

What everyone in the parish should know about Safeguarding:

The Catholic Church is committed to creating a culture where the safety and wellbeing of all is a priority. It is the responsibility of everyone in the Church to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of those who worship in our Church or who join us for activities facilitated by the Church.

Everyone who has a role in the church working with children or adults in vulnerable situations must complete the church's appointment procedures. For many roles this will include a Disclosure & Barring Service check.

Anyone who wishes to take up such a role in the parish should contact their Parish Safeguarding Representative who will ensure that the necessary forms are completed.

Each Parish has a Safeguarding Representative. They provide the link between the parish and the safeguarding team, promote safe practice in all activities involving children and adults and advise on safeguarding matters in the parish.

Safeguarding Representative in this parish: Julia FitzSimons sg.smi.warwick@rcaob.org.uk

The Diocesan Safeguarding team

0121 230 6240,
safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

They provide advice to safeguarding representatives and parish priests and manage more serious safeguarding concerns. They have responsibility for Diocesan-wide policy, practice and training and safer recruitment processes.

Archdiocese Safeguarding- further information

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding>

Reporting abuse

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the police.

If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the diocesan safeguarding office on 0121 230 6240 (safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk).