

Safeguarding

at St. Anthony's Catholic Parish, Melton South

Commitment to the safety of children and young people

A culture of safety within the Church ensures that children and young people can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realize their potential in a faith community.

By the directive of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne Peter A Comensoli, this commitment extends to clergy, employees and volunteers within the Archdiocese, regardless of their role or level of responsibility to act to safeguarding children and young people from abuse.

The wellbeing of children and young people in our care must always be our first priority – all children and young people in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne have the right to feel safe and be safe. Safety ensures the continuation of the many positive and enriching interactions that are afforded to children and young people through their participation in the Church.

- Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM)

RESOURCES

- [Feel Safe and Be Safe at Our Church](#)
- [Rights and Responsibilities](#)
- [Commitment Statement](#)
- [Code of Conduct Explanation \(for Children\)](#)
- [Code of Conduct Explanation \(for Young People\)](#)
- [Reporting abuse of safety related misconduct](#)
- [Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne \(CAM\) website on Safeguarding](#)
- [Applying for a Working with Children Check \(WWCC\)](#)



The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) has a mission-driven moral and legal responsibility to create a safe, nurturing environment where children are respected and heard.

The Professional Standards Unit in CAM has prepared a survey for parents and carers to provide feedback on their safeguarding experience within the parish.

Survey data will be used to improve safeguarding policies, practices, and procedures and will help shape any reviews and future support.

The wellbeing of children and young people in our care is our collective priority.

[Click here to access survey](#)

Your response to the survey questions is anonymous.

Please complete survey by Friday, 17 Sept. 2021

In seeking to provide safe and enriching environments for children and young people at St. Anthony's Catholic Parish of Melton South, the Parish has set out key selection, recruitment and screening processes that consider the suitability and appropriateness of the following persons as the Parish's Safeguarding Committee.

Safeguarding Committee of St. Anthony's Catholic Parish of Melton South



Godwin Barton



Lorraine Tellis



Karina Dunne



Geetha Vincent

Feel free to contact the **Safeguarding Committee of St. Anthony's Catholic Parish of Melton South** on **0425 734 449** or parish.safeguard@gmail.com for any concerns or to bring any safety matters to our attention. Please note, all **calls or emails will be treated with strict confidentiality**.

The Parish, together with the Safeguarding Committee are committed to ensure that volunteers who work with children and young people within the Parish have a valid [Working with Children Check \(WWCC\)](#) with the aim of promoting the safety of children and young people of our Parish.



If you don't feel safe, please contact:

A family member or a trusted person you feel safe talking to at home, school or church.



Safeguarding Officers of
St. Anthony's Catholic Parish
of Melton South

0425 734 449

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kidshelpline
Anytime | Any Reason

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1800 551 800

Any person (e.g. child, young person, adult, priest, employee, volunteer) can make a report in relation to current or historical child abuse or child-safety related misconduct.