



Professional Standards & Safeguarding Office

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

Newsletter May 2019

“Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility!”

Hello & welcome to our mid-year newsletter!



My name is **Judy Pidcock**. I commenced as Manager of the Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office in January this year.

I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of you as Jill and I travelled the Diocese delivering Level One training.

We have had a very busy start to 2019, delivering the training and preparing for the

Safeguarding Compliance Audit which has been our focus. During the month of July, four of our Parishes will be audited by the Catholic Professional Standards Limited (CPSL).

These Parishes will be :

Cathedral Parish of St Joseph, Bundaberg Catholic Parish, Mary Immaculate Parish, Blackwater and St Joseph’s North Mackay Parish.

Jill and I will visit these Parishes shortly to assist them before the field work commences.

I appreciate that a lot of work has been done behind the scenes by all Parishes in preparation for the upcoming audit.

I have been heartened by the enthusiasm and hard work of our parishioners, to uphold the Safeguarding Commitment Statement. Below is the Statement as a reminder of the good work we do.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter which we plan to have to you quarterly. If there is any information you would like to include in our Newsletter, please don’t hesitate to contact us here at the office.

Keep up the great work, warm regards, Judy

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

The Diocese of Rockhampton is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Our Catholic belief is that every human being has dignity which we recognize as coming directly from God’s creation of male and female in God’s own image and likeness.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING



Our **Level One Safeguarding Training** was conducted across the Diocese in February. Over 520 parishioners and clergy attended with very positive feedback being received.

Commencing in June, we will be delivering our **Level Two Training**. This training will be for Priests, Parish Staff & Parish Safeguarding Representatives, but **ALL are welcome to participate**.

If you would like to attend this training, please contact the Safeguarding Office.

Blackwater / Emerald: Tuesday 18 June 2019

Rockhampton / Cap Coast: Thursday 20 June 2019

North & South Mackay: Thursday 27 June 2019

Bundaberg: Monday 10 June 2019

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE WALKERSTON

My name is **Lee-Anne Slinger** and I’m the PSR for St John’s Parish in Walkerston.

A bit about me - I’m married and a mum to 2 beautiful girls. We live in Walkerston and love living here as its got that country feel with Mackay not too far away.

Currently I’m doing relief teacher aid and thoroughly enjoying it. I’m learning a lot doing the safeguarding position within the Church. I am enjoying meeting the parishioners who have been volunteering at St John’s for many years and made it what it is today.



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