

OUR PARISH COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

As a Parish, we are committed to the safety, care and wellbeing of children and adults at risk in our community.

This means that we have zero tolerance to abuse.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Together we can create a safe, caring Parish!



We want to hear from you!
Safeguarding and Professional Standards Office
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safeguarding@armidale.catholic.org.au

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WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding is about creating and maintaining a safe environment for all people.

Its foundation is based upon the belief that each person is *created in the image and likeness of God* with inherent dignity that needs to be respected and upheld.

“We are all one family in the world. Building a community that empowers everyone to attain their full potential through each of us respecting each other’s dignity, rights and responsibilities makes the world a better place to live.”

St John Paul II



SAFEGUARDING: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Do you want to see a healthy, safe, caring and flourishing Parish community?

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Safeguarding begins with each one of us.

"Safeguarding is not simply a policy on paper, it is a decision to *live the Gospel* that begins with OUR relationship with the Lord.

So it is when we love our neighbour as Christ did, when we speak out for what is right, when we listen with compassion and when we act with integrity, that *change really happens.*"

Bishop Peter Murphy



SAFEGUARDING: INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY

CHALLENGE FOR THIS WEEK:

Meet and greet a new parishioner after
Mass
or
learn something new about another
parishioner's culture

"Everyone should be treated with respect regardless of age, gender, race, language, disability, religion, political opinion, sexual orientation, nationality or social origin. This is predicated upon the inherent dignity of persons, who are equally created by God."
Safeguarding Policy, Appendix J



SAFEGUARDING: WHERE TO GO IF SOMEONE NEEDS HELP?

FOR REPORTING GO TO EITHER:

Parish Safeguarding Contact Person

Parish Priest

Safeguarding Professional and Standards Office



SUPPORT SERVICES

 Beyond Blue Mental Health Support Call: 1300 224 636 24/7 phone or chat online at www.online.beyondblue.org.au	 Lifeline Confidential Crisis Support and Suicide Prevention Call: 13 11 14 24/7 phone call Visit: www.lifeline.org.au
 1800RESPECT Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Call: 1800 737 732 24/7 phone, video chat, text Visit: www.1800respect.org.au	 blueknot Recovery from Complex Trauma Call: 1300 657 380 9am - 5pm (Mon - Sun) Visit: https://blueknot.org.au/
 Centacare New England North West Range of Social Services and Support Call: 1800 372 826 Visit: www.centacarensw.com.au	 NSW Victims Access Line Victims of Crime Call: 1800 633 063 Visit: www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au



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