

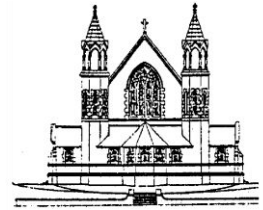


DEVONPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

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2023 Update of Parish Groups and Activity

1. Parish Pastoral Council

The mission of our parish is to work towards the reign of God built on right relationships with all people and with the earth. Our parish is continuing to grow in strength and in its ability to respond to this mission through drawing on the gifts and generosity of many parishioners.

Importantly, we continue to be fortunate for the pastoral and spiritual care of our Parish Priest, Fr Neil Darragh, who has provided constant and gentle guidance on our mission as a parish and enlightenment and encouragement on our faith journey.

Over this last year, we have continued to build on this mission we confirmed as a parish in 2022 by focusing on the very important first step of learning more about what mission means from the testimonies of our fellow parishioners. These testimonies have described the Christian activity in which the speaker is personally involved and have helped to illustrate what mission can be in practice. We are grateful to those who have so openly shared what mission means for them.

These testimonies will continue over the coming months. They help to raise awareness and are critical to building knowledge and understanding before embarking on particular projects or initiatives.

St Leo's School

The relationship between parish and school continues to strengthen with liaison between the two a key component of our Parish Coordinator Kath Petrie's role. This work supports and complements the work of the Bishop's

representatives on the Board of Trustees: Anna Rumble, Stephen Albrecht and Clare Wilde.

The whole school attends the midday Mass every alternate Friday and Kath has been running sessions in the church to address parts of the RE curriculum – things found in a Church and parts of the Mass. These sorts of initiatives are an important way the parish can help to support the school in remaining true to its Special Catholic Character.

Audio-visual update

Last year we gained support from the AGM to continue to investigate upgrading our audio-visual platform. While this could be described as a technology project, the outcome we are seeking is one of facilitating our worship as a community both now and in the future. The upgrade is not just intended to replace an outdated and no longer fit for purpose audio system, but to ensure we are able to integrate visual aids into our liturgy and enable opportunities for formation and education. It will enable the church to provide a more up-to-date offering for events such as weddings and funerals. Importantly, it will act as an aid for liturgy at school Masses. Thanks to the many parishioners who have already contributed generously to the upgrade. There is still a gap of around \$13,000 to fill so we seek your further assistance to make this happen. All donations are tax deductible. Special thanks go to the project team – Brian Mitchell, Adrienne Ramskill, Stephen Bell, Alan Light and Kath Petrie – who have given so much of their time and expertise to identifying the right solution for our church. We hope to have the system in place by the end of the year.

Columbarium

Some years ago, a generous donor provided funding for development plans to provide a resting place on the church grounds for the ashes of the deceased. However, the onset of the pandemic resulted in delays to the project. At last year's AGM, the columbarium was a key item on the agenda, and it was very encouraging to gain support to continue with the project. Following this show of support, the project team has been working to progress this project concurrently with seeking approval from the Diocese. We had significant input into drafting a national policy on

Columbaria, which the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference asked for before any new individual permissions were granted.

Bishop Steve has recently let us know that the Policy has not yet been approved by the NZCBC but we are hopeful that will happen at their next meeting. The Bishop has also let us know that in the Auckland Diocese a review of parishes is starting, and that will also be a consideration, but as yet we do not have any details or timeline for the review. Meanwhile, the donor is continuing to fund the preparatory work and advises us to keep pushing ahead with the project.

We have therefore begun to seek expressions of interest or "firm intent" pre-sales, at approximately \$3000.00 per niche, which will give us a finance plan committed to building the first stage. The intention is to presell niches to fund construction so as not to burden the parish. They are being offered firstly to Devonport parishioners and near relatives, but it is envisaged that the offer may be widened in the future, so it is advisable to indicate your intentions now. No money will be asked for until we have permission from the Diocese. Your demonstration of support is important at this stage.

Our thanks to the project team – Mike Simpson, Kath Petrie, Anne Gibson, Alan Light and Fr Neil – who have worked so hard on so many fronts to advance this project. We are confident that we will get a decision in the near future that enables us to continue to make progress.

