



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 - *With God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26*

It is hard to believe we are in September already! The year has flown by with so much achieved and still so much more I am excited to do.

I continue to be in awe of our amazing Safeguarding Team here in the office and also the wonderful Safeguarding Officer—Thank you!

The Safeguarding journey continues to build momentum and with the support, wisdom and guidance of the Office of the Vicar General and Clergy, I look forward to what is left of 2022. I hope to catch up with you at the National Child Protection Week morning tea event. **Barb Blayney**



Come Fly a Kite!



As **CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2022** approaches, we are looking forward to seeing you at the morning tea event on **Tuesday, September 6.**

We hope you have had time to come together as a community to talk about the importance of child protection and safeguarding while decorating your kites!

Don't forget to send photographs of your master creation to safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au and bring your kite along to Tuesday's morning tea.

Resources for Safeguarding Sunday Mass (September 11) have been sent to your parish office. If you have not seen them, please do not hesitate to contact Ingka PH: 9221 7762.

You can use the Kite in the Safeguarding Sunday Mass celebration. It may form part of the Offertory Gifts or even fly it after Mass!

Let your faith soar...those who trust in the Lord will find new strength, they will soar - Isaiah 40:31



I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with a wonderful Safeguarding Program team, be able to engage with the parishes, clergy and all the dedicated church workers. I look forward to meeting all of you and support you through advice, online or face to face engagements and visit to parishes. I

hope that you will pray for everyone in continuing our work of safeguarding our community. - **Thomas Law**





National Child Protection Week 2022 - Morning Tea

Tuesday, 06 September 2022 at 10 - 11 am @ Parish Centre - St, Mary's Cathedral.

Safeguarding Induction for Church Workers — Face-to-Face

- ◆ Thursday, 01 September 2022 at 10 am @ Our Lady of Rosary, Doubleview
- ◆ Thursday, 15 September 2022 at 10 am @ Infant Jesus, Morley
- ◆ Saturday, 17 September 2022 at 10.30 am @ Holy Family, Kalamunda
- ◆ Thursday, 22 September 2022 at 7 pm @ Infant Jesus, Morley

Safeguarding Induction for Church Workers — Online

- ◆ Wednesday, 28 September 2022 at 10 am
- ◆ Monday, 10 October 2022 at 2 pm
- ◆ Friday, 21 October 2022 at 10 am
- ◆ Wednesday, 26 October 2022 at 7 pm
- ◆ Tuesday, 01 November 2022 at 10 am
- ◆ Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 2 pm
- ◆ Wednesday, 07 December 2022 at 2 pm
- ◆ Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 7 pm

To register please go to
[Safeguarding Induction for Church Workers – Safeguarding Office](#)



SAAT (Safeguarding Activities Assessment Tool)

A continuing **BIG THANKS** to those who have submitted their SAATs for 2021. For some of you, the SAAT may still seem like a daunting task, and we would like to acknowledge your great effort. As you are fully aware, the SAAT Self- Assessment will help you to identify and close gaps in complying with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The Safeguarding Office is revising the SAAT to meet the latest edition of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standard. And in continuous improvement, we are simplifying the SAAT to be more user-friendly. **We are going to release SAAT to the parishes on 14th September for Self-Assessment and return submission for feedback by 3rd October.**

CLERGY MANDATORY REPORTING

On the 1st November 2022, Ministers of Religion will be deemed, Mandatory Reporters under the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*. This amendment implements recommendations of the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Ministers of Religion are the first new group to be added to the list of Mandatory Reporters. Eventually, it will include early childhood workers, out-of-home care workers, registered psychologists, school counsellors and youth justice workers along with the current group of doctors, nurses, midwives, teachers, police officers and boarding supervisors.

The Safeguarding Program Office will be providing pre-course online training modules and face-to-face sessions throughout the end of September and October to support clergy in better understanding the legislative requirements of mandatory reporting.

Further information will be available soon via the Office of the Vicar General and the Safeguarding Program Office.



What's Been Happening...



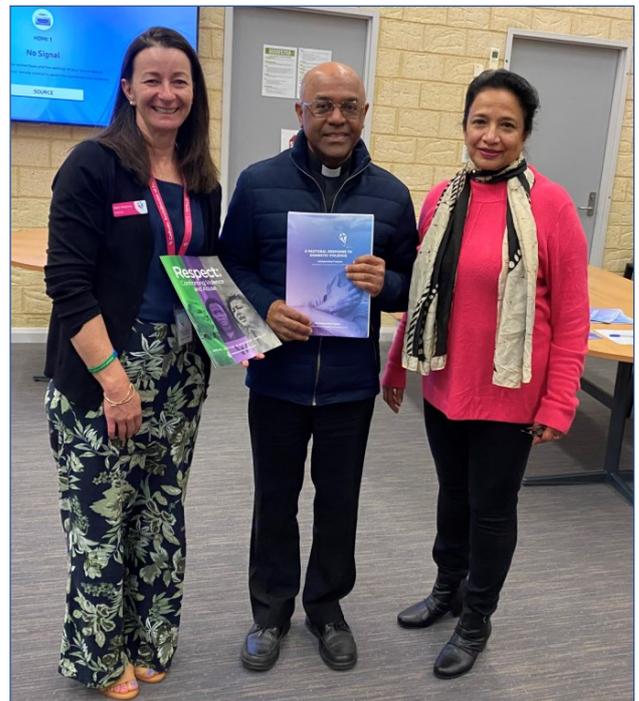
(Nenith Remoto, Anabelle May, Wnzo Vettorel, Priscilla Willmott, Kay Savage Morton, Benna Masbate, Long Ta)
Onboarding SGO Training
Saturday 11 June 2022



Supporting the Morning Tea for Ukraine
Saturday, 18 June 2022



(Anne Wilson & Barbara Blayney)
Safeguarding Program Team Adopts Laserfiche for
Secure Information Governance
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[Safeguarding Program Team adopts Laserfiche for
Secure Information Governance | The Record](#)



(Barbara Blayney, Fr Jean Noel Marie, Radha de Mel)
A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence
Workshop - St Emelie's Parish
Thursday, 25 August 2022

Safeguarding Survey Project - St Benedict's Parish Applecross

Earlier this year, the Safeguarding Team at Applecross Parish of Marina Ciccarelli, Frances Meyerkort, Alana Coffey, Karl Brown, and Rodney Dowling, developed a short parish safeguarding survey.

This great initiative came about to capture parishioners' feedback on how well they understood the role of the safeguarding officers, the program, and any suggestions for improvement.

Under the guidance and promotion of Fr Nelson Po, the team engaged with the church community and received some very positive feedback. Marina Ciccarelli stated, **"there were very positive results on the whole-with some parishioners wanting more regular messaging"**.

Marina has kindly shared the project plan and resources used to complete this short and simple survey.

If you would like to undertake a similar project in your parish, please contact **Thomas Law – Safeguarding Coordinator on PH: 9221 7762** or email: coordinator.safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au