



CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2020

BULLETIN NOTICE

OPTION 1:

[Insert name of Parish, Diocese, Organisation] is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

Access prayers and resources at www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday

OPTION 2:

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on 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. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding



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SAMPLE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Presider: Conscious that the life and death of each person is precious in the eyes of the Lord, let us place our prayers before God who is kind and merciful, and rich in compassion.

For our community: that we have the strength to stand in solidarity with victims, the humility to come to terms with the sinful crimes of the past and the patience to stop and listen to children and the vulnerable.

Let us pray to the Lord
R: Lord hear our prayer

For families: that they may grow stronger and more resilient in their love and care for one another so that children are raised in safe and nurturing environments.

Let us pray to the Lord
R: Lord hear our prayer

For parents, relatives, mentors, teachers, coaches and other

adults: that they may always follow the example of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, by treating children and young people with proper respect and care.

Let us pray to the Lord
R: Lord hear our prayer

For those whose lives have been traumatised through abuse: that they may find the courage to share their story and to find lasting peace and healing.

Let us pray to the Lord
R: Lord hear our prayer

For children in our parishes: that we may all work collaboratively to ensure the happiness and confidence of every child, and foster an environment of safety and protection where children flourish.

Let us pray to the Lord
R: Lord hear our prayer

For Church leaders, especially Pope Francis, Bishop _____, Leaders of Religious Congregations, lay leaders of Church organisations and all entrusted with ministry and pastoral care in the Church: that they will continue to help build stronger faith communities that will promote the safety of children and adults at risk.

Let us pray to the Lord
R: Lord hear our prayer

For our community as it seeks to follow the example of Christ and the teachings of his Church: that we will work to ensure that policies and procedures are implemented to protect children, young people and the vulnerable in our society.

Let us pray to the Lord
R: Lord hear our prayer

Presider: Gracious and loving God, source of all truth, justice and



healing, we implore you to hear the prayers we offer and to look favourably on the pleas of your people. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All Amen

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