

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2020, Safeguarding Sunday

INTERCESSIONS

Loving Father, gathered as your sons and daughters, we offer to you our prayers for all who are engaged in the work of safeguarding across our diocese.

– Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Bring healing to all who have suffered because of abuse and whose lives continue to be overshadowed by anger, guilt or fear. May the consolation of your Holy Spirit help heal their wounds and encourage them to face the future with renewed hope.

– Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Guide all counsellors, therapists and spiritual directors who work in the field of sexual abuse. May the services they provide enable victims of abuse to recover their self-confidence and inner peace.

– Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Help us to cherish children and young people in our parishes. May they always be treated with respect and encouraged to use their gifts and abilities in the service of their parish and wider community

– Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Fill our hearts with your compassion for the most vulnerable in our society. May parents , teachers and youth workers remain attentive to the needs of children and young people.

– Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Create within us a renewed commitment to the ministry of safeguarding in our diocese. May every parish be a welcoming community where everyone's gifts are appreciated and celebrated .

– Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Support us in our efforts to protect and promote the dignity of every person in our care. May Christ your Son inspire us to love one another as he loves us.

- Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We pray for all who have died. May they find peace and happiness in the Kingdom of God

- Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Let us pray,

Lord God , deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, enkindle our love, so that all we do may be pleasing in your sight and help build your Kingdom on earth. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen