

Safeguarding NEWSLETTER

Diocesan Safeguarding News and Updates

August 2026

KEY DATES

National Child Protection Week

6–12 September 2026

Safeguarding Sunday

13 September 2026

Safe Ministry Workshops

20 and 21 August 2026 in Armidale

23 August 2026 in Uralla

26 and 27 August 2026 online
(zoom)

29 August 2026 in Manilla



Check out our website:
<https://armidale.catholic.org.au/safeguarding>



Screening & Recruitment Guidelines



Are you advertising a new volunteer role in your Parish?

We have guidelines (with templates!) to help you recruit and induct new volunteers. If the role has **close contact with children or vulnerable adults**, please include this statement in the advertisement:

The Catholic Diocese of Armidale is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and adults at risk and has zero-tolerance of any abuse of any person. Where relevant to their role, all personnel must have a valid Working with Children Clearance in accordance with legislation.

What to do to induct child-related roles (eg new childrens liturgy coordinator)?

- 1 Call 2 referees to ask about them working with children
- 2 Ask why they want to work with children and their suitability
- 3 WWCC and criminal history declaration (only if required in screening matrix)
- 4 Induct them (show them how to work safely with children)
- 5 Have someone sit in on their first volunteer session



Online Safe Ministry Workshops

26 August 6-7 pm: [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 955 3757 784

Passcode: 600641

27 August 10-11 am: [click here](#)

Meeting ID: 924 2565 9823

Passcode: 414299

Bulletin Notice

Please put as a minimum the following statement in your Parish bulletin. We have attached a ready-made image you can use too.

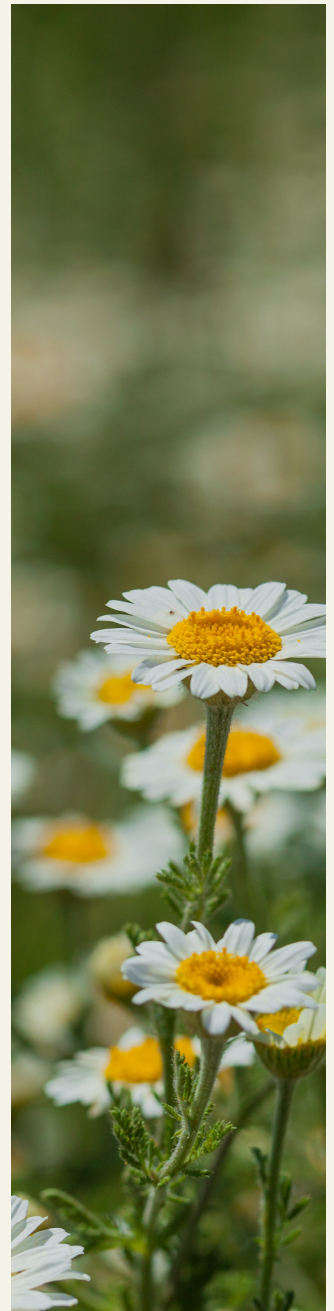
Our Parish is committed to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and has a zero-tolerance approach to abuse. This is everyone's responsibility.

If you have any concerns or feedback, please contact the Parish Priest/ Safeguarding Contact Person and our Diocesan Safeguarding and Professional Standards Office on (02) 6771 8700 or at safeguarding@armidale.catholic.org.au.

Online Safety



- ☐ Clergy and Parish phones/ computers are password protected.
- ☐ Employees or volunteers do not become 'friends' or interact on their personal social media with children they have met through their role in the Parish
- ☐ Photos of children that identify them are not taken or published without their parent/ guardian's consent
- ☐ No 1:1 contact (phone, message, social media) with a child in ministry unless parental/ guardian written consent.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We welcome and encourage any feedback! Please contact us at:
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