

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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Welcome to the final newsletter for 2023.

As good stewards of God's Grace, I take this opportunity to remind us all that *"It takes a village..."* It takes a village to raise a child. It takes a village to safeguard the vulnerable, and it takes a village for the whole of the Archdiocese to champion **Safety, Love and Hope**. We have done this continually throughout the year. All thanks to every one of you that champions and values the safety of our church—thank you.

2023 has presented with many wonderful opportunities to serve you best. We here, at the Safeguarding Program Office hope you see our office as a place of support you and to foster your unwavering dedication to creating and maintaining a safe church for all.

Some of the highlights for 2023:

- ◆ 250 Safeguarding Officer operational in Parishes and Agencies.
- ◆ 1874 people attended Safeguarding Training
- ◆ Provincial Mandatory & Safeguarding Training for Clergy
- ◆ The Inaugural Safeguarding Self Assessment Tool (SAAT) Award
- ◆ Upgrade to the Safeguarding Website
- ◆ National Child Protection Week and Safeguarding Sunday Events

I am excited about what next year will bring.

Andrea Musulin has decided to pursue a new direction beyond the Archdiocese and will not be returning to the Safeguarding Program. We will be forever grateful to Andrea for the instrumental work she has done.

I feel extremely blessed and privileged to be appointed as the new Director of the Safeguarding Program and I look forward to the journey ahead.



Merry Christmas and God Bless.

Barb Blayney, Thomas and Ingka



We will close on Friday, 22 December 2023 and return on Tuesday, 02 January 2024.

Emergency contact over the Christmas Shutdown:

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Welcome to *Anthony Coyte!*



Anthony is the Project Officer for the National Catholic Safeguarding Standard Audit. The Archdiocese will be undergoing National Audit in July/August 2024. Anthony is the project lead and will be working across the Archdiocese with all Clergy, Parishes, Agencies and Organisations in preparation for Audit.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Safeguarding Program Team were at **Infant Jesus Parish, Morley** on Sunday 1 October to award the parish with the inaugural **Safeguarding Activities Assessment Tool (SAAT) Certificate of Excellence Award.**



This award is a culmination of the SAAT 2022 Self-Assessment and recognises the exceptional collective efforts of Fr Greg and the Safeguarding Officers at Infant Jesus Parish in safeguarding the Catholic community. Congratulation!

Please submit your SAAT soon to safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au

VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement Is reaching out to all Safeguarding Officer to volunteer for their Youth Camp. The event details are as follow:

- Volunteer job: Assist with manning the wellbeing tent
- Date and time: 4-6 January, 8am - 8pm.
Time slots of 6 hours will be available
- Venue: Ern Halliday Recreation Camp
- Person in charge: Tr. Le-an



There will be some walking around the event, and you are welcome to join the daily bilingual mass.

To register your help



The **Guidelines** support the [Safeguarding Policy](#) and conform to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Edition 2 (NCSS). They are designed to provide best-practice guidance to Parishes, Agencies, Offices and Ministries on Safeguarding.

You can find forms and survey samples by following this link

[Safeguarding Guidelines](#)

2024 Safeguarding Level 1 Induction Dates (Online Sessions)

Please advertise these sessions in your Parish or Agency

24 January at 10 am
06 February at 7 pm
14 February at 2 pm
22 February at 10 am
27 February at 7 pm

06 March at 7 pm
14 March at 2 pm
22 March at 10 am
26 March at 7 pm

To register : <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

We can provide training at your location. Just Book Us In!
[TRAINING BOOKING FORM](#)



CLERGY MANDATORY REPORTING AND SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All Clergy will receive an email from CLANED in December for the Clergy Mandatory Reporting and Safeguarding Training.

This training will ensure your compliance with CEWA and the Archdiocese of Perth for 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at **9221 7762** if you require more information or assistance in completing the training.

As of 1 July 2023 Card holders and applicants must notify the WWC Screening Unit if they have a change to their name, residential address, contact details or child-related work status.



Let your Volunteers know they can update their details online by logging into their [WWC Account](#). If they do not have a WWC Account, they can [register for one](#).

Online information sessions are also available. Please click the box for further information or follow this link [Eventbrite Online Workshop](#)



3 December is a day to promote awareness, understanding and acceptance in the community.

We encourage you all to join us in observing the **International Day of People with Disability**. You may want to:

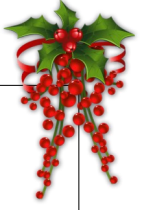
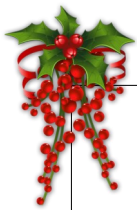
- Think about how to acknowledge the achievements of staff members, volunteers or parishioners championing inclusive and accessible practices in our church.
- Host a morning or afternoon tea. Consider inviting a person with a disability, a disability advocate and/or your local member to speak.