Parish groups

The commitment shown by so many parishioners is illustrated through the number of active groups we have even though we are a small parish. Our thanks go to the people who lead and drive these groups, providing an important and welcome role through spiritual leadership, fellowship, and other practical works, including keeping our church buildings in a safe state for us to gather and worship. More information on these groups is contained within this report.

We are particularly grateful to the number of parishioners who contribute in multiple ways. We know parishioners have many talents and would encourage you to reflect on your own particular gifts and how these could enable you to contribute to a thriving parish community. This will help to share the load.

Recently we carried out a process of re-registering all parishioners providing an opportunity at the same time to state where you would like to contribute. We are working through that now but please don't hesitate to signal your interest in the meantime to Kath in the Parish Office.

Pastoral and administrative care

The Parish does not run on its own.

Our Parish Pastoral Assistant, Stephen Bell, is a quiet and reassuring presence who keeps our parish running across many different facets. The weekly emails from Stephen provide spiritual nourishment, reaching a much wider number than those who attend Mass each Sunday. Stephen provides ongoing leadership of liturgy that supports and gives us confidence in our community worship throughout all liturgical seasons and events.

We are grateful for the unstinting efforts of our Parish Coordinator, Kath Petrie, who in addition to keeping the Parish Office running smoothly takes on many, many additional projects both large and small. Kath provides the important link between Parish initiatives and plays a key role in welcoming and connecting people.

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was a smaller group than last year: Stephen Bell, Karen Rawlinson, Mike Simpson, Vanessa Baldey, Eileen Pearce, and Kath Petrie. Linda Lampen-Smith (co-chair), Andrew Skokandich, and Shaun Erasmuson resigned during the term. We are still keen to draw more people from across the range of parish groups to ensure we have a more representative council and get a wider cross-section of views and input. That would also help to generate two-way communication to ensure the PPC is as informed as possible in the decisions that it makes.

My thanks go to all members present and past for their contributions and we welcome nominations for the next PPC.

Denise O'Shaughnessy, Chair.

2. Property and Finance Committee

The Property and Finance (P&F) Committee are responsible for

- Maintaining and improving our Parish's buildings and grounds
- Managing the Parish's funds which are mostly donations from our parishioners.

Our Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) now operate a budget and it is our role to manage the funds accordingly.

The P&F committee is:

Liz McMaster	Chair
Fr Neil Darragh	Parish priest
Peter Adams	Finance
Alan Light	Property
Andrew Skokandich	Resigned April 2023 due to work commitments.

PROPERTY

We gratefully acknowledge the regular group of volunteer parishioners, who work every Monday, continuing to keep our outside areas tidy and pruned, and also those on cleaning and flower rosters. They operate with very few costs to the Parish and add to the beauty of our church. Thank you to these generous and supportive groups.

Our parish has responsibility for 4x buildings – church, presbytery, carport/shed and the Parish Hall. They all require ongoing maintenance and specific improvement projects. This year we have decided to appoint a maintenance group under the leadership of Alan Light and it will be their responsibility to prioritise and ensure that the projects are completed. Any persons with interest in joining this subcommittee including practical contributions are welcome and their assistance appreciated.

Church

The recent emphasis has been on the AV upgrade project and Columbarium (see separate reports). The priority for 2024 is to upgrade the main power board and mains supply to reduce this risk to the Church. Earthquake prone issues are being considered with a view to undertaking cost effective improvements that ensure the Church

building is above the 34%NBS threshold for EQ prone assessment. This study is ongoing.

Parish Hall

The hall continues to be used extensively by St Leo's, and income from leasing the hall for after-school activities continues to make a significant contribution to the parish finances.

Improvement to the hall acoustics has been requested, and an acoustic report was commissioned which has provided useful suggestions for improvements. Upgrade of the lights and painting the outside of the building is now a priority. It is hoped that hall revenue can be invested back into the hall to ensure its future use and amenity.

Presbytery

The key project for the last two years has been the kitchen / dining area upgrade that was made possible by the generous donation from a parishioner some years ago. As funds become available we hope to renovate the upper level bathroom, shower and toilet.

Work has been done to improve acoustics of the bedrooms with glazing upgrade as noise levels from Albert Rd traffic were becoming unacceptable. This work has been beneficial.

