



Child Safeguarding & Protection Service

Safeguarding Sunday-Prayer of the Faithful 27th September 2026

Celebrant: Lord God, on this “Safeguarding Sunday” and “Day of Prayer for Migrants and refugees” we thank you for all the people in our parish, especially those who live among us who have fled war and persecution. We pray that they be safeguarded and protected especially children, young people and the most vulnerable.

For all who have been forced to leave their homes because of war, poverty, or oppression: that they may find safe shelter, compassionate hearts, and new opportunities in our parishes and diocese.

For migrants undertaking perilous journeys across borders, seas, and deserts, and especially for vulnerable children and families: that the Lord protect them from violence and exploitation and guide them to safety.

For world leaders and our own local community: that we may overcome indifference, open our hearts in a culture of encounter and welcome, and enact just safeguarding policies that respect the inherent dignity of every human person.

We pray for Pope Leo who urges everyone to "welcome those who are victims of persecution so that they may live in peace, with dignity, and look to the future with hope."

"Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of families. We ask that you provide special protection for all families. Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and comfort those who are alone and afraid. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst and open our hearts so that we provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge.

Lord, we thank you for all those who ensure that the highest standards of safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults are in place in our parish. We thank especially our parish clergy, safeguarding representatives, staff and volunteers.