

Awareness & Safety in Our Roman Catholic Communities

The Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults in the Parish of St Margaret's

The Roman Catholic Church's Safeguarding Programme
involves us all:
Priests, Sisters, Parish Co-ordinator, Parish Volunteers in Ministry and the Parish Community

In St Margaret's Parish
we have families with children and young people
of all ages and at all stages of their faith development

In particular
we rejoice in our Children's Liturgy Group
and their Leaders
who meet for their Liturgical Celebrations
in the Green Room of the Hall
during the main Liturgical Seasons of the Church's Year

We are justifiably proud of
our wonderful Group of Altar Servers
of Primary & Secondary School age
who serve the Parish Community so faithfully and so well

We are always delighted to welcome and support
those members of our Parish Community
who have a variety of disabilities and special needs
and who are a great treasure in our midst

In addition to these groups of Parishioners
we are very aware of
the number of sick, elderly and housebound Parishioners
who are to be cherished, treasured and ministered to at home
by the Priests, Sisters and Eucharistic Ministers
as well as by the Sisters and Brothers of the St Vincent De Paul Society

The Members of the Parish Bereavement Group
also provide a valued and much needed service
to those who have lost loved-ones
and are experiencing the pain of mourning and grief

Our Church Pass-keepers, Sacristans & Stall-Keepers & Cleaners
always ensure a warm St Margaret's welcome and service
to all who participate in Parish life

In the Hall,
our Hall Manager, John Gallacher and his Staff
ensure that everything is done for your comfort and convenience at all times

The Parent & Toddler Group under the supervision of Catherine Condron
welcomes young children accompanied by adult family members
The Bingo Club under the supervision of Joseph & the Committee
often welcomes Persons with disability and special needs
The Thursday Tea-Dance, run and supervised by John Gallacher, offers hospitality and friendship to so many people
who come accompanied or unaccompanied to share the afternoon's entertainment and enjoyment

All other Individuals, Groups & Associations
who use the facilities of St Margaret's Hall
under the direction of John Gallacher our Hall Manager
are obliged
to sign a Contract of commitment to and observance of Hall Regulations and Procedures
to comply with all the requirements of Civil Law and Church Law while using the Hall facilities
to provide where appropriate documentary evidence of relevant Disclosure
and to undertake to uphold
all the Directives and Policies of the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Motherwell
in relation to issues concerning the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adult
and the well-being and safety of all they are responsible for while using the Hall

As a Parish
we warmly welcome, fully appreciate and strongly support
the contributions made by
all our volunteers
in whatever way
and using whatever talents and gifts the possess
to enrich and enhance the well-being of those
who are members of and visitors to our Parish Community

In Law
anyone who works with children and / or vulnerable adults
Is obliged to undertake
a Disclosure check
supervised by Elizabeth Scott, our Parish Co-Ordinator
who has been approved by the Diocese to carry out this procedure

The Bishop's Conference of Scotland
has a further requirement
that anyone who offers their services as a volunteer with vulnerable Groups
must complete
an Application Form
Self-Declaration Form
and provide two Character References

They are provided with
a Role-description
and undertake an interview
with the Parish Priest and/or Parish Co-ordinator

All Volunteers in Ministry
are obliged to attend Information- Sessions
to enable training in
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This information is provided
to reassure you
that all possible steps are taken to ensure
that Children, Young People and Adults At-Risk
within our Parish Community
are as safe as it is humanly possible for them to be
when they are in our care

If you are a Parish Volunteer
or considering becoming a Volunteer
we hope and pray that this information
is an encouragement to you
and not a deterrent

Please feel free to request
the opportunity to read
the ' Awareness & Safety in Our Roman Catholic Communities ' Folder
for more detailed information concerning
the Safeguarding Policy of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland

If you have any questions or concerns re any of the issues addressed in this Document
please feel free to speak to Fr Rooney, Fr Ness, Sister Mary, Elizabeth Scott or a Diocesan Representative
who will try to assist you in whatever way possible

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