



# Killaloe Safeguarding Webinar



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## A Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
 May we welcome the kingdom of God  
 anew into our hearts and lives,  
 embracing discipleship and openness to others.  
 You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others.  
 May our service be filled with kindness,  
 and respect for all God's people,  
 giving special protection to children and the vulnerable.  
 May we seek the truth, Listen to those wounded by abuse,  
 and choose to act with compassion and justice.  
 Give us the strength, to serve humbly and faithfully,  
 and to love one another as we are so loved by You.

Amen.



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## Aim of tonight

The Safeguarding Committee

Reopening of churches

Garda Vetting

Adult Safeguarding

Parish Audit



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## Killaloe Safeguarding Committee

Aim is to **support** the development of a culture which promotes the welfare of children and vulnerable adults in the diocese.

To do this the committee is made of professionals covering a wide range expertise



Teachers



Parents

Youth Leader



Solicitor



Social Worker



Priest



Safeguarding trainers

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## Tracy Murray



Tracy Murray, Chairperson of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee. I am from the parish of Kilmurry Ibrickane. I am a secondary school teacher in St Joseph's Secondary School Spanish Point Co Clare. Through teaching and in my involvement with youth ministry over the last 10 years; leading parish youth groups and as a youth leader on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, I have seen first hand the importance of implementing safeguarding practices and policies when working with young people. Social media is one aspect in particular I have done a lot of work and research in, in the current Covid-19 pandemic it can be one of the very few ways in which youth groups can connect - this is why we need to make sure we are all working together in using it in a safe and appropriate manner.



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## Father Pat Larkin



My name is Pat Larkin. I am based in the parish of Kilrush in the Pastoral area of Inis Cathaigh which includes the parishes of Killimer, Kilmihil & Cooraclare. I am in my second term on the safeguarding committee. I see my role from a parish perspective and the practical application of the guidelines in connection with those who are involved in the different ministries. At times the different strands in safeguarding can be very abstract and purely to follow national guidelines, so it is important that the local application and adjustment is taken into account. I also see my role in the context of listening and supporting parish safeguarding reps. and bringing back input re concerns and suggestions that may be put forward.



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## Joanne O'Brien



.....is Director of Youth Ministry for Killaloe Diocese since October 2018. She is on career break from her role as Chaplain in St. John Bosco Community College, Kildysart. She has worked as a Chaplain since 2006 and prior to that she worked as a Religious Education Teacher. She was a cofounder of Pray and Play in her local church St. Mary's, Quin, she has led youth pilgrimages/school retreats to Medjugorge, Taizé and Rome. She is a volunteer with the Ceantar na Lochanna Youth Ministry group. She is an ex officio member of the Safeguarding committee.



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## Sean Hayes

I am a retired Solicitor ; I specialized in the areas of litigation , dispute resolution and Court practise;  
I serve on the board of a voluntary body providing services to vulnerable adults in the intellectual disability area.



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## Joe Searson



I am a former secondary school teacher and taught in the East End of London for 18 years. I returned to Ireland 2003 and have been working as a Diocesan Advisor for primary schools with the diocese since 2003 and a Safeguarding Trainer since 2004



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## Cleo Yates



I am the Director of Safeguarding and DLP for the Diocese.  
I have been a qualified social worker for over 30 years and worked in the UK before moving to Ireland in 2011.  
I am also a Safeguarding Trainer along side Joe.



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## Responsibilities of the Killaloe Safeguarding Committee

Develop safeguarding plans, including strategy, communication and training.



Supporting and coordinating local parish safeguarding representatives (LSRs)



To produce and implement policies procedures and guidance in relation to safeguarding and best practise



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## Responsibilities of the Killaloe Safeguarding Committee

Ensuring the annual audit, including the correlation of records for training-related activities.



Ensuring, with Bishop Fintan, that the appropriate safeguarding personnel are in place.

