

Support Agencies

CatholicCare

CatholicCare's Specialist Family Violence program provides counselling and group work programs to people experiencing the impact of family violence.

4-6 Peel St Nth, Ballarat, (03) 5337 8999

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/>

Berry Street

Provide free family violence services and other after-hours crisis support to people who live in Ballarat, Ararat, The Pyrenees, Golden Plains, Moorabool and Hepburn.

23 Wetlands Drive, Mount Helen, T 03 5330 5000

Email: receptiongrampians@berrystreet.org.au

Cafs

The Orange Door is an integrated support service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence. It also provides extra support to families who need help with the care of their children. To contact The Central Highlands Orange Door, phone 1800 219 819, visit www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au or email cha@orangedoor.vic.gov.au

WRISC Family Violence Support Ballarat

WRISC provides support for all women and children affected by *family violence*. It is a not-for-profit organisation that provides free and confidential support for all women and children affected by *family violence*.

205 Dana Street, Ballarat T. 5333 3666

<https://www.wrisc.org.au>

Lifeline 24 Hrs / 7 days

Crisis Support 13 11 13

Lifeline Text 0477 13 11 14

lifeline.ballarat@vt.uniting.org



*In the Social Justice Statement 2022-23
"Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse"
the Catholic Bishops of Australia,
denounce domestic and family violence and
abuse completely.*

*The bishops call for all people of good will
to take part in the individual and social
transformation needed for all people to live
in peace and be treated with the dignity,
respect, mutuality and love they deserve.*



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Respect:

Confronting Violence and Abuse

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

Ballarat Diocesan Launch of the Social Justice Statement 2022-23 by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Free Event

Saturday, October 1, 2022

10.00am - 12 noon

Parish Hub open 9.30am
Online open from 9.45am

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse

9.30 am	Open
9.45 online	Open
10.00am	Welcome Acknowledgement of Country Launch of the SJ Statement

Guest Speakers:

10.15 am **Todd Sparkman, Snr Sargeant**

WD3 Family Violence Training Officer | Centre for Family Violence | People Development Command | Victoria Police

The realities of the issue

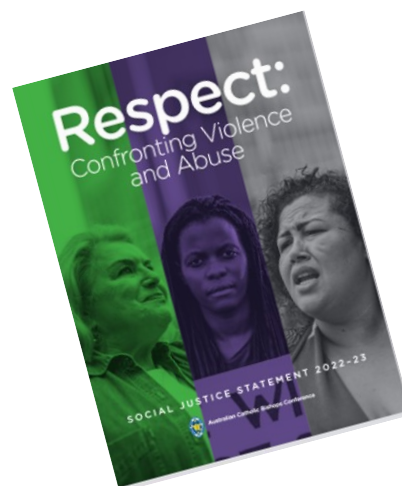
- Context
- Prevalence
- Legal response and support
- Q & A

11.00 am **Susan Muller**

Family Safety Practitioner, Family Law Services, CatholicCare Victoria

How can we be a proactive, supportive community?

- What are the signs?
- How do we reach out without putting people at risk?
- Being there when a person needs you
- Resources and support offered by CatholicCare and other agencies
- Q & A



Download your copy of the Statement
Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse
Prayer cards and more at
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

Action

How Church Communities Can Confront Violence and Abuse



Listen to, support, and believe those who are experiencing violence and abuse.



Speak out about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.



Publicise the support available in your area for victim-survivors and for perpetrators who want to change their behaviour.



Reflect together on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.



Reject spiritual abuse by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.



Connect with programs, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.



Promote resources on responding to family and domestic violence produced by the dioceses e.g. CatholicCare and other agencies.