

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH AND 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

WEEKEND MASS TIMES
SATURDAY VIGIL 6pm

SUNDAY 7.30am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.00pm -

5.45pm in the Meeting Room

ROSARY

Fridays after morning Mass

We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster welcome, justice and community in today's world.

A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Dishonesty is one of those things that Scripture makes very clear: God hates it. The book of Proverbs tells us, "The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in people who are trustworthy" (Prov 12:22). To be dishonest may seem like a quick way to escape trouble, gain an advantage, or impress others. But dishonesty, however clever it may appear, can only serve for a limited time. Sooner or later, lies collapse under their own weight.

A dishonest life is like building a house on sand—at first it may look strong and steady, but when the winds of truth blow, it cannot stand. People may deceive others for a season, but never God. He sees the heart. He knows the truth. And in His time, He deals with dishonesty with justice. Even when the dishonest servant was commented by the master for his prudence, it was not a word of appreciation but it was a note of accusation against him (Lk 16: 1-13).

Truth, on the other hand, has lasting power. It sets us free (Jn 8:32). It builds trust, strengthens relationships, and gives peace of mind. A person who speaks and lives the truth may sometimes face short-term difficulties, but they walk with God's blessing and with the quiet strength of a clear conscience.

Dishonesty thrives on fear—fear of losing reputation, money, or influence. But faith teaches us to trust God more than appearances. When we choose truth, even at a cost, we proclaim that God is in control and that His ways are higher than our ways.

Let us then ask ourselves: Do my words and actions reflect honesty? Am I willing to stand for the truth, even when it is uncomfortable? God invites us to live in integrity, to speak with sincerity, and to act with transparency.

Let us be people of truth—because truth is not just a virtue; truth is a Person, Jesus Christ Himself. We His disciples cannot be other way if we are following Him sincerely.

In Christ,

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

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Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

Visit our website: www.corpuschristi.org.au

Parish News

SACRAMENTS AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11am.

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book the date of baptism and to register for the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting. (These take place on the fourth Sunday of the month prior to your child's baptism.)

Bookings for weddings and funerals are taken on request.

Please contact the Parish Office



Our sacraments of penance, First Eucharist and confirmation are already under way for 2025. Dates for 2026 will be published later in the year.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

During the months of July and August the parish reached out to the community seeking expressions of interest to join our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Eight members of our parish came forward and expressed interest, and we thank them for their care and commitment. A meeting will take place later this month with both our new and existing PPC members, where they can get to know one another and get a feel for what's involved in being part of the PPC.

As our new PPC members embark on a new journey here at our parish, may we keep them in our prayers. May the good Lord watch over them and guide them according to His will.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Parish Morning Tea

Our parish hosts a morning tea after our 9.30am Mass on the second Sunday of every month. Our next parish morning tea will take place on

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Everyone is welcome. We warmly encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us both for Mass and morning tea

Corpus Christi Youth Group



Beginning in October we will be starting a youth group for our over 18 year old youth. The aim of this group will be fellowship as well as leading a 6pm Vigil once a month. To register to be a part of this, please place your contact details on the sheet available in the foyer. For more information,

please contact the parish office.

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office. Our next senior's morning tea will take place on

FRIDAY 26TH OF SEPTEMBER

Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are always welcome.

CATECHIST NEWS...

Are you able to help??



The Catechist Team is currently looking for volunteers to teach in government schools.

If you can spare about two hours each week during school terms and would like to find our more about becoming a teacher or a helper, you can call the parish office or our Catechist Co Ordinator, Lorrene Gorman on 0414 471 329.

Training is provided.

ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed in the church each Friday morning after morning Mass lead by one of our parishioners. We warmly invite and encourage everyone to join, if you can.



We are hoping for the Rosary to be prayed more regularly before or after our weekly Masses but are in need of a few volunteers to lead. If you feel this may be something you could do, please contact our parish office.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Lord, You love everything You have created,
and nothing exists outside the mystery of Your tenderness.
Every creature, no matter how small,
is the fruit of Your love and has a place in this world.
Even the simplest or shortest life is surrounded by Your care.
Like St. Francis of Assisi, today we too want to say:
"Praised be You, my Lord!"

Through the beauty of creation,
You reveal Yourself as a source of goodness. We ask You:
open our eyes to recognize You,

learning from the mystery of Your closeness to all creation that the world is infinitely more than a problem to solve. It is a mystery to be contemplated with gratitude and hope. Help us to discover Your presence in all creation, so that, in fully recognizing it,

we may feel and know ourselves to be responsible for this common home

where You invite us to care for, respect, and protect life in all its forms and possibilities. Praised be You, Lord!

Amen

LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Jim Williamson

Anniversaries:

Bernardo R. Chanyungco, Nenita Mangcucang, Carmen Attard (26/9/14)

For those who are sick:

Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop



We also keep in our prayers Marie Dawson who is recovering in hospital after a fall last weekend. May the Lord's loving hands touch Marie with His healing power, granting her strength and peace as she recovers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 6 AT LLANDILO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the year 6 students at Llandilo Public School who, together with their scripture teacher Charlie Bonanno, raise \$211.60 for Project Compassion



Parish Giving

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Thankyou to everyone who contributes to our parish via our Planned Giving Envelopes. Your donations help with the running costs of our parish.

