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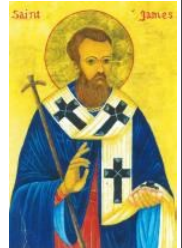
The Parish of St James

Coorparoo.

An Augustinian Parish:

{member of

Brisbane East Deanery}



Moderator's Musings

We are fast approaching one meeting (of the two identical meetings available) that some volunteers need to attend. We have noted some are expressing concern about **Blue Card and the Police Check**. Let me say first of all, for many years it has been a requirement that every priest & religious, every teacher, and everyone who is a catechist teaching in a State School, is required to have a Blue Card.

Previously, we phoned these volunteers, spoke of the reason for both Blue card and the Police check and then asked them to sign a document seeking to obtain this card. **We did the rest:** obtained the card; kept records of who has cards (and when to renew them) in the **Parish Office**. Please be patient and ask questions. If we don't know the answers, we will find out! (see noticeboard also)

Our Prior General, Fr Alejandro Moral Anton OSA, who lives in Rome, will celebrate the 9am mass on the 19th of March. Mass will be followed by morning tea and a gathering in the hall. Please join us for a cuppa and an opportunity to meet Fr Alejandro. Bring a plate of sandwiches or cake or nibbles along and leave at the hall before mass please!

SAFEGUARDING

Understanding Blue Card Requirements within Parishes.

Volunteers engaging with Children as part of their ministry are required by legislation to hold a valid Blue Card.

There are lots of questions around Blue Card requirements, so we have tried to address a number of these here. If you have any additional questions about Blue Cards as a volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer, Troy Tornabene-

tornabenet@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3752.

Due to the complexity, all new volunteer engagement is to be managed through the Parish Office and not through individual ministries. All forms are to be collected from the Parish Office.

Blue Cards – Protection of Children/Minors

- **Key prevention and monitoring system of people working with children in QLD.**
- Volunteering with children requires a valid Blue Card - this includes, but not limited to Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Program, Altar Server training, Sacristans, Youth Group Coordinators, Choir leaders etc.
- Those in ministry involved in policy and practice decision making in the Parish, such as Pastoral and Finance Council members will also require Blue Cards.
- Volunteers are to **ONLY** use Archdiocesan provided Blue Card forms. (Parish Office)
- Blue cards from another organisation, needs to be linked to the parish. (Parish Office)

Teachers (Registered)/Police under the legislation, are required to apply for an Exemption card to engage in a Ministry involving children

DATES FOR SAFEGUARDING TRAINING AT ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2017: 6.30PM – 9.30PM

OR

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2017: 10AM – 1PM

VENUE: St James Hall, 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo. (Cuppa provided.)

Peace, Fr Brian.