As a church community, we can continue to improve inclusivity, by embedding the National Catholic Safeguarding Standard

- ⇒ Standard 2 – Children and adults are safe, informed and participate ~ ***enabling children with disabilities to participate in decisions affecting them.***
- ⇒ Standard 3 – Partnering with families, carers, and communities ~ ***providing accessible ways for children with disabilities to provide feedback and input into child-safe practices.***
- ⇒ Standard 4 – Equity is promoted, and diversity is respected ~ ***proactively anticipating children's diverse circumstances and providing support and responding to those who are vulnerable.***
- ⇒ Standard 8 Safe physical and online environments ~ ***creating physical and online environments that are safe and accessible for people with disabilities and promote safety and wellbeing.***

To know more please follow this link [INFORMATION KIT FOR WORKPLACES](#)

Check out these short films and videos featuring people with disability or disability themes at [Focus on Ability](#).



BE ONLINE SAFETY CONSCIOUS WHEN CHOOSING TECH GIFTS

Looking for safe tech gifts? Explore the eSafety Gift Guide

How do you choose tech gifts that are both fun and safe for kids?

The [eSafety Gift Guide](#) is here to help.

Choose tech gifts wisely this holiday season, ensuring they're fun, safe, and age-appropriate for children. Gift smart, gift safe, and be online safety conscious when giving gifts this holiday season.



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

This year also marks the [75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

Action and Advocacy Together for Gender Justice during this year's 16 days will see us as a church, unite to raise awareness and campaign in any way we can to end sexual and gender-based violence.

Let us pray together.....

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse
SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-23

Prayer

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.
Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.
Help us to love like you.

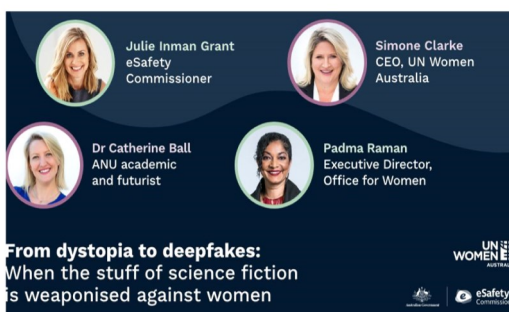
Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.
Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.
Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way.
Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice.
Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour.

AMEN



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FREE LINKEDIN LIVE EVENT FROM DYSTOPIA TO DEEPFAKES

5 December, 11.30 am - 12.30 pm AEDT.

As the world becomes more connected the risks of online abuse increases.

Online violence against women and girls, though not a new phenomenon, has escalated rapidly in recent years posing significant threats to women's safety and well-being both online and off.

UN Women Australia and eSafety invite you to a special event for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

On the agenda:

- **Gen(d)erative AI:** The gendered history and future unknowns of Generative AI
- **Online hate and misogyny:** Perpetration and how gender, race and heteronormativity intersect
- **Building in safety vs first to market:** Nudging the tech sector towards meaningful implementation of Safety by Design
- **A digital collision course?** What happens when AI, decentralisation and immersive tech converge?
- **Preventing tomorrow's deepfakes** (and other harms not yet fathomed)

Join the From Dystopia to Deepfakes



New Safeguarding Officers



We welcome New Safeguarding Officers for parishes and agencies:

Donna Ryder — Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Meagan Henley — North Beach

Catherine Rice — Woodvale

Florence Ayeni — Gosnells

Carmel O'Neil — Kalgoorlie

Maria Eaton — Latin Mass Catholic Community

Dan Gasper — Catholic Archdiocese Perth Administration Centre

Leila Folland — Day Dawn



Fr Hugh Thomas from NSW (right)



Fr Wiseman Nwoko from Rome (above)

Fr Anthony Vu from Bateman Parish (right)



Thank you & Farewell Andrea Musulin



Andrea Musulin was instrumental in developing the Safeguarding Program within the Archdiocese of Perth in 2015. Starting as a pilot project, the Safeguarding Program is now well established in the 209 Parishes and numerous Agencies of the Archdiocese of Perth.

The program has also been adopted by the Province of Western Australia with safeguarding represented in all Diocese's of Western Australia.

Andrea's wealth of experience spanning over 30 years in child protection and family and domestic violence support placed the Archdiocese as a leader in child protection post the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

After a well rested period of two years leave, Andrea has made the decision to resign as the Director of the Safeguarding Program. The Archdiocese has been extremely fortunate to have had Andrea's guidance and passion over the past 8 years.

We take this opportunity to say **thank you Andrea**, and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.