

## Annual Parish Safeguarding Audit

A safeguarding annual audit is conducted in each parish and a report is given to the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee by the Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

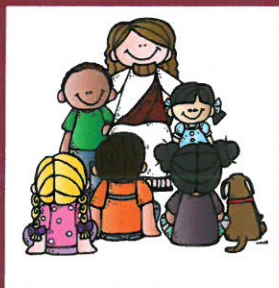
### - Our safeguarding structure - Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

The Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator works with parishes to support and encourage effective safeguarding practice.

120 Local Safeguarding Representatives help Parish Priests across our 45 parishes.



The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is responsible for ensuring that reporting procedures within the Church are followed, so that child welfare and protection concerns are referred to An Garda Siochana and Tusla. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person assumes this responsibility when the DLP is not available. It is important to note that a mandated person is responsible for fulfilling their obligation under the Children First Act 2015. This cannot be done on their behalf by the DLP, but they can make a joint report with the DLP.



If you are concerned about the Safeguarding Welfare of Children/ Vulnerable Adults please contact any of the following:

Tusla, Child and Family Agency - 051 842827  
An Garda Siochana - 051 305300  
Designated Liaison Person (DLP) - Fr. John Harris - 087 966 1959  
Deputy Designated Liason Person - Ms. Ann Howard - 087 216 6789  
[www.waterfordlismore.ie/safeguarding-children](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie/safeguarding-children)

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# NEWSLETTER 2020



## Message from Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan

Great credit is due to so many people around the Diocese who put time and effort into ensuring the safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults. At parish level, Priests and Local Safeguarding Representatives work together and support each other in the implementation of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures. I wish to thank all those who do this vitally important work.

It continues to be the responsibility of all of us to remain vigilant, thus ensuring that our environments are safe for young people in our church-related activities. We will in the near future undertake a review of our safeguarding practices conducted by the National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church (NBSCCCI). The National Board is reviewing practices around the country. It has finished its work in several dioceses and will arrive here in the coming months. This will be a good opportunity for us all to show that we are ensuring to maintain best-practice to uphold a culture of safeguarding in our Diocese. Once again, I wish to thank all those who work so diligently in this area.

Sincerely,



## SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS





