



## RESOURCES

We use the Archdiocese of Melbourne policy documents to help us protect and maintain the safety of our children. The resources below and more are found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>

[Acknowledgement & recognition of victims/survivors of abuse](#)

[Commitment to the safety of children & young people](#)

[Reporting abuse & safety related misconduct](#)

[Safeguarding policies and procedures](#)

'The effective protection of minors and a commitment to ensure their human and spiritual development, in keeping with the dignity of the human person, are integral parts of the Gospel message that the Church and all members of the faithful are called to spread throughout the world.'

*Pope Francis*

## Contact us for more information

St Mary of the Cross Catholic Parish Mordialloc and Aspendale

☎ 03 9580 7981

🌐 <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mordialloc-aspendale>

✉ [mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au](mailto:mordiallocaspendale@cam.org.au)

## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 8-14 SEPTEMBER 2025

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults at risk in our community.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025**

WE ARE A  
SAFE, HOPE-FILLED  
AND WELCOMING  
CHURCH



**St Mary of the Cross  
Catholic Parish**  
EMBODYING CHRIST'S LOVE

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September -- at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

*Catholic Australia*



## REPORTING A SAFETY CONCERN OR COMPLAINT

If you suspect abuse of any child or vulnerable person, even if you are not sure, you have the responsibility to report it to someone who can help, like our Parish Child Safeguarding Team. Details below:

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Fr Andrew Jekot | 03 9580 7981 |
| Fr Huy Nguyen   | 03 9580 7981 |
| Trish           | 0421 604 849 |
| Louise          | 0415 963 799 |
| Joe             | 0407 354 568 |
| Helen           | 0498 178 899 |
| Anthony         | 0407 505 341 |
| Robyn           | 0412 814 592 |
| Denise          | 0412 926 752 |

Additional contact points:

[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

1800 551 800

Other places to report:

Victoria Police 1800 110 117 or 000

## HOW CAN WE PLAY A PART IN KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE?

### LISTENING

to our children's worries no matter how small.

### TALKING

to our children and making it easier for them to tell us what is worrying them.

### HAVING AN OPEN MIND

so our children can talk about their feelings, their anger, their happiness, their fears.

### ACTING! IF SOMETHING THAT WORRIES YOU, SAY SOMETHING.

If something doesn't seem right, raise it with a teacher, a priest, a parent, a parish Safeguarding Team member or the police.