Planned giving envelopes for the months of October 2025 - March 2026 are available for collection from the church foyer.

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

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Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Please contact the Parish Office if you

- are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- $\Diamond \;\;$ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

Diocesan News

Grab your FREE copy of the Catholic Outlook Magazine!

The latest quarterly edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now, keeping you connected with exciting news and events in the Diocese of Parramatta. In this Spring edition, you will find:

- Fr Adam Carlow's popular marriage course
- The parish with an abundance of altar servers
- Diocesan Award winners celebrated
- A cuppa with Fr Andrew Fornal OP

Pick up your copy from your church or parish office today! Also available online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine

Rosary Making Workshop: 25 September

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals in our Diocese via the Camillian Hospital chaplains. The craft evening will be held on Thursday 25 September from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. \$5 per person – payable on arrival.To register and for more information, please visit https://parracatholic.org/events/rosary-beads-workshop-25-september/

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 26 October

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements.

Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0408 233 478 by 20 October.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL — SUPPORTING OUR SENIOR PRIESTS AS THEY CONTINUE TO SERVE.

Thank you for caring for our spiritual fathers. Because of your compassion, our <u>Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$1666.80</u> to provide much needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve

in this next chapter of their lives. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/ fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code.

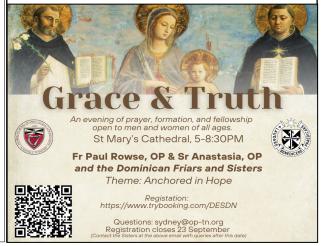
Envelopes are available at the entrances to the church for anyone still wishing to donate





Grace and Truth Evening

Men and women (18 years and older) are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Tuesday 30 September for the next Grace and Truth evening on the theme "Anchored in Hope". The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Fr Paul Rowse, OP and Sister Anastasia, OP. The event will run from 5-8:30PM, starting in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Cost: \$20. Registration closes 23 September. https://www.trybooking.com/DESDN. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.



The Living Word

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 20th and 21st September 2025

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the Alleluia, alleluia! needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. 1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.) 2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.) 3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a

herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;

may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward Q. Why does Jesus so frequently tell parables about the actions and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his use altogether? master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is trieval chart to record the different references, the context of doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him the reference to money and the message about money that is whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the conveyed. Is there a common theme about money that runs debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay 13 of chapter 16. Read Luke 16:14-15. Why might these verses as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes - when the kingdom of God is imminent - monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

Historical Context – Stewards

We often encounter the term steward in the gospels. To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust.

Gospel Focus – Using money

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

Have you thought? Tainted Money

Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today's passage, it is even described as 'that tainted thing' which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

Questions for Adolescents

Q. In what ways was being a steward a position of great trust?

Q. Why does the master praise his steward's actions with the debtors?

- Q. Why might the way we deal with money be seen as a measure of our trustworthiness?
- Q. What appears to be the central message of this gospel pas-

Questions for Adults

- of rich men?
- Q. What really motivates the steward to lose his profit on the deals he strikes?
- Q. Is it accurate to suggest that Jesus condemns money and its
- Q. What would appear to be the proper use of wealth?

Learning moments

Use a print or online concordance (e.g. www.biblegateway.com) to find all the references to money in Luke's gospel. Use a rethrough Luke's gospel?

In the lectionary for this week, the gospel reading stops at verse have been omitted from the Sunday reading? Do they help or hinder understanding the passage that precedes them?

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Jesus satisfies the hunger of the crowd', Pope Leo says. When we look to Jesus, we see how 'he does what God does, and he teaches us to do the same.' At no point in the Gospels do we see Jesus hoarding money for himself or explaining that the poor deserve to be poor.

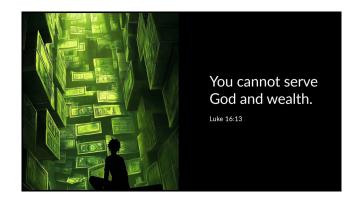
'Today,' the pope reflects, 'entire peoples are suffering.' Their pain, he adds gravely, is too often 'a result of the greed of oth-

'In stark contrast to the dire poverty of many,' he adds, there is 'the amassing of wealth by a few.' This unholy disparity, he explains, 'is the sign of an arrogant indifference.' It directly 'produces pain and injustice.'

The pope reminds us that 'the Lord's example is a yardstick that should guide our actions and our service: we are called to share our bread.'

Indeed, by sharing our resources justly we work 'to multiply hope and to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom.'

