

## Parish Safeguarding – Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults

We are very grateful to Mrs. Maria Beesley who has been our Parish Safeguarding Representative for the last 16 years. Her work for the parish is a heavy responsibility and often very challenging as we need to respond to changes in legislation and the effects of new regulations. Understandably, those who work with our children and vulnerable adults ( house visiting ) are often frustrated by the requirements to fill in new forms and submit revised applications ( “ but I’ve already done this!” ), and Maria is the one who ( on our behalf ) is on the front-line with enquiries ( and complaints! ). It is a tough job!

If you have any safeguarding issues or concerns, Maria’s phone number is on the Church Notice Board – 01639 791782.

The Diocesan Trustees with special responsibilities for Safeguarding are Mrs. Karen Jones and Mrs. Helen Hammond, and can be contacted via the Diocesan Office, 27 Convent Street, Greenhill, Swansea, SA1 2BX.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Mr. Morgan Beake ( 01792 468672 ).

The members of the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission are Mr. Vaughan Pritchard-Jones, the Rev. Fr. Owen McGreal and Sr. Nora Ryan.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales has recently established the independent **Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency** ( CSSA ), with the support of survivors of abuse who graciously took the time and the trouble to support the process. The independent Chair of the Board is Nazi Afzael, and the Board took up office on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. If you have any queries the CSSA can be contacted by email at [info@catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsafeguarding.org.uk)

or through their website at [www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org](http://www.catholicsafeguardingproject.org)

Further sources of information are widely available on the internet as well as the following National Contacts:

**Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service** [admin@csas.uk.net](mailto:admin@csas.uk.net) 02079011920 ( regular office hours ).

**Safe Spaces** Support, Advice and Info. Tel: 0300 303 1056 ( answerphone available outside of opening times ). Email: [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

**RASAC** ( Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre ) National Helpline: 0808 802 9999 ( 12 to 2-30p.m. & 7-00 to 9-30p.m.).

**SAMARITANS** 08457 909090 or email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**National Rape Crisis Support** [rapecrisis.org.uk](http://rapecrisis.org.uk)

**The Survivors Trust** Support, Advice and Info 0808 801 0818

**ACA** ( Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families ) For general enquiries about ACA UK, please send an email to [info@acoa.uk](mailto:info@acoa.uk) or call 01590 610 936

These details are also available in leaflets at the back of the church.