

SAFEGUARDING IN STORNOWAY PARISH

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Safeguarding of all people who live in, or come to, our parish, is important to us. Our parish has a number of volunteers who help with, among others, Catechism, Children's Liturgy and Home Visits. Our Parish Priest and all our volunteers who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults are members of the Scottish Government's Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme and they have all done Safeguarding Induction Part 1 Training before becoming a volunteer. They have also all completed Safeguarding Induction Part 2 Training once in post.

The Diocese of Argyll and the Isles has a Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group that meets regularly in Oban. There is also a Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor who is available for advice and as a confidential contact for anyone wishing to report incidences or suspicions of abuse.

The following is the Policy Statement of the Catholic Church in Scotland:

Our Safeguarding Culture

Everyone in the Catholic Church in Scotland – especially those in positions of leadership and responsibility – values the lives, wholeness, safety and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone.

We seek to uphold the highest safeguarding standards in our relationships with people of all ages who are involved with the Church and its organisations.

As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us – ordained, professed, employed and volunteer lay people – to work together to uphold these safeguarding standards that have been designed to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse or harm.

If you have any questions, or concerns, then you can either contact our Parish Priest, Canon William Maclean, or Janet Connor, Parish Safeguarding Coordinator or Liz Chaplin, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

Information for Survivors of Abuse

The Diocese of Argyll and the Isles is aware that some people have been hurt by abuse in the Catholic Church, and they want to offer support to those who would like it. They have therefore launched a new leaflet for Survivors – copies of which are available in every parish and on their website – www.rcdai.org.uk/safeguarding.

To contact Canon William Maclean, phone 01851 702070 or 07717 022492 or email stornoway@rcdai.org.uk.

To contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, phone 07938 235133 or email safeguardingadvisor@rcdai.org.uk.

Further information is available on the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service website –

www.scottishcatholicsafeguarding.org.uk