

Safeguarding NEWSLETTER

Diocesan Safeguarding News and Updates

May 2026

KEY DATES THIS MONTH

World Day of Cultural Diversity

21 May 2026

*Celebrate Cultural Diversity
in your Parish.*

Food for thought: What does
your Parish do to welcome
people of different cultures?

Safe Ministry Workshops

14 May 2026 in Narrabri

17 May 2026 in Moree



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

As we begin preparing for the
audit and updating our
safeguarding,
we would really appreciate your
feedback at:

safeguarding@armidale.catholic.
org.au

Diocesan Safeguarding Policy has been released!

The policy is an important document as it will help:

- drive the Diocese's responsibility to ensure the care, safety and wellbeing of children and adults at risk who engage with the Diocese
- cultivate a strong safeguarding culture
- guide and support those involved in Ministry
- provide transparency to families, carers and communities, for their awareness and confidence in the safety of the community



Have you?



Read the
Safeguarding Policy?



Made a copy of the policy
accessible in your Parish
and on your Parish
website?



Told your parishioners
about the safeguarding
policy?

New website launched!

Take a look at the new Diocesan Safeguarding website.
For all your safeguarding needs, resources or questions
check out the website:

<https://armidale.catholic.org.au/safeguarding>





Safeguarding audit approaching in September

What does the audit involve?

- The audit will assess how effectively the Diocese is implementing all ten National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS).

Who will be involved?

- Parishes and Ministries across the Diocese, and some agencies, will be interviewed and documents reviewed.

What does it mean for my Parish?

- A Parish Safeguarding Checklist will be sent to all Safeguarding Contact Persons to ensure that your Parish is ready and prepared for the audit.
- We are here to help, we will step you through.



National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

What are they?

The Diocesan Safeguarding Policy draws upon and supports a broader safeguarding framework including the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS).

The NCSS create a framework for Catholic entities to promote the safety of children and adults at risk.

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

- 1 Committed leadership, governance and culture.

Parish has adopted the Safeguarding Policy, Code of Conduct, Commitment Statement.

- 2 Children and adults are safe, informed and participate

- 3 Partnering with families, carers and communities

- 4 Equity is promoted and diversity is respected

- 5 Robust human resource management

WWCC and screening checks

- 6 Effective complaints management

Complaints Handling Policy

- 7 Ongoing education and training

Safe Ministry Workshops

- 8 Safe physical and online environments

Risk Register

Risk Assessments

- 9 Continuous improvement

Parish Self Audit Checklist

- 10 Policies and procedures support the safety of children and adults