

# Quarterly Newsletter

August 2018



## Welcome to our Quarterly Safeguarding Newsletter

At the end of July we said good luck to our Executive Assistant Monique Smith who has gone on maternity leave with the arrival of a beautiful baby boy! We are happy to welcome Jenny Solari who will be taking over while Monique is away.

### National Child Protection Week

National Child Protection Week commences on the 2 September finishing on Sunday 9 September. Protecting children is everyone's business and the more we can do to create safer environments for children the more children of our community can thrive. To celebrate Child Protection Week this year the Safeguarding Office has developed the *Safeguarding Journey* Poster and the *Someone Will Listen to You* postcard for children and young people. We are asking Priest of the Parish to distribute the postcard on Child Protection Sunday and to display the poster in the Church. These resources will be mailed to you in the coming week so keep an eye out!

### Online Induction Training

The Safeguarding Office is pleased to announce as of September 2018 we will be offering two Online Training courses; *Safeguarding Induction Training* for parish volunteers and staff and *Youth Ministry Safeguarding Induction Training* for volunteers who assist in Youth Ministry. All volunteers and staff need to complete Safeguarding Induction Training. Volunteers and staff who wish to complete the Online Induction Training will need to register by following this link <https://goo.gl/forms/fSnOR2jrB2COq0wG3>

### Safeguarding Training

- Dates for 2018 Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 training sessions are available on the Parish Intranet and the CAS website under the Safeguarding tab.
- The new Level 3 training for Priests and Clergy can only be undertaken once Level 1 and Level 2 have been completed.
- Safeguarding Level 1 Training for Agency Staff and Parish Administration is available. Please register if you have yet not attended.

### Linguistic Translations

We would just like to say a big thank you to the Parishes who participated last year in the linguistic survey. The results of the survey were very interesting and indicated that parishes had the greatest need for documents to be translated into;

- Italian
- Arabic
- Filipino
- Vietnamese

The Safeguarding Office has arranged for the following documents to be translated:

- Policy on the care, well-being and protection of children and young people,
- Code of Conduct for working with Children
- Listening to You card

## Working With Children Check Legislation Changes

As of 15 June 2018 there has been important legal changes to the Working With Children Check (WWCC) these changes include:

- **Personal details must be updated:** everyone who holds a WWCC is now legally required to update their contact details, including any name or address changes within three months of changing.
- **Employers must verify:** employers can be penalised if they do not verify their workers or volunteers WWCC numbers or verify if they have applied for one. Fines for not verifying can be issued to every organisation where people work or volunteer with children.
- **Parents on overnight camps must have a WWCC:** All parents volunteering on overnight camps even if they are not staying the night will now need to have a WWCC. The camp organiser needs to verify the check and keep records.

For further information on legislation changes go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au)

Anyone who is wanting to work in the Archdiocese of Sydney will need to have a verified WWCC number before commencing work. The verification of WWCC numbers are the responsibility of the Parish Priests. To verify follow this link <https://wwcheck.cryp.nsw.gov.au/Employers/Login>

### Parish Bulletin Notice

We request that all Priests of our Parishes display this permanent notice in future parish bulletins.  
*The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office*

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.

# THE PSSO EXCHANGE



## Child Protection Week Competition

A big thank you to all PSSO's who participated in the Safeguarding's "Someone Will Listen to You" Postcard Competition. We would also like to thank all the children and young people who took the time to submit an entry. We are thrilled at the number of responses and artworks that were submitted. We look forward to launching this initiative in Child Protection Week. The Safeguarding Office will keep all PSSO's updated with further information.

## Updated Documents

These updated documents can be found on the Safeguarding website and Parish Intranet :

- **Code of Conduct for Working with Children**
- **Fact sheet: Use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs**
- **Fact sheet: Behaviours to encourage and Avoid**
- **Reporting Protocols for Clergy and Parish Staff**

## PSSO Development and Training Day

2018 Development and Training day registration is now open. We can also confirm that Lisa Purves from the Office of the Children's Guardian will be guest speaking at both of these days. There is still spots available for the 8 November 2018 10.00am-1.15pm at the Polding Centre. To register please follow this link <https://goo.gl/forms/NTFYxbgLePiCrjJy2>

We look forward to seeing you all there!

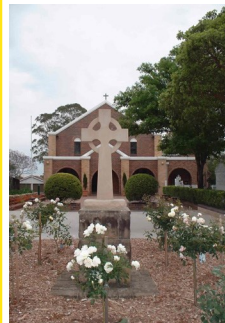
## Introducing... Fr John Greig, Parish Priest of Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda & Our Lady of the Way Sylvania

*"Having a Parish Safe Guarding Support Officer is a great asset for the parish and an invaluable support for me as a parish priest. My Support Officer has diligently trained our parish volunteers so that I can confidently say that all those members of my parish who work directly with children are aware of how they should behave when working with children and what to do if they notice others behaving in a way that would harm a child. Our Safeguarding Support Officer also makes sure that all WWCC numbers are verified and that the Clergy Register is returned biannually. It was also very helpful to be able to consult with my Parish Safeguarding Officer when a potential child protection issue arose recently in our parish. Our combined knowledge of those involved added clarity to the situation and how to handle it."*



## Introducing... Anthony Chadrawy, PSSO for St Felix, Bankstown

*"Allowing the people around us to explore their vulnerability in order to grow and prosper is truly an essence to any Parish community. Above all, being the youngest PSSO, never did I doubt the role at hand. I took on the role because of one of the most used, motivated and known sayings of Mary Mackillop, "Never see a need without doing something about it" (1871) which has always been my go-to. In reverencing the dignity of each person ensuring a safe environment for our youth, young adults and the vulnerable, I have always had a genuine concern for the welfare of my community and to be a part of something much greater to provide a sense of belonging and connectedness is the greatest gift you can ask for. It is true, having a strong faith is the first requisite to great undertakings."*



## Who Needs a Working With Children Check?

The most frequently asked question amongst the PSSO Community is who needs a WWCC number? The Safeguarding Office together with the Parish Support and Development Team have updated the Fact sheet for those who require a WWCC in Parishes. The fact sheet identifies volunteer and paid positions within the Parish Community that require a verified WWCC number. To find the fact sheet go to [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org) and click on the purple Safeguarding Tab.

## Safeguarding Induction Training Session with PSSO Adrienne Teychenne from St Declan's Penshurst

*"We recently ran 2 Safeguarding Training sessions here at our Parish and had 35 volunteers attend. They were very positive about the Church moving forward with Safeguarding and there was lots of positive discussion throughout each session. (which helped settle my nerves a bit!!!!). I feel more confident now about the next lot of training later in the year"*