



Dear Volunteers at St Carthage's Parish Parkville,

Thank you Sincerely for your contributions and participation in your parish Community.

Since November 2019, when the Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework was rolled out across Archdiocesan parishes, volunteer compliance has become a cornerstone of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's commitment to ensure the safety of our children and young people. This commitment forms the bedrock of our safeguarding culture. As communities of faith, our efforts are deeply rooted in our shared Baptismal call to care for all of God's children, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

As a Parish that places the utmost priority on the care, safety, and wellbeing of everyone, viewing it as a key responsibility in its mission, I kindly remind all volunteers to please;

- Ensure that your Working with Children's Check/ Card (WWCC) is in place, updated and submitted to Leanne for office records.
- That the Safeguarding Code of Conduct, which requires signing every three years for volunteers, (signed annually for staff and clergy), be signed and scanned through to the office: <https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Safeguarding-Children-and-Young-People-SCYP-Code-of-Conduct-v3.0.pdf> (Printed copies will also be available from next week).
- That you complete the online Safeguarding Training (Which requires completion every three years for volunteers, annually for staff and clergy). *Online Training found here and Code of Conduct:* [Safeguarding Essentials Training for volunteers, clergy and staff](#)
- That your National Police Check is updated where needed, and reference provided to the office. NPC's are specifically required by members of the Parish Council, Finance Committee, Counters of cash donations at mass, and Sacramental Educators, as well as clergy and employees. Please see the following for further information: <https://www.stcarthagesparkville.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/INFO-SHEET-National-Police-Check-Police-Record-Check-v2.0.pdf>

The Parish is resolute in complying with both Government and Archdiocesan requirements to safeguard our children and young people. Moreover, it is committed to upholding the moral and ethical teachings of the Catholic faith, ensuring that the protection and nurturing of children is one of the highest priorities in all our endeavours. Let us continue in these noble efforts, advancing with purpose, and wholehearted dedication, as beacons of Christ's light in the world.

The Safeguarding Unit will continue to support the implementation and deepening understanding of safeguarding measures. Please be assured of my profound gratitude and prayers for all that you do. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you each day.

Fr Tony Kerin