

BULLETIN NOTICES

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UPDATED	<p>SYNOD OF BISHOPS: People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch</p>	
NEW	<p>Bishop Brian's Flood Relief Appeal</p> <p>Whilst the worst of the rain is hopefully gone, the damage it caused will be felt for a long time to come. This week many of communities are still cleaning up from the floods and some of our communities still remain effected by landslides and damaged roads. <i>In a heartfelt video message to his flock, 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></p> <p>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 https://www.dow.org.au/giving/, so that with your support, we can meet this goal. +BM</p>	

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NEW	<p>Upcoming menALIVE Weekend</p> <p>Calling all Catholic MEN. You are invited to <i>Rediscover God’s Presence in, and Purpose, for your Life</i></p> <p>Is your faith life all it could be? Are you dozing in the back pews? The menALIVE Men’s Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive.</p> <p>Led by experienced facilitators and speakers from the menALIVE team, the weekend is powerful and dynamic experience, during which Catholic men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission.</p> <p>14-15 May 2022, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville</p> <p>Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403; Paul Quirk (Parish Contact) 0412 216 589 or Peter Crowe (menALIVE Contact) 0407 913 696</p>	
NEW	<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.</p> <p>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>	

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Continuing	<p>Easter Isn’t Just one Day – He is Alive! Kids activity booklet</p> <p>Children & Families team from Evangelisation Brisbane have created an activity book to help children explore and engage with Holy Week and Easter, <i>Easter Isn’t Just One Day</i>.</p> <p>It is filled with puzzles, stories, activities, recipes, and prayers that break open the events of Holy Week, Easter and the days following. The activity book can be purchased for the families and children who are attending their parish throughout Holy Week and Easter. It’s a way to engage with the regular families of our parishes but also those who are visiting, some parishes have used it as an opportunity to start discussions with new families, invite them into parish life or gifted them to school students and included invitations to the Easter celebrations.</p> <p>You can view a flip book of the activity book here. To purchase the activity books, please follow the link to the online store.</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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UPDATED for Illawarra Parishes	<p>LIVE LOCAL Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) has arrived in the 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 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. 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>	<p>Click to download CYMW Poster</p>
Modified for Macarthur Parishes	<p>LIVE Local Macarthur</p> <p>Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) is excited to announce that LIVE Local has returned to Macarthur, running 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. 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>	

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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>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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NEW	<p>The Journey, 27 March 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: Fr Antony Jukes' Gospel reflection. Mother Hilda says don't bother looking for the someone else in this parable, it's each of us God is seeking. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Cathy Jenkins, 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>	

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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>God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)</p> <p>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>With her social teaching the Church seeks to proclaim the Gospel and make it present in the complex network of social relations. – <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>	

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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. 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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