

Safeguarding in Stornoway Parish



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, Home Visits, Music Groups. Our Parish Priest and all our volunteers have been processed through the Scottish Government's Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme, and all have been through Level 1 training. In addition, our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is qualified as a Safeguarding Trainer.

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:

"The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and well-being of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent all forms of abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults."

If you have any questions, or concerns, then you can either contact our Parish Priest, or you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

To contact Fr Roddy Johnston, our Parish Priest, phone 01851 702 070, or 07775 924 965, or email FrRoddyJohnston@aol.com

To contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, phone 07506 073235.

Further information is available on the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Service at www.scottishcatholicsafeguarding.org.uk