As part of a diocesan directive we have recently upgraded the building to achieve standards to meet the healthy homes regulations and this work is near completion. This work was largely funded by a private donor

FINANCE

Current financial position

The parish finances have recovered from the issues we faced from Covid restrictions when Mass attendance was not possible.

Parishioners' contributions at \$113k represent 62% of total income (down from 70% in 2021) with 85% of contributions provided by automatic payments. We are very thankful to our members who regularly donate this way to help meet our regular parish expenses.

We also received specific donations for the AV project and Columbarium project that totalled \$42k

However, our expenses face inflationary increases e.g. insurance (+6% for 2022 and +28% for 2023 due to weather related events), the minimum living wage (+7% for 2022 and +10% from 01SEP23) and council rates at +8%. We have objected to the council rating for the presbytery on the basis that the property is a religious residence, and half the property is a cemetery. The objection was successful, and we have now received a \$24k refund in May 2023 for the last three years of council rates.

Insurance for our historic church and earthquake un-assessed building have increased +48% over the last 5 years. We have been accepting the diocese “model” rate for our insurance that is determined as an average rate from all catholic properties including catholic schools in Aotearoa. The diocese believes our church may be underinsured based on the costs incurred to upgrade recent churches and cathedrals. They suggest we obtain a property valuation that may result in even higher premiums for the parish (that currently use between 6-8% of available parish cash).

Insurance: In addition to deciding to obtain a property valuation or not, the parish needs to determine if it wants full replacement insurance cover based on the current building prices today, a depreciated covered insurance amount (indemnity value) or no insurance cover at all (like with the Notre Dame in Paris that is being rebuilt from pledged donations after fire destroyed it). Other alternatives observed in Aotearoa include parish amalgamation and insuring one in three churches based on all being affected by an insurance event

To manage our other costs, we prepare a budget based on the last two years history to ensure we do not run out of cash. This has enabled us to complete the presbytery upgrade knowing we have to meet the regular fixed costs.

The facts remain that we only receive sufficient income to cover known regular expenses but if we are cover future large project costs like the AV project, we will be reliant on fundraising, one-off donations, and bequests.

Accounts:

From a cash perspective, and after the 1/3 allocation for the church and priest expenses, the parish income was \$150k less \$42k for AV and columbarium projects so is \$108k to meet parish expenses. Parish direct

expenses totalled -\$98k meaning that we recorded a cash profit of +\$10k for the year.

From an accounting perspective that includes the depreciation (of -\$52k) and church allocations, total income was \$187k less expenses of -\$177k resulting in a financial profit of +\$10k. The parish accounts for the Charities Commission are attached to this report

Capital Expenditure

Presbytery upgrade: We have completed the Presbytery upgrade in 2023 including meeting the Healthy Homes regulations for a total cost at \$97,260 less donations received at \$58,000 for use of parish cash of \$39,360 over the last two years. Due to Covid and building products increases, we exceeded the initial budget of \$85k by 14%.

We began the year with \$147k in the bank and ended the year with \$104k after paying the \$39k for presbytery upgrade costs

AV Project. Donations in 2022 totalled \$14,715 towards upgrading the church audio system and visual display for budget at \$35k. We have sufficient funds in the bank to upgrade the audio system now that is now being considered by the Parish Pastoral Council. Further fundraising will be required.

Columbarium: Architect plans are completed. A project group led by Mike Simpson continues to work with the diocese in forming a national policy that is required to receive the Bishop's approval. It is anticipated that this project will be self-funding from the pre-sale of Niches so support from parishioners will be important to the successful completion of this project.

10-Year Plan: We continue to maintain a register (or wish list) for new and uncompleted projects including maintenance of our existing assets. As requested by the diocese, we are now developing a 10-year maintenance plan for all our buildings to ensure we have sufficient time and funds to upkeep them in the manner expected by parishioners.

Liz McMaster, contact via parish office office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

3. Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Group has been meeting on a monthly basis. The group is charged with overseeing all aspects of the liturgical life of the parish. Framing all deliberations are two key liturgical principles, namely (i) encouraging the full, conscious and active participation of all the baptized, and (ii) the inculturation of the liturgy for Aotearoa New Zealand. With these in mind, an important task is to constantly review our liturgies with a critical eye: discerning what works well and which areas might need adjusting or improving. For example, an on-going consideration is discerning an appropriate amount of Te Reo to be included in the prayers and singing at Mass. Resources provided by the Diocesan Liturgy Centre and the National Liturgy Office are generally helpful in such matters. An attempt is made to listen to feedback from parishioners and all comments are welcome, especially critical ones, which can be the more useful sometimes.

