

## Safeguarding Newsletter





SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES
RESPONSIBILITY

# Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

The Safeguarding Office commends those parishes and entities for acknowledging National Child Protection Week and Safeguarding Sunday. We observed acknowledgements via, Bulletins, Posters, Activity Sheets, Facebook and Webpages.

Your support and commitment to Safeguarding our Diocese supports and strengthens our commitment to the safe culture we are embedding. **THANKYOU**.

#### **Safeguarding Audit Update:**

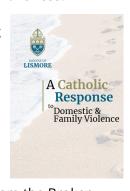
The Diocese Vicar for Safegaurding Fr Paul Gooley, Julie and Christine would like to thank those for their support and professionalism throughout the Audit process.

Our office has received the DRAFT Safeguarding Audit report, prior to the final report being published, we are now required to work through and respond to the recommendations that we have received.

Annually, Clergy are required to undergo annual Safeguarding training.

This year's training topic is, **not now**, **not ever**, **domestic and family violence awareness**.

This year's training aligns with the distribution of the document. A Catholic Response to Domestic and Family Violence.



With permission from the Broken Bay Diocese, the document has been approved and adopted for circulation within the Diocese of Lismore.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Safeguarding team.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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## Awareness





## October Awareness Days:

**1st October:** International Day of Older Persons

2nd October: International Day of Non - Violence

10th October: World Mental Health Day

18th - 26th October: Children's Week

## **Children's Week Theme**

# Everyone should know about Children's Rights!

The Children's Week National Theme for 2025 is based on UNCRC Article 42: States Parties undertake to make the principles and provisions of the Convention widely known, by appropriate and active means, to adults and children alike.



Website for further resources for Children's Week 2025



## Awareness

## **November Awareness Days:**

32nd Sun Ord Time: Prison Sunday

**2nd October:** World Kindness Day

# Make your own CHILDREN'S WEEK Bunting!



## Children's Rights Activity



Kids learn and grow when they can choose their own friends, set up or join groups, come together to have their say, and have adults who help them to connect safely.

Tell us about something you've done with other kids, and why this is important to you. Did you plan an activity? Talk about an issue? Set up a group? Do something fun together?



You can draw a picture, write a poem or story, make a collage or whatever else you can think of - it's up to you!

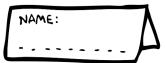




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## Resources

2025-2026 Social Justice Statement has now been published.







#### Noticing

Love notices. The Gospels too have eyes - eyes that notice and penetrate and transform.

#### Knowing

2025-2026 • SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

We are good at knowing about - and writing about - people overwhelmed by poverty and mental illness, but we are not so good at knowing them, at knowing their names.

DOWNLOAD the document at socialjustice.catholic.org.au

#### Serving

Our love for those who are poor brings them to the centre of the Church's life. Our care for them is not self-centred. It does not seek to be noticed or praised.

- 1. Why is service to the poor considered essential to the Gospel and not optional?
- 2. What does Pope Francis mean by a Church that is bruised, hurting and dirty?
- 3. What does authentic service look like in your life or community?



In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis reminded us, as Christians, of our "fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope." We appeal to all Christians to join us in going to the edge of society to befriend our fellow Australians who are living on the streets, who are often struggling with serious mental ill-health, to be signs of hope, to be the good news that God's unfailing love embraces everyone.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, SDB



Scan the QR Code to download the document or visit this link: https://bit.ly/SJS2025-26

catholic.au

Diocese of Lismore Website Safeguarding Commitment and Supports and Resources



## Safeguarding

#### Safeguarding in the Diocese

The emotional, physical, and spiritual safety, well-being, and dignity of all within our diocese is an ntegral part of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church

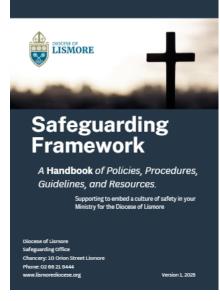
The Diocese of Lismore is committed and dedicated to safeguarding all those within our community. We aim to foster communities of safety and care. We acknowledge our legal, moral, and spiritual responsibilities to care for — and uphold the dignity and rights of — children, young people, and

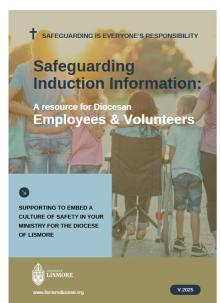
Bishop Greg Homeming OCD





Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Framework and Induction for **Employees and Volunteers** 





## Safeguarding Training Schedule

## External training opportunities



Visit the website to view the training opportunities currently on offer for a low fee cost to NSW residents.





Visit the website to view the training opportunities from ACSL

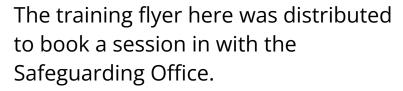


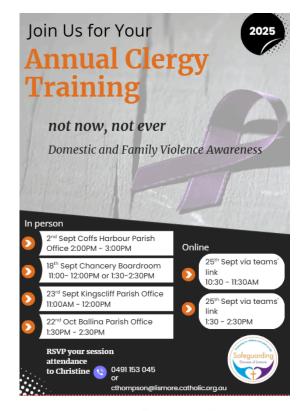
# Annual Clergy Training

Clergy training begins this month, with this year's topic training

### not now, not ever

Domestic and Family Violence Awareness







Thank you for reading!



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