

# CHILDREN'S WEEK

23 – 31 October 2021

From Saturday 23 October to Sunday 31 October 2021 we will celebrate Children's Week. Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.



## Helping our children to connect safely

The theme for this year's Children's Week (23-31 October) is 'Children have the right to choose their friends and safely connect with others', drawn from Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Children's Week is an opportunity to reflect on how this is expressed in our local communities across the Archdiocese—how we support our children and young people, ensuring that they feel safe and able to grow in their faith.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is highlighting the issue of online safety with parents, carers, parish leaders, staff and volunteers, and with the children in our parishes. Our hope is that we might support efforts to keep children safe as, increasingly, they use digital technology to connect to activities in their parish, and with their peers and family.

You can find lots of information on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne link: [Helping our children to... | The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne \(melbournecatholic.org\)](https://www.melbournecatholic.org/)

Including the following resources:

[Protecting-Gods-Children-Resource.pdf \(melbournecatholic.org\)](#)

[Protecting-Gods-Children-Resource\\_Suggested-Reading-List.pdf \(melbournecatholic.org\)](#)

