

BULLETIN NOTICES

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Date:	1 June 2022	For weekend:	4–5 June 2022

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NEW	<p>Year of the Family Mass of Thanksgiving and Upcoming Family Events</p> <p>Last Week Bishop Mascord wrote to parishes to invite clergy to nominate a family from each Parish / Mass Centre to join with him for a Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving, to mark the end of the year of the family to be celebrated on Sunday 26th June, at 10:30am at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Please contact your parish if you are eager to represent your community.</p> <p>This Mass will coincide with the final mass for the World Meeting of Families being held in Rome to end officially the year of “Amoris Laetitia Family” and the families will receive a candle to take back to their community, with the image of the Icon of the Holy Family that was commissioned and is now situated in the Cathedral. Prayer cards with the image of the icon, will also be provided for all parishes, to be distributed on that weekend.</p> <p>The DOW Website includes information about this Mass, and other upcoming family events www.dow.org.au/news-and-events/ including the Marriage Anniversaries Mass, A Father and Son Weekend in October and Catholic Family Camping Weekend planned for November. Links to videos and resources developed by the ACBC to assist families in the lead up to and during the World meeting of families may be found at https://nce.catholic.org.au/videos/events/world-meeting-of-families/world-meeting-of-families-videos</p> <p>As the year of Amoris Laetitia Family moves into its final month, please continue to pray that the "Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan." (Amoris Laetitia, 325)</p>	<p>dow.org.au/ev ents</p>

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NEW	<p>2022 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass</p> <p>If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, 7 August 2022 at 2pm, please register online at www.dow.org.au/events/, or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday 11 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent to you.</p>	
NEW	<p>Pastoral Formation Day: The Christian's Final Journey</p> <p>Catholic Cemetery and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Tuesday 12 July 9am - 4pm (8:30am arrival) for anyone interested in learning more about how Catholics prepare and celebrate funerals, including members of Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, Teachers, APRE's and School Staff. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as how to support the grieving. It will include the opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral, as well. It will be held at the All Saints Parish Hall, 48 George Street, Liverpool, and registration is essential by 1 July. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook).</p> <p>Enquiries: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training</p>	
UPDATED	<p>Vocations Event: Discovering God's Plan for Our Lives</p> <p>Sunday 19 June 2022, Xavier Conference Centre (38 Harbour St, Wollongong), Refreshments from 1:30pm for a 2:00pm start</p> <p>You are invited to join with vibrant people from around the Diocese including a representative panel who will be discussing what a vocation is and how each of the four vocations are a call to love and holiness! What exactly does that mean? Come and see! All welcome - those living their vocation as well as those discerning their vocation. The event will include refreshments, good company, and the opportunity for anonymous Q and A. We hope to see you there!</p> <p>Register and learn more here: dow.org.au/events</p>	

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NEW	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>GROWING GOOD MEN 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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	dow.org.au/events
NEW POSITION VACANT	<p>Catholic Diocese of Darwin Evangelisation (Leader/Director)</p> <p>For more details, go to Evangelisation Director Job in Darwin - SEEK If you would like to be considered for this "exciting new role", please email a copy your current CV and a cover letter to cv@darwin.catholic.org.au outlining how your experience and qualifications meet our requirements. Applications close Wednesday 15 June.</p>	

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Continuing POSITION VACANT	<p>Re-advertised Vacant Position CCD 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 June/July 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 3 June 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>“Deep Calls to Deep” a deep dive into the contemplative practice of centring prayer, 20 – 26 June 2022 Jamberoo Abbey Online Retreat with Sr Magdalen Mather OSB</p> <p>If you have a desire to go deeper in your prayer and relationship with God but have been at a loss to know how to go about it, this retreat may be of help. It takes us through the foundations, method, and practice of this simple, yet profound and transformative way of prayer. The invitation to practice and the offering of practical tips help to navigate the seas of spiritual practice and ultimately enable a wholehearted response when ‘Deep calls to Deep’.</p> <p>Go to http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/ for more information/details, please</p>	<p>Click to download flyer</p>

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Continuing	<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>	

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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>	
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>	

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Continuing	<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 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>	<p>Click to download CYMW Poster</p>
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>	

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NEW	<p>The Journey, 5 June 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast</p> <p>On The Journey This Week: A Gospel reflection on Pentecost Sunday, some tips on how to be forgiving and how to find joy and a great interview with Mark Lysaght new CEO of NET Ministries Australia. 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 (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.</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.</p> <p>Stay informed by subscribing at dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.</p>	

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NEW	<p>A vocation view</p> <p>The disciples of Jesus made bold proclamations through the promptings of the Spirit. What is the Spirit prompting you to do? Be courageous and act on it! (Acts 2:1-11)</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>We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world and returning to the Father. He told us what it means to be a Christian: “Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another” (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples. It is the commandment of love. – <i>Pope Francis, Sunday, 15 May 2022</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>	