SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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| JUNE | THEME: **ELDERLY** |
| **1**  | **Global Day of Parents** | [www.un.org/en/observances/parents-day](https://www.un.org/en/observances/parents-day) |
| 4 | International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression | <https://www.un.org/en/observances/child-victim-day> |
| 12 | World Day Against Child Labour | <https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-day-against-child-labour> |
| **15** | **World Elder Abuse Day** | <https://elderabuseawarenessday.org.au/><https://www.compass.info/> |
| 18 | International Day for Countering Hate Speech | <https://www.un.org/en/observances/countering-hate-speech> |
| 20 | World Refugee Day | <https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day> |
| 29 | Wear White to Work DaySupport for Mental Illness and Suicide | [www.whitewreath.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WEAR-WHITE-AT-WORK-PDF.pdf](http://www.whitewreath.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WEAR-WHITE-AT-WORK-PDF.pdf) |
| JULY | THEME: NAIDOC  |
| July | Kind July | <https://www.staykind.com.au/kind-july/> |
| **1st Sunday** | **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday (ACBC)** | <https://www.natsicc.org.au/> |
| **4-11** (2024) | **NAIDOC Week** | <https://www.naidoc.org.au/> |
| 23 | World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly (Pope) | <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-02/pope-francis-theme-fourth-world-grandparents-elderly-day.html> |
| 30 | World Day Against Trafficking in Persons | <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-human-trafficking-day> |
| **30** | **International Day of Friendship** | <https://www.un.org/en/observances/friendship-day> |

**TRAINING**

**CHILD SAFETY**

**Run by the Office of the Children’s Guardian**

**WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2024**

**10am-11.30am: Introduction to the Child Safe Standards**

**12pm-2pm: Developing a Risk Management Plan - for the Faith Sector**

**Location: St Augustine’s Parish Coffs Harbour**

**Curran Centre, 12 Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450**

**Open to Clergy, Parish staff and volunteers**

**Use our online form to book** [**HERE**](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/%20887310508617?aff=oddtdtcreator)

**Office of the Children’s Guardian Webinars**

Upcoming webinars include:

* SAFE Series Protective-behaviours Program
* Introduction to the Child Safe Standards
* Developing a Child Safe Risk Management Plan
* Child Safe Reporting Obligations

[**MORE INFORMATION**](https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/events?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Monthly%20stakeholder%20newsletter%20-%20November&utm_content=Monthly%20stakeholder%20newsletter%20-%20November+CID_21f4faa2fbabc858e204197e039cfc9a&utm_source=ocg_edm&utm_term=Go%20to%20webinars%20and%20training)

**Child Safe Reporting in Early Education**

**eLearning Module 3: Child Safe Reporting for staff**

For early childhood education and care sector.

- Centre-based services (including long day care, preschools, occasional care, mobile preschools and Multifunctional Aboriginal Children’s Services)

- OSHC, including vacation care,

- Family day care

The third of what will be 6 modules for each course has just been released.

[**VIEW HERE**](https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/training-and-resources/elearning)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**DV-Alert 2-Day Foundation Course**

This workshop is for frontline workers to learn how to recognise the signs of domestic violence, respond appropriately, and refer to support services. It covers the nature and scope, patterns and impacts of domestic and family violence, what to consider for diverse groups, communication skills, safety planning, referral pathways and more.

Visit [**DVALERT.ORG.AU**](http://dvalert.org.au/)for more information

**AGED CARE**

**OPAN ‘Talk to Us First’**

A free, short education program to help aged-care providers and professionals to meet the Aged Care Quality Standards 6, ensuring older people feel safe, encouraged, and supported to give feedback or make a complaint. [**MORE INFORMATION**](https://opan.org.au/education/training-for-aged-care-professionals/)

**eSAFETY**

**Free online Webinars through the eSafety Commissioner website**

Designed to improve understanding and response to online challenges your child may face. Topics include:

 **-** 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.

[**MORE INFORMATION**](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

**ACSL: Safeguarding Adults at Risk and Safeguarding for Parish Teams**

Short online, self-paced training modules on Safeguarding Adults at Risk and Safeguarding for Parish Teams. These short introductory training modules (30-45 minutes) are available free of charge via the ACSL Learning Platform.

Enrol in [Safeguarding Adults at Risk](https://acsltd.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2083e11eefa01cabc2d18c057&id=5b85014118&e=620396d24a)

Enrol in [Safeguarding for Parish Teams](https://acsltd.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2083e11eefa01cabc2d18c057&id=499d3ae7af&e=620396d24a)\*

\*Please note that the Parish for Safeguarding Teams module requires learners to have first completed our [Introduction to Safeguarding Program](https://acsltd.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2083e11eefa01cabc2d18c057&id=bd7bf756f6&e=620396d24a), which is also available free of charge.

INFORMATION SESSION

**Good Shepherd program showcase No Interest Loans & Financial Independence Hub - Make informed referrals**

**Thursday, 20 June - online**

You are invited to a brief showcase of our national programs. We would love you to attend. Also, please pass on this invitation.

**No Interest Loans:** Borrow up to $2,000 for essentials including whitegoods, educational expenses, car repairs and rego, medical expenses and more. Borrow up to $3,000 for bond or rent in advance. Safe and affordable government funded credit with 0% interest and no fees or charges. Visit nils.com.au

**Financial Independence Hub:** A free and confidential service to support victim-survivors of family and domestic violence to move forward with managing their finances, particularly in rebuilding after financial abuse. We provide one-on-one support with conversations about money, including managing debts, budgeting, work options and more. We also provide referrals to other relevant services. Visit goodshep.org.au/fih

Find out:

* The benefits of each service & participant outcomes
* How it works and the specialist support provided
* Eligibility requirements
* When and how to refer
* FREE tools to promote these services to your clients

When: Repeated monthly, please register for the session of your choice. [HERE](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/good-shepherd-program-showcase-nils-fih-make-informed-referrals-tickets-594238171367)

IN THE NEWS

Stories found on CathNews but original sources used for links where possible

Joy can change the world, Pope tells children
To change the world, children must “press ahead and be joyful”, ask why there is injustice and always help others, Pope Francis told thousands of children gathered in Rome for the Church’s first-ever World Children’s Day. Source: CNS.