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## Opening of Churches



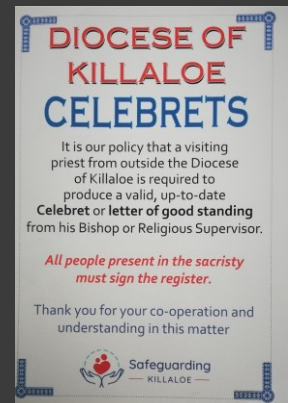
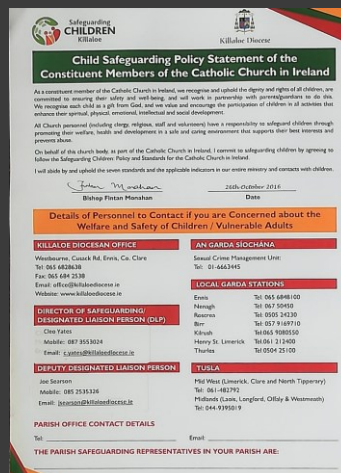
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## Opening of Churches

there is a Child friendly  
Safeguarding Poster (framed)  
displayed at all entrances to the  
church at children's eye level?



there is a Safeguarding Children Policy  
Statement (Poster/ framed) displayed at all  
entrances to the church/Hall?



Is there a Celebret Notice  
on display in the Sacristy?

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## Opening of Churches



there is an up to date register (listing) of all groups/organisations associated with the Church e.g. Choirs; Ministers of the Eucharist; Readers, etc.?



there is an up to date list for Altar Servers? And a signing in book in the sacristy



Has each Group with children up to date consent Forms and an Attendance Registers?

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## Garda Vetting

Who needs to be vetted:

People who have direct ministry / role with children or vulnerable adults

- Priest
  - Safeguarding rep
  - Sacristan
    - Eucharistic minister
      - Altar server supervisors
      - Youth ministry leaders
      - Choir leaders
        - Bereavement teams
        - Baptismal teams
- Sacramental preparation teams, if having contact with children without parents

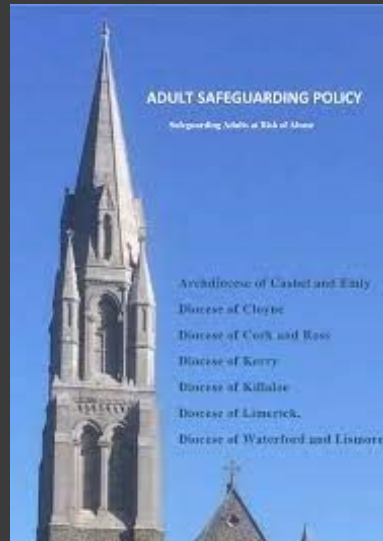


Vetting needs to be renewed ever 3 years

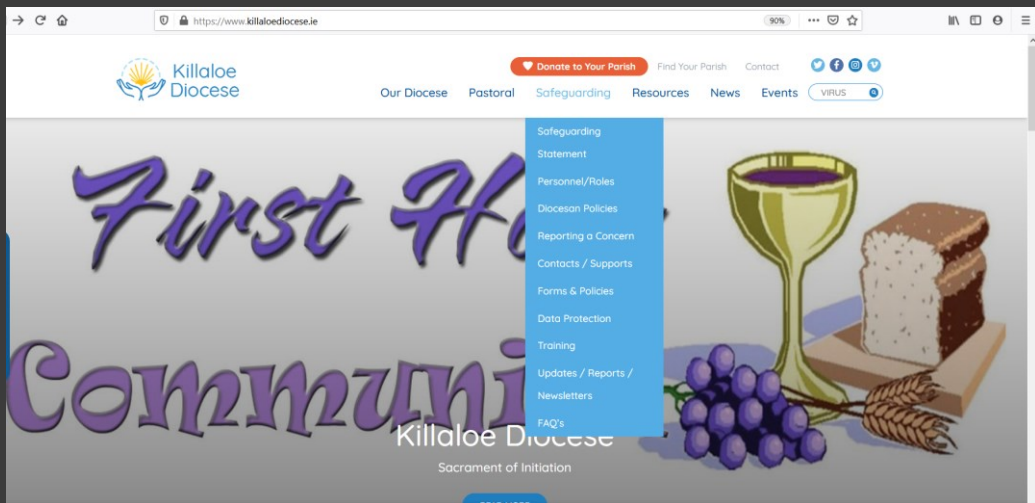
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## Adult safeguarding (adults at risk of abuse)



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