

# *Halston Street Parish*

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## *Safeguarding Sunday*

This year's Safeguarding Sunday will take place on September 24. This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service and consequently the theme of the occasion is very much "reflection". We reflect on the journey that all of us have been on over the last twenty years, especially the victims of abuse in our Church. It is also a time to reflect on the ongoing commitment by all in our parishes to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults. A lot has been achieved; however, this work is never done. The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in our diocese is central to the Gospel values that we embrace on a daily basis.

You can find more information from the Safeguarding newsletter displayed on the walls in the church and there are a few copies at the back of the church.

## *Red Law Mass*

This year's Law "Red" Mass will take place on the Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at 9.30am and will replace our normal 10am mass. We are very honoured to hold this mass yearly as we are the parish church of the Four Courts and this mass has been part of our parish calendar for decades. The Mass that is celebrated is the Mass of the Holy Spirit to invoke guidance for members of the legal profession during the year and to mark the opening of the Michaelmas Law Term. The priests wear red vestments to symbolise the Holy Spirit giving the mass its name "Red Mass." Everyone is welcome we hope to see you there