OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE and ADULTS at RISK

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

In the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes we commit ourselves to ensuring the safety and well-being of children, young people and adults at risk, in our Parish community.
The best interests of the child, young person or adult at risk come first.
Our Parish takes a zero tolerance approach to all forms of abuse.

We commit to positive and immediate response
to those who have experienced abuse in our Parish community.

We commit to effective prevention of abuse in our Parish,
through improving our safeguarding practices and
providing safeguarding training and education to Parish personnel and to our community.

We commit to continuous learning on the safeguarding and well-being of
children, young people and adults at risk.
We welcome advice and support from independent experts in the wider community.

We commit to implementing the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy for Children and Adults at Risk
as an essential step in addressing and preventing abuse in our Parish.

All disclosures, allegations or concerns involving abuse or harm are taken seriously,
treated with sensitivity and confidentiality,
and reported, as required, to relevant authorities, civil and Church.

We want our young people to be safe, respected and heard, and to flourish.
We want adults at risk to be respected and empowered in their decision-making,
participation and well-being.

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk
is the responsibility of every person in our Parish community.

Fr Bony Abraham
Parish Priest

Mr Ray Johnston
Parish Safeguarding Contact

Mrs Jo Johnston
Chair: Parish Council
Parish Safeguarding Contact

Mrs Sue Whitelegg
Parish Safeguarding Contact

Date: May 2026