

Safeguarding Children



Policy Statement

As a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

If you have a child safety concern or wish to report an allegation of child abuse, please contact one of our Diocesan Designated Liaison Persons who are responsible for receiving/managing concerns and complaints relating to safeguarding that involve Church personnel or contact the statutory bodies listed opposite.

A Risk/Hazard Assessment with regard to the Safeguarding of Children has been completed and is available from the Parish Priest. A similar Risk/Hazard Assessment for the Diocese of Clonfert is available at www.clonfertdioocese.ie.

Designated Liaison Persons:

Mrs Mary Gormley
087-2882500

Rev Ciaran Kitching
090-9676151

TUSLA

Child and Family Agency:

Galway/Roscommon

091-546366

Offaly/Laois

057-8692567

Garda National Protective Services Bureau:

Harcourt Square, Dublin 2

Tel: 01 666 3430 / 3423

Garda Confidential Service:

Tel: 1800 666 111

For further information on Safeguarding Children within the Diocese of Clonfert, contact

Ms Isabelle Mulkern,

Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Diocese of Clonfert, Coorheen, Loughrea, Co. Galway

091-841560 or 083-8791745



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For further information on the Diocese of Clonfert Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding Children, www.clonfertdioocese.ie