We are a small group at present and would like to attract more members so as to better represent the views of the whole parish.

Other tasks of the group include over-seeing the on-going formation of our liturgical ministers: particularly Welcomers, Readers, Communion Ministers. The growth in confidence and ability of these ministers to lead our liturgies in the absence of a priest has been evident in recent times.

Contact: Stephen Bell, via parish office: office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

Other committee members: Fr Neil Darragh, Kate Kearins

4. St Leo's Catholic School

May '23 marked one year since I was appointed as Principal of St Leo's Catholic School. It has truly been a wonderful journey working alongside staff, students and community to continue providing an excellent learning and teaching experience for all.

We started the year with 47 pupils, and 3 teachers. The roll has now grown to 50 with 2 more confirmed enrolments in Term 3 and 4. We have also enrolled approximately 17 International Students in Term 3. The marketing team is working hard to promote our beautiful kura to the local community and beyond to grow the roll.

We continue to foster a close family atmosphere at St Leo's with small classes, good communication and strong Catholic values. This year the Board of Trustees worked collaboratively to design and create the school strategic plan. This is now live and available to view on the school website. This year we are working to implement suggestions which were highlighted in the 2020/2021 internal Catholic Character review. These were embedded into the school annual plan. Some of the recommendations made have already been implemented in the school such as:

- Professional learning opportunities organised through Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College
- Important Feast days celebrated as a school to allow for further development of our faith.
- Teachers attending cluster meetings which are now called Maramatanga sessions - teacher only days focussed on Catholic Spirituality. The teachers attended the two days and completed a paper through Te Kupenga.
- Classes attending Parish mass fortnightly on Fridays.
- School/Parish mass once a term. This has been wonderful where the children and families take part in either doing a reading, prayers of the faithful, taking up the offertory and singing songs that the children are familiar with.
- More outreach opportunities. This year the Year 6 leaders have had input into organising more fundraiser opportunities that they are familiar with for example SPCA
- Staff meetings at the beginning of each strand to discuss theological focus and teaching and learning activities.

The school is supported by the local iwi who are leading the school kapahaka. The school haka is very closely linked to our faith. This haka is written by Ngahiwi Walker.

We have had some students take part in the Sacramental programme. Students have also shown an interest in Altar Server training. The Mercy values are at the core of our charism and are integrated in all curriculum areas. This is reflected in our strategic plan. The Parish and school have been striving to work closely together to empower the school to continue to show Catholic Character in all areas of teaching and learning. I would also like to acknowledge the Parish Community for supporting our school.

Vimi Chandra, Principal www.stleos.school.nz

5. Children's Liturgy of the Word

After some preparatory work in term 1 of 2023, the first roster began in Term 2, with 9 adult volunteers, including three teenage sisters who bring a different dynamic to the short sessions each Sunday morning. The aim is to have sufficient numbers of adults so that they only have to take charge of one session each per term, so more are always welcome. All leaders undergo police vetting as part of the Diocesan Safeguarding process, and more training is envisaged. Resources are provided by the Auckland diocese, whose *Kidz Korner* and *Parent Ponderings* suggestions are also published in our newsletter each week as family prayer resources. Numbers of children attending can vary – from 2 or 3 to 16; it is heartening to see children return, week after week. Sincere thanks to all involved.

Kath Petrie, Coordinator. office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

6. Altar Servers

We now have 9 young people who have committed to this Ministry, which gives them a real opportunity to participate fully in the liturgy of the Mass. While there are three older servers, with a good few years' experience between them, the majority are children in their last 2 years at St Leo's, who are very keen to learn from their older mentors and from Fr Neil. Ongoing training is available if any more youngsters are interested. It has been impressive to see them grow in maturity and expertise. Many thanks to their parents for ongoing support of the roster.