As the pope notes, 'Jesus' compassion for the suffering shows us the loving closeness of God, who comes into our world to save us.' Through compassionate action for those in distress and by working for justice in our world we can truly become God's servants. (Homily of Pope Leo XIV, 22 June 2025, Body and Blood of Christ)



Children's Worksheet



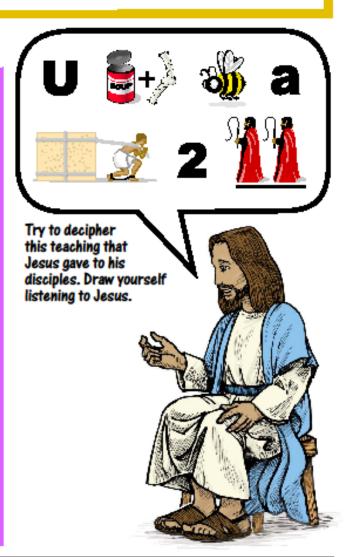


How can money be used well?

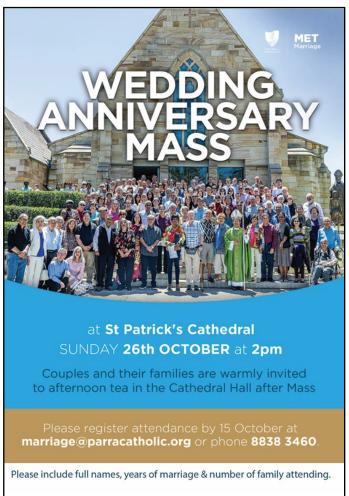


How can money be used badly?

Draw a picture of something that you are trusted to do every week.



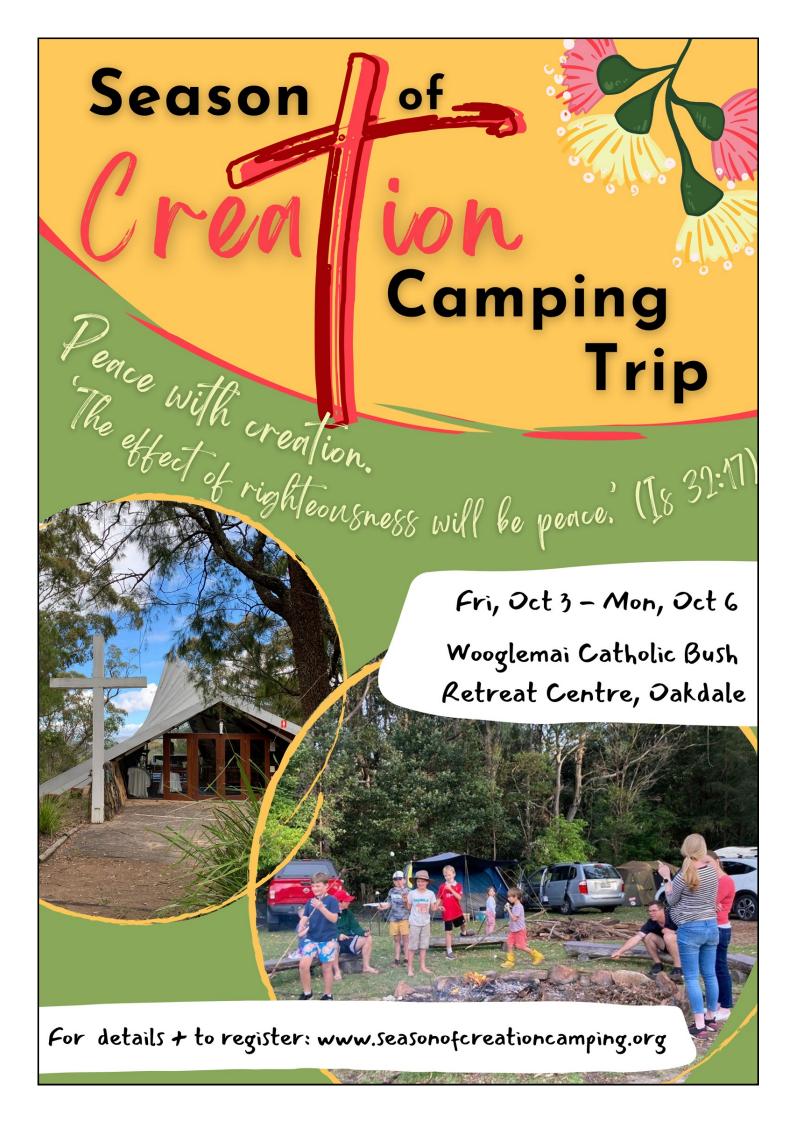
Diocesan News











Safeguarding News

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The parish is seeking a volunteer who is experienced in child protection or safeguarding to support the parish in maintaining an up to date safeguarding register. If you feel this could be you, please contact the parish office for more information.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta's commitment to ensuring all children and adults at risk are safe, respected, protected and supported in our care, all staff and volunteers in our parishes, chaplaincies, agencies, ministries and councils are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding. All staff and volunteers are required to undertake safeguarding training and must complete three mandatory modules which total six points.

Cycle 1 (New staff/volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)

Module 1: Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards

Module 2: Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct)

Module 3: Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for staff/volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago) Module 4: Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguard Children & Adults at Risk

Module 5: Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) and Reportable Conduct

For online training opportunities please visit: https://earning.safeguarding.org.au/Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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