



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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“Lord Jesus, Hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection. Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all. Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts, see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure children and adults are safe, loved, respected, and cared for. We also pray for those who have been harmed. Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal. May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen “

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FROM THE DIRECTOR - This quarter we have been busy behind the scenes formalising internal workflows and working with the Vicar Generals Office on the Mandatory Reporting requirements for Clergy. There are also changes to the Work Health and Safety Act that we will be exploring further in the coming months. The online Safeguarding inductions have been well attended and the Cultural Competency course has kicked off. I also recently had the privilege of facilitating a Protecting God's Children Workshop at Thornlie Parish. It was great to meet with parishioners to share the importance of Protective Behaviours. A big thank you to SGO Amanda Pereira and Fr Minh for inviting us. **We would love to visit your parish** and bring back the face-to-face safeguarding inductions or host a PGC workshop. Please just get in touch with Ingka to book a session. The reach of safeguarding often goes beyond Parishes and Di and I have been able to spread the safeguarding message with Identitywa, Mercy Connect, and St Thomas More College. The month of May also saw us celebrate National Volunteer Week. We value immensely the tireless work of our volunteer SGOs, so on behalf of the Archdiocese, **thank you** again.

'With God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26 Barb Blayney

WHAT'S ON



Protecting God's Children Workshop @ Thornlie Parish

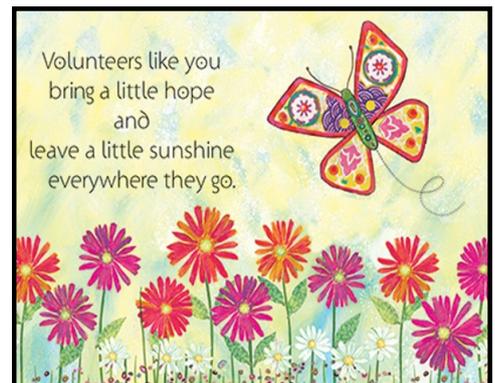


Zoom Session—Online Church Worker SG Induction May 2022

Want to host a Safeguarding Induction at your Parish?
 Email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au



Photo courtesy of Michelle Tan—The eRecord Catholic Archdiocese of Perth



National Child Protection Week 2022

'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.'

September 4 – 10

Parish/Agency Activity ~ kite making

September 6 Morning Tea @ St Mary's Cathedral

September 11 ~ Safeguarding Sunday Mass

More information to come. We can't wait!



Safeguarding Induction for Church Workers-Online

- ◆ Friday June 3 @ 10am
- ◆ Tuesday June 14 @ 7pm
- ◆ Thursday June 30 @ 1pm

ONLINE – Safeguarding Induction for Church Workers – Safeguarding Office (perthcatholic.org.au)

New Safeguarding Officer Training

- ◆ If your parish has pending nominees, please have them book in for this training. Saturday, 11 June 2022 from 9am-4pm - CPC Highgate, 40A Mary Street, Highgate Safeguarding Officer Training (SGO) – Safeguarding Office (perthcatholic.org.au)



SAAT

SAAT (Safeguarding Activities Assessment Tool)

I am currently working my way through all the parishes that submitted a SAAT during 2021, to offer feedback and suggestion for improvement. A number of parishes should have received the feedback report already. They are being sent to all the SGO's, the parish and the Parish Priest. Overwhelmingly, the work being done in the parishes is outstanding and is a true credit to our SGO's who are working tirelessly to make our parishes safe places for all. Hopefully, all parishes that submitted a SAAT will have feedback by mid June.

SAAT's will take a slightly different approach this year. We are aiming for a due date of September, with the SAAT covering the year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. Amending the timing of the SAAT has been done to overcome the burden of having to complete the audit in January when there are so many things going on in parishes, or people are on leave. Diane

Loving for Life

Loving for Life is reaching out to you because of your involvement with the Safeguarding program in our Parishes. Over the past 30 years, Loving for Life has worked with over 50,000 students, parents and teachers at 26 metropolitan and 9 rural schools giving a uniquely Catholic perspective on relationships. We engage with students to give them an opportunity to explore their own vision for their relationship in a safe and respectful environment.

In order to provide the best experience for students we are expanding our facilitator base and are looking for vibrant individuals who will complement the wisdom and experience of our current facilitators. This would be ideal for parents of school age children who understand the current pressures their children face.

What is provided:

- Training and ongoing support.
- Affirmation and continuing Faith formation.
- Opportunity to use skills such as teaching, IT, marketing, office administration.

If you think you might be interested in learning more about our organisation and the work that we do then please contact Clare Cox - Clare@lovingforlife.org