Kath Petrie, Roster coordinator. office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

7. Communion to the Sick and Aged

Parishioners living around the motu receive a weekly visit from Ministers of Communion in their homes or rest homes. Their numbers have been boosted by parishioners living in the William Sanders Retirement Village, where currently 15 frail Catholic residents, who are no longer able to attend parish Mass, are visited at least once a fortnight, and those well enough to receive Holy Communion do so. There may be others who would like this service, and this can be arranged through the Parish Office

or one of the Saint Vincent de Paul members. There is a team of 8 parishioners involved in this ministry

Every Friday at 1pm, and ecumenical service is conducted in William Sanders Reflection Room for residents who wish to attend. Local clergy take turns to lead, on a rostered basis; every 3rd Friday of the month is a Catholic-led, prepared by a few residents in consultation with Fr Neil, who presides. Afterwards we have a simple afternoon tea.

Eileen Pearce, William Sanders Liaison. Contact via parish office:

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

8. MUSIC MINISTRY

Music and singing invites us into a full, conscious and active participation in the Liturgy, giving voice to our prayer in a way that is up-lifting and buoyant. We are grateful for the contributions of talent and time given to our liturgies by our organists: Susan McSweeney, Valeria Park, Roy Netto, and Mia Dobbs. The organ is, arguably, the natural instrument to accompany our singing at Mass, but it needn't be the only instrument. There is room for parishioners (young or old) who have musical ability, to contribute: eg violin, flute, clarinet, trumpet, etc. Suggestions or feedback are always welcome.

The hymns are chosen with reference to the Lectionary (the scripture readings for the day), the liturgical seasons and feasts, and the gathering.) An attempt is made to balance some of the traditional hymns of the church with more recent compositions. Our parish has a fairly broad repertoire of music, but there's always room for improvement. Suggestions for hymns that can be added to our repertoire are always welcome and will be considered.

The parish choir has recently re-convened, and is grateful for the assistance of Eileen Barrington who is able to provide some direction and input from her wealth of experience and expertise. The main duty of the choir is to lead the congregational singing at Sunday morning Mass.

Contact: Stephen Bell office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

9. CHOIR

During the last year the choir has kept in touch through WhatsApp and has come together occasionally to practice and celebrate. Once Vincent Phua left to go overseas, we felt the lack of a leader, but we have retained a commitment to singing the liturgy together.

For Advent some of us joined a combined churches choir at the Holy Trinity Church in Devonport to sing the Nine Lessons service. It was a new experience for many of us and we learned a great deal from commitment to practices leading up to the event.

During Lent we continued our weekly practices on Tuesday evenings, we are grateful to Sue Story and Roy Netto for their help with this.

This term we are fortunate to have an experienced music teacher lead us and bring new ideas and music to our Parish. We are always open to new members joining us to sing or just coming on a Tuesday at 7pm to learn some new hymns. If you have any music ideas for the choir, especially for the youth and involving younger singers let us know.

Contact: Maria Fleming, via Parish Office: office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

10. SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The parish annually runs a programme of formation to prepare children for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, and which includes their First Reconciliation. Parent(s) and child(ren) attend a number of sessions using programme material developed and provided by the Diocese. These sessions are usually facilitated by parish volunteers who themselves have had experience with the programme. Normally, it is the Bishop who will confer the sacrament of Confirmation and he is invited to a Sunday Mass for this purpose; at the same Mass the candidates receive their First Communion.

This year, on Sunday 25th June 2023, Bishop Steve Lowe Confirmed twelve candidates, ten of whom then received their First Communion.

Bishop Steve has been pencilled-in for next year, to attend on Sunday 30th June 2024.

Contact: Stephen Bell office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

11. Church Flower Ministry

Eight dedicated women take turns to enhance our sacred space and provide special displays appropriate to the liturgical season. They are supported by donations from individuals, as well as from parish finances, and are grateful for help given in terms of time, money and physical assistance. Special displays at Christmas and Easter are a big focus for the group, who have created a very effective, well-equipped working space in the room to the left of the altar.

While some of the flowers and greenery are from their own gardens or gathered by foraging, they are very grateful for donations of flowers, given the increasing cost of bought flowers at present. They would appreciate the help of any further volunteers in this creative ministry – the more people on the roster the fewer turns each must take.

