



Professional Standards & Safeguarding Office

Ensuring that Safeguarding is fully integrated into the life of the local Church

Newsletter—December 2019

FROM THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND SAFEGUARDING MANAGER

With calendar events being looked at for 2020, I would like to pass on this timely reminder that if you are inviting someone to your Parish to participate in ministry, or as a guest speaker, it is important that the required Professional Standards documentation is completed. Please contact our office and we will be very happy to assist with the necessary paperwork.

As this year comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their hard work throughout the year. A special thanks to our Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSR's) and our Clergy who support us all so well in our efforts to ensure that "Safeguarding is fully integrated into the life of our local Church".

Also a special mention and thank you to Jill Yates and Jan Mussig, who go above and beyond the call of duty in their roles in the Safeguarding Office.

We look forward to visiting you in your Parish next year, to continue to keep our children, young people and vulnerable adults safe.

In closing, I wish all our Diocesan Family a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

Sincerely

Judy Pidcock



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU JILL

Jill Yates has tendered her resignation from the Diocese.

Jill's last day will be Friday 20th December. Jill has been with us for almost 3 years and has done tremendous work as part of the Professional Standards & Safeguarding Team. Anyone who has participated in one of Jill's training sessions will know that she has a flair for face-to-face training and this has been put to great use throughout our Diocese. Also, her counselling background has helped to provide much-needed pastoral support to survivors.

We thank Jill for her work and wish her every blessing as she leaves us to take up an exciting new management role in Rockhampton. Jill's position will be advertised in the very near future.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE—BLACKWATER



My name is Florence Chauraya. I am a mother of three; two teenage boys and one little one. I arrived in Blackwater with my family three years ago and have loved the welcoming and loving atmosphere that is found in our small but vibrant Mary Immaculate Catholic Parish. I am honoured to serve as the Parish Safeguarding Representative.

"Folks ask me if I'm a practicing Catholic. I tell them, 'yes', I am going to keep practicing until I get it right." Ha-ha I just had to include that quote from Harry Connick Jr. I love it! You can borrow it too.

Keep the faith! Florence

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May knowing Jesus bring you -

Peace to bless each day,

Hope for each tomorrow, and

Joy in every season.