



# 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

The Safeguarding Office looks a little different with new faces arriving and old faces returning. It is business as usual though. We are looking forward to a productive year with the continued roll out of church worker induction sessions, mandatory reporting training for clergy and continued work on getting version #2 of the SG Handbook completed! The great work of Jock on the SAAT continues under the guidance of Di so **please reach out if you need any assistance** or support.

## HELLO!



## MEET THE TEAM

I'm back!

Hello. I am excited and feel very privileged to again be involved with the SG Program. Having spent time at Anglicare WA and completing some study, I am feeling refreshed and ready to go! I balance my work life with my husband and two very busy teenagers as well as enjoying the odd drama on Netflix and walking the dog! It is lovely to meet you all and I look forward to the year ahead .

**Barb Blayney—Director**



I joined the SG team last April and have had the privilege of meeting many of our wonderful SGOs and church workers throughout the Archdiocese. I have taken on the additional role of compliance this year so you may be hearing from me regarding SAAT in the future. Currently, I am working through the SAATs already submitted to identify ways in which our team can work to support you.

I am a grandma of two gorgeous little people and love to spend my spare time with them. When I get the chance I enjoy jigsaw puzzles or sewing (usually something for the grandies). I also enjoy reading... let me know if you have read any good books lately. - **Diane May—Coordinator**

Hello, I am the new member of the Safeguarding Team. Prior to this, I worked at a school as the Canteen Manager. I really enjoyed my role feeding every one, however as life goes on, our priorities change as well.

I am a mother of two sons. I spend most of my spare time in the kitchen, trying new recipes or new cooking/baking techniques. I enjoy reading almost all kinds of books. I am so blessed to be able to work with this wonderful team and I really enjoy my new role. I am looking forward to meeting you all. - **Ingka Iwansantoso—Admin Support**



**Parish Visit? We would love to pop out to say hello and chat about all things Safeguarding.**

**Call 9221 7762 or Email [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au)**



**Know of anyone in your parish who wants to join the Safeguarding Team?** Please ask us how. Nomination Forms are available by visiting: [SGO-Nomination-Form-Fillable.pdf](#)



### Safeguarding Induction for Church Workers - Online

[Safeguarding Induction for Church Workers – Safeguarding Office \(perthcatholic.org.au\)](#)

### New Safeguarding Officer Training

**Saturday, 26 March 2022 9am-4pm - CPC Highgate, 40A Mary Street, Highgate**  
[Safeguarding Officer Training \(SGO\) – Safeguarding Office \(perthcatholic.org.au\)](#)

### Modern slavery in Australia

West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) is collaborating with the Safeguarding Office around modern slavery to combat modern slavery at the local level.

There are around 15,000 victims of modern slavery in Australia. Many victims are migrant and refugee visa holders. Often, they are unaware of their rights but see churches as safe places to go to for safety and support.

Being aware of this current reality will enable parishes to assist possible victims by reporting a disclosure to WACMRO.

Work has begun in three parishes on what modern slavery is and who the victims are as they work towards 'slave-proofing' their morning teas.

Scan the QR code to read an article on 'slave-proofing' parish morning teas.

For your information, I'm the Office Manager for two offices at 23 Victoria Square: the West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) and the Catholic Social Services Western Australia (CSSWA) - **Grace Kurniawan**

You can contact the relevant office via the following:



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Scan the QR code—What does a slavery-proofed parish look like?

All employees and volunteers employed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth or who work in any other premises owned or controlled by the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth are to be double vaccinated.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH PRIEST ABOUT PROOF OF VACCINATION. IF SGOs ARE NOT VACCINATED IT MAY AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO VOLUNTEER. CONTACT THE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE TO DISCUSS FURTHER.

