



2022 Safeguarding Sunday Mass

Opening Address

Hello and welcome to Mass,

This weekend marks Safeguarding Sunday and the end of National Child Protection Week.

My name is [insert name] and I am one of/the Safeguarding Officer/s for [insert Parish].

This weekend provides us with an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to building a church of trust, safety, and respect for all, especially our children and adults at risk. We hope to use this occasion as a time to raise awareness of the importance of Safeguarding within the church community and through the Safeguarding Program.

We aim to work together and be vigilant.

This is also a time during which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings.

We wish to acknowledge the great work of all committed to helping our church be a place where people feel safe and supported. Thank you.

(Add if your parish has completed the kite activity)

As a symbol of our commitment and collective responsibility to safeguard our parish community, some of our parish community came together to reflect on what Child Protection and Safeguarding means to us. This kite represents our thoughts and feelings and is offered up today as a sign of commitment, unity, and love.