Contact Margaret Pereira or Anne Gibson, via parish office:

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

12. Hospitality – Sunday Morning Tea & Dishes

Our Morning Tea and dishes roster has been operating for 9 years now. Our community enjoys meeting after Mass on a Sunday morning to catch up with other parishioners and to provide a warm welcome for anyone new. One person is rostered each week to provide some nourishment and a warm drink + tidy away the dishes afterwards. It is great to see so many people linger after Mass to foster closer relationships within our Parish community and, of course, to reach out to anyone new.

In wet weather, this can be a bit challenging, as we have no cover, so it would be great if we could find some way to accommodate this.

Thanks to all our generous volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome.

Contact: Francisca Knottenbelt, via parish office

office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

13. St Vincent de Paul Devonport

Our team of 7 includes 4 new members as 3 retired after many years of service. The small group of volunteers deliver food parcels to those in need and visits people who would like company. A lot of our food comes from New World Devonport and donations from the parish. When we are running short on certain lines we will purchase non-perishables to supplement the parcels we send out. We are very grateful for funds received for this purpose through the donations box at the back of the church as well as from individual donations.

Currently we deliver to 12 individuals or families in the Devonport area. I am sure we are missing some, but it can be hard to identify them at times for various reasons. So, if anyone wants to contact us regarding our services, please do so and we will treat this with confidentiality.

Contact: Karen Rawlinson, via parish office

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14. St Joseph's Guild: Grounds and Gardens

It has been another good year in keeping our Church, gardens, hedges, cemetery in good shape. That

includes keeping graves free of weeds. We were given some more clivias to plant, but still have the odd gap to fill along the boundary fence line, which will be achieved over time. No major issues with trees coming down during storms, apart from earlier this year, when a large branch coming off a tree in the Anglican Cemetery near the boundary fence, caused damage to our waratah fence behind the garage / carport. Fr Neil contacted the Council ; they came promptly and sorted it. Well most of it. After getting back to contractor about the damage done a couple of times with no resolve, we have over the last few Mondays, replaced the damaged wires, with just a bit of tidying up to do now.

Thanks team, Harry, Arthur, Alan, Jeremy, Nevil & Anthony for all that you have done and of course for the camaraderie, helped along by the lovely pikelets Sue has provided over the year.

Last, but not least, thanks to Harry, Jeremy & Arthur for mowing a parishioner's lawn. If any of you are interested in joining the boys, please contact Parish office (09) 445 0078. Mower etc are on hand. I'm sure the boys would like to see you. Thanks in advance.

God bless, Ian Story.

15. Senior Coffee Group

The group is still meeting monthly every 2nd Thursday and six to eight members attend.

Early in the year we lost June Clark. She was 96 years old and several of our group attended a service for her at Rowleys chapel.

The group still contribute a small donation towards sponsoring a pupil at St Leos. The school is very grateful for the donation.

There is a notice in the church newsletter a week before we meet and the address of the meeting place. Everyone is welcome

Contact Kathy Lynch, via parish office office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

16 Prayer and Study Groups

Two Prayer groups continue to meet regularly on a Monday evening – to pray the Rosary in the Church at 6 pm, and to meditate in the tradition of Christian Meditation, in the Meeting Room at 6.30. Both of these groups are small, but very inclusive, and always welcome newcomers, either casually or regular.

On Wednesday evenings a Scripture Reflection Group meets in the Meeting Room, with Fr Neil when he is free. We prepare by looking ahead at the Readings for the following Sunday, and also have access to several commentary websites to prompt our thinking. Again, it is a small group, but all are welcome. Those who attend remark on their own growth in understanding the Sacred Scriptures.

If you would like to find out more about any of these groups, please contact the Parish Office.

17. Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the name given to the processes initiated by the Catholic Church to ensure that individually and collectively everyone is given the dignity and respect they deserve as a unique person created in the image and likeness of God. It is about the creation of a Church where everyone feels safe; the focus is particularly on protecting the vulnerable in our community including, but not limited to, children and older people. As a Parish we have the support of the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, who assists with training and police-vetting. Parishioners already active within ministries are already familiar with Safeguarding, but people in the pews may be less so. We regularly review our safeguarding practice and have maintained our Maturity level of accreditation for the implementation of safe practices. If you have any safeguarding questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions please contact Kath Petrie, our Safeguarding Coordinator.

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