 [READ MORE](https://www.usccb.org/news/2024/pope-tells-children-joy-good-soul-always-help-others)

Church has pivotal role to play in ongoing journey of reconciliation
The journey to reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples is not easy, but the Catholic Church remains hopeful of healing. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

 [READ MORE](https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/reconciliation-is-an-ongoing-journey/#more-9839)

Call for focus on refugee and migrant children
A new study has found children from migrant and refugee backgrounds are more likely to be developmentally vulnerable when starting school, causing repercussions that could carry into adulthood.  Source: SBS News.

 [READ MORE](https://cathnews.com/2024/05/23/call-for-focus-on-refugee-and-migrant-children/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Middle%20East%20conflict%20makes%20two-state%20solution%20vital%20%20Setting%20Sale%20Diocese%20up%20for%20a%20hope-filled%20future%20%20Euthanasia%20is%20a%20failure%20of%20love%20in%20a%20throwaway%20culture&utm_content=Middle%20East%20conflict%20makes%20two-state%20solution%20vital%20%20Setting%20Sale%20Diocese%20up%20for%20a%20hope-filled%20future%20%20Euthanasia%20is%20a%20failure%20of%20love%20in%20a%20throwaway%20culture%20CID_3bfea71d542205169662e22d2cbd28a3&utm_source=Cathnews%20Newsletter&utm_term=Call%20for%20focus%20on%20refugee%20and%20migrant%20children)

Australia ranks in top levels of school bullying
Australian teenage students face the second highest level of bullying among 24 OECD countries, according to a new report, which found only Latvia in north-eastern Europe reported higher levels. Source: SBS News.

 [READ MORE](https://cathnews.com/2024/05/22/australia-ranks-in-top-levels-of-school-bullying/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Pope%20Francis%20rules%20out%20ordaining%20women%20deacons%20%20ACT%20to%20empower%20lawyers%20to%20make%20euthanasia%20decision%20%20Students%20appreciate%20healthy%20relationships%20talks&utm_content=Pope%20Francis%20rules%20out%20ordaining%20women%20deacons%20%20ACT%20to%20empower%20lawyers%20to%20make%20euthanasia%20decision%20%20Students%20appreciate%20healthy%20relationships%20talks%20CID_23a31cef72455ec8f35677382bbc1c0e&utm_source=Cathnews%20Newsletter&utm_term=Australia%20ranks%20in%20top%20levels%20of%20school%20bullying)

Research shows one in 10 young Australians sexually harassed by peers
The first nationally representative figures on the prevalence of sexual harassment across childhood reveals females and those who are gender or sexuality diverse are most at risk. The findings, based on data from the landmark Australian Child Maltreatment Study (ACMS), show males were the most common perpetrators of peer sexual harassment. Source: ACU

 [READ MORE](https://cathnews.com/~documents/media-releases/media-releases-2024/240411-acu-one-in-10-young-australians-sexually-harassed-by-peers-research/?layout=default)

New law to appoint Anti-Slavery Commissioner a ‘landmark moment
The Australian Catholic Anti-Slavery Network has hailed the passage of legislation to appoint an Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner. *Source: ACAN.*

 [READ MORE](https://outlook.office.com/mail/safelink.html?url=https://news.cathnews.org.au/t/r-l-tdcutil-burbllhjy-n/&corid=0b6d2c50-b76d-8fbd-3e3d-15f5d096a538)

 Australians join survivor-centred global push to combat trafficking
A delegation of women involved in anti-trafficking in Oceania joined about 140 others at the Talitha Kum General Assembly in Rome to forge a five-year plan to combat modern slavery. Source: ACRATH.

 [READ MORE](https://cathnews.com/2024/05/31/australians-join-survivor-centred-global-push-to-combat-trafficking/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Church%20proposal%20seeks%20to%20address%20concerns%20with%20discrimination%20bill%20%20Australians%20join%20survivor-centred%20global%20push%20to%20combat%20trafficking%20%20PM%20accepts%20link%20between%20sporting%20events%20alcohol%20and%20family%20violence&utm_content=Church%20proposal%20seeks%20to%20address%20concerns%20with%20discrimination%20bill%20%20Australians%20join%20survivor-centred%20global%20push%20to%20combat%20trafficking%20%20PM%20accepts%20link%20between%20sporting%20events%20alcohol%20and%20family%20violence%20CID_955d458c6ad87f38c14d36c7527d858c&utm_source=Cathnews%20Newsletter&utm_term=Australians%20join%20survivor-centred%20global%20push%20to%20combat%20trafficking)

Working with Children Week is 17–23 June
NSW celebrates Working with Children Week to say thank you to those who contribute to the lives of the state’s children in education, sports, arts and community organisations. More than 1.9 million people hold a NSW Working with Children Check clearance for volunteer or paid work.

This annual event also raises awareness of child safety requirements in NSW, including the Working with Children Check and the Child Safe Standards. *Source: OCG.*

 Domestic violence review gets underway amid calls for urgent action
The Albanese Government’s “rapid review” of how to best prevent violence against women has begun in Sydney. Its advice will be delivered later this year. Source: ABC News*.*

 [READ MORE](https://cathnews.com/2024/05/28/domestic-violence-review-gets-underway-amid-calls-for-urgent-action/)