li>The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia</li> <li>There are a number of ways that you can connect and interact with this historic moment in the life of the Church in Australia:         <ul> <li>Visiting the Plenary Council's Facebook page which has media releases and recordings of live streams - https://www.facebook.com/PlenaryCouncil</li> <li>Visiting the Official Plenary Council website (all documents are stored here) – plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au</li> <li>Visiting the Diocesan Plenary Council Page for local resources – dow.org.au/media-resources/plenary-council/</li> <li>Continuing to pray for the future of the Church in Australia and her mission in the world.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Continuing	LIVE Festival 2022  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!  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!	
NEW	Where is God calling you?  "Be who you are meant to be and you will set the whole world on fire" (St Catherine of Siena).  All of us have a vocation! God is calling you personally to become all that you were created to be. Your vocation is simply how you are called to love in the world. Where is God calling you? Perhaps to single life or marriage? Perhaps to the priesthood or consecrated life?  If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au	

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UPDATED	Catechist Diploma Course 2022 Mondays (Campbelltown), Fridays (Wollongong/Online)	
	Taught by a variety of presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.	
	Please don't miss the opportunity to come along and invite others in our Church communities to join us as we delve into a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith. All parishioners are welcome! This year the presenters for the Level 3 course are: Fr Richard Healey, Seminarian Darren McDowell, Bernadette Toohey MGL, Deacon James Arblaster, Katherine Stone MGL and Fr Bernard Gordon VG.	
	<ul> <li>Dates and Locations:</li> <li>Campbelltown Catholic Club on Monday</li> <li>1 August, 8 August, 15 August, 22 August, 29 August, and 5 September.</li> <li>Xavier Centre (38 Harbour Street, Wollongong) on Friday</li> <li>5 August, 12 August, 19 August, 26 August, 2 September, and 9 September</li> <li>Joining with Zoom is possible at the Friday sessions.</li> <li>Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm</li> <li>Morning Tea is provided.</li> </ul>	
	Please register your attendance online at <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/events/">www.dow.org.au/events/</a>	
Continuing	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 MacKillop and the 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW.	
	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.	
Continuing	Claiming Hope: Creative Healing Retreat 12 – 14 August	
	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. Enquiries: <a href="mailto:mglsisters.sydney@gmail.com">mglsisters.sydney@gmail.com</a>	
	https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJN	

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Continuing	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	dow.org.au/eve nts
	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.	
	<b>GROWING GOOD MEN</b> 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).	
	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.	
	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	
Continuing	Bishop Brian's Flood Relief Appeal	
	My prayers and thoughts are with you all as this "never ending rain" continues to cause so much damage and distress in our communities. 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. 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.	
	I invite you to join me in prayer for these people, and to donate to my Flood Relief Appeal <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/giving/">https://www.dow.org.au/giving/</a> , so that with your support, we can meet this goal. +BM	

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NEW	The Journey, 24 July 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast  On The Journey This Week: Fr Joseph Murphy's gospel reflection on praying just like Jesus. Mother Hilda's moving Amen prayer story. Plus, a faith testimony from NET member Michael Adams, and Josh Clayton making a thousand sausage sandwiches. The Journey podcast available at <a href="https://www.jcr.org.au">www.jcr.org.au</a>	jcr.org.au
Continuing	Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal  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 or call 1800 024 413 toll free.	
Continuing	The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops  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 <a href="https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch">https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch</a> . Please pray for this ongoing process of prayer and discernment for the XVI Ordinary Synod.	
Continuing	Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre  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.  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.  The Catechist Resource Centre at Micah House is now open!  Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm - 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown.  Please contact Cindy Oliver cindy.oliver@dow.org.au for any enquiries.	

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Continuing FOR ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN	LIVE Local Illawarra 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.  For more information, please contact youth@dow.org.au For more details on youth groups, visit https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/	Click to download CYMW Poster
Continuing FOR MACARTHUR HIGHLANDS	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.  For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:youth@dow.org.au">youth@dow.org.au</a> For more details on youth groups, visit <a href="mailto:https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/">https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/</a>	
Continuing	menALIVE's—reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions— Every Tuesday 7.30pm  reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to: 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. Join via this link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468</a>	
Continuing	An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving  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.  Please visit www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/ to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.  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.	

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Continuing	Formed (Free for DoW Parishioners)  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 <a href="mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au">darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au</a> or <a href="mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au">helen.bennett@dow.org.au</a>	
Continuing	Faith Circles—free small group resource:  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 <a href="https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/">www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/</a> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.	
Continuing	CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?  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.  For more information, please call 0418 783 956, or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au	

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Continuing	We're always here if you ever need	
	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 <a href="mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au">intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au</a>	
Continuing	CAtHFAMILY	
	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 <a href="mailto:cathfamily.org/activities/">cathfamily.org/activities/</a>	