

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	22 February 2022	For weekend:	26–27 February 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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UPDATED	<p>SYNOD OF BISHOPS – EXTENSION:</p> <p>The local consultation period for the international Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday, 13 March 2022.</p> <p>Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at: https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch</p>	
NEW	<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>	
NEW	<p>Jamberoo Abbey Online Retreat – A Lenten Odyssey with Sr Antonia Curtis OSB</p> <p>Retreat begins the 1st Sunday of Lent 6 March 2022</p> <p>This retreat is being offered by Sr Antonia Curtis OSB of Jamberoo Abbey.</p> <p>Register online at jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats</p> <p>Please see attached flyer for additional details with the cost listed as well, but please make contact with the Abbey to discuss payment if you have any concerns.</p>	Click to download flyer

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Continuing	<p>LIVE Local Wollongong</p> <p>Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is excited to announce that LIVE Local is coming to Wollongong for the first time! Starting on the 4th of March LIVE Local will run every Friday night in the school term from 7 - 9pm, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall. This youth group 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>	
Continuing	<p>LIVE Local Macarthur</p> <p>Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is excited to announce that LIVE Local is returning to Macarthur! Starting on the 20th of March LIVE Local will run every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm - 8:15pm, at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This youth group 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>	
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>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979703609</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 Campbelltown Catholic Club on Monday 7 and 14 March from 10am-12pm spaces are very limited.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For more information Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer 0417018152 janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au</p> <p>Note: all NSW Health Covid 19 guidelines will be adhered to.</p>	

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Continuing	<p>EthicsFinder</p> <p>Wish you could easily find Church teaching and the best articles, books and videos on bioethics, business ethics, cancel culture, human rights, marriage, family, subsidiarity, and 100+ other topics? EthicsFinder is a free, global, digital resource which will be of immense value to interested parishioners. Try ACU's free, digital tool! Explore www.ethicsfinder.com.</p>	
Continuing	<p>Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)</p> <p>Pope Francis' post-synodal apostolic exhortation, <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> ("The Joy of Love") on love in the family was published after the conclusion of a two-year synod process discussing both the beauty and challenges of family life today. The 2015 Synod's theme was <i>the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and the modern world</i>.</p> <p>Fr Bernard Gordon and James Arblaster will be presenting a nine-week course on <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> commencing Wednesday 27 April 2022, 7pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in the Monsignor Rigney Meeting Room. To follow the talk, please purchase a copy of <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> from St Pauls Publications or from the parish office.</p> <p>To register please contact Lumen Christi Parish Office on 4211 0500 or go to: www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia</p>	

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Continuing	<p>Cursillo Three-Day Weekend</p> <p>Ladies of the Wollongong Diocese. Life has been so unsettled and erratic for many of us. If you are feeling in need of revitalisation in your Spiritual life, please join us for our next 3-day Cursillo weekend. The weekend will be held at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park and consist of talks, discussion, friendship, daily Mass, and spiritual guidance on request. Our Spiritual Director is Father Chris Roberts. The weekend commences at 6pm on 17 March and concludes at 4pm on 20 March 2022.</p> <p>Accommodation and all meals included in the cost. The weekend organisation will be compliant with all COVID safe requirements at the time.</p> <p>For further details please contact Denise D'Amore 0438 254 139, or denisedamore0@gmail.com</p>	
NEW	<p>The Journey, 27 February 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>Fr Chima Ofor says there is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching. Mother Hilda on creating a peaceful presence in our homes. Fr Chris Sarkis introduces Ash Wednesday, plus a faith testimony from Debbie Gates.</p> <p>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 is 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>	
Continuing	<p>Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, 19 March 2021 – 26 June 2022</p> <p>Pope Francis is encouraging the Church to enrich your understanding of the vocation marriage and the core role of family in the mission of the Church at www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html</p> <p>On 25 July the first celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be held near the liturgical memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.</p>	

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NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>Jesus leads where we need to go. Do not close your eyes, your ears, or your heart to Jesus' plan for your life. (Luke 6:39-45) 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>Confirming himself to Christ the Redeemer, man perceives himself as a creature willed by God and eternally chosen by him, called to grace and glory in all the fullness of the mystery in which he has become a sharer in Jesus Christ. – <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</i></p>	
Continuing	<p>Wollongong Diocesan Resource Centre</p> <p>The Diocesan Resource Centre is in transition to its new premises. Resources are still available to borrow during this transitional period. For more information or request for resources, please contact Anne Russell on 0427 072 363. Resources can be collected and returned at the Catholic Education Office, 86-88 Market Street, Wollongong.</p> <p>For Catechist in the Macarthur and Southern Highlands –</p> <p>Contact Cindy on 4640 8550 or cindy.oliver@dow.org.au for more information.</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. 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>	