

“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. Amen “

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From the Director

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Welcome to the first Safeguarding Newsletter for 2024. This year is set to be a bumper year for Safeguarding! We are excited to be undertaking the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Audit by ACSL this year, a wonderful opportunity to showcase the hard work of the Archdiocese.

There are also many great initiatives in the pipeline such as a focus on Elder Abuse by Advocare, a Disability Protective Behaviours Resource, a Safeguarding Children's Liturgy Kit and not to mention our annual SAAT Excellence Award and National Child Protection Week!

All of this of course wouldn't be possible without YOU. I am always extremely humbled by the support the Safeguarding Program Office experience from all areas of the Archdiocese and I hope you too feel our support and services as a blessing.

We kindly encourage Clergy to complete the CLANED training and for attendance to the Level 1 Safeguarding Induction for all staff and volunteers be promoted.

Thank you and God Bless. *Barb Blayney*

*"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me."*

*Philippians 4:13.*

## NCSS Audit Project

### ***Vital work of Safeguarding to take a renewed focus***

The Archdiocese is preparing for an inaugural audit in 2024 to review its implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standard (NCSS).

Working in partnership with Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL), the audit will consist of three phases. An online self-assessment to be completed by the Safeguarding Program Office, site visits to selected Archdiocesan parishes, agencies, chaplaincies, communities and offices by the audit team, and the findings report and a commitment by the Archdiocese to act on the recommendations.

The audit will not cover every Archdiocesan location. Instead, a sample of parishes, agencies, chaplaincies and communities will be chosen.

The Safeguarding Program Office will work closely with all nominated sites and participants to support them in the lead up to and during the audit process.



We are approaching the audit in a positive, constructive and collaborative way, knowing that significant work has already been achieved over the past decade. At the same time, we recognise the need for the ongoing development of our efforts.

Anthony Coyte is the Project Lead for the NCSS Audit.

If you have any queries about the audit, please email Anthony at

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15 June	<a href="#">World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – Advocate</a>
16 -22 June	<a href="#">Home - Refugee Week</a>
7–14 July	<a href="#">NAIDOC</a>
28 July	<a href="#">World Day for Grandparents and Elderly</a>
12 August	<a href="#">International Youth Day   United Nations</a>
1–7 Sept	<a href="#">Child Protection Week</a>
8 Sept	<b>Safeguarding Sunday</b>
12 Sept	<a href="#">RU OK Day</a>



## Online Webinar for Parents and Carers

These live webinars give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.



### **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help**

**Understanding how to support your child with online gaming**

**Understanding parental controls to safeguard your child**

**Online safety and social media: TikTok, YouTube and Instagram**

## SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 INDUCTION FOR CHURCH WORKERS

### ONSITE SESSIONS:

@ Myaree Parish  
[Wednesday, 10 April 2024 at 7 pm](#)

@ Armadale Parish  
[Thursday, 9 May 2024 at 1.30 pm](#)

@ Armadale Parish  
[Thursday, 9 May 2024 at 6.30 pm](#)

@ East Vic Park Parish  
[Thursday, 13 June 2024 at 6 pm](#)

### ONLINE SESSIONS:

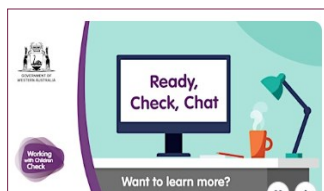
[Thursday, 14 March 2024 at 2 pm](#)  
[Friday, 22 March 2024 at 10 am](#)  
[Tuesday, 26 March 2024 at 7 pm](#)  
[Thursday, 04 April 2024 at 7 pm](#)  
[Thursday, 18 April 2024 at 10 am](#)  
[Tuesday, 23 April 2024 at 7 pm](#)  
[Tuesday, 30 April 2024 at 2 pm](#)  
[Tuesday, 7 May 2024 at 7 pm](#)  
[Tuesday, 14 May 2024 at 2 pm](#)  
[Thursday, 23 May 2024 at 7 pm](#)  
[Thursday, 30 May 2024 at 10 am](#)  
[Thursday, 06 June 2024 at 7 pm](#)  
[Thursday, 13 June 2024 at 2 pm](#)  
[Friday, 21 June 2024 at 10 am](#)  
[Tuesday, 25 June 2024 at 7 pm](#)



## NEW SAFEGUARDING POLICY & COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The Archdiocese [Safeguarding Policy](#) and the new format of the [Safeguarding Commitment Statement](#) are available on the [Safeguarding Website](#). You can download a copy of the Commitment Statement Poster from the website, or we will post a copy out to Parishes, Agencies, Offices and Organisations to display.

### WWCC Screening Unit Events

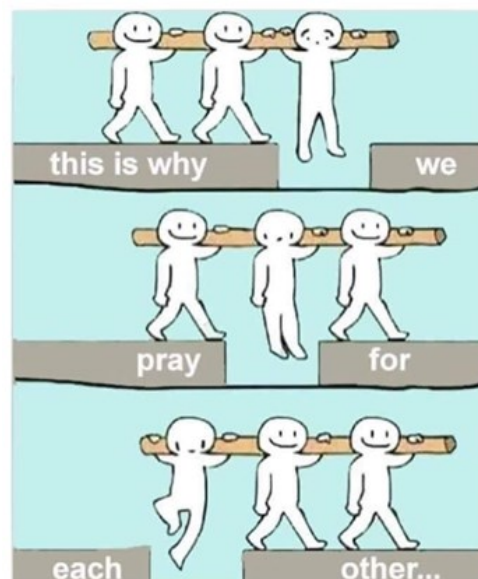


- Thursday, 14 March 2024  
1-on-1 Ready, Check, Chats!
  - Monday, 25 March 2024  
Introduction to Working with Children Check
- To register please follow this link [EVENTBRITE](#)



## Safeguarding Training For Seminarians

Tuesday, 13 February 2024 @ St. Charles Seminary, Guildford



*Congratulation to our New Safeguarding Officers!*



**Paul Crossley**  
Catholic Youth Ministry



**Caterina O'Loughlin**  
Centre for Liturgy



**Deacon Greg Lowe**  
WA Catholic Migrant Office



**Star of the Sea, Cottesloe**  
*celebrating Saver Internet and St Valentines*

