

KENMARE PARISH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN COMMITTEE was established in 2009 as a response to the Standards and Guidance Document for the Catholic Church in Ireland.

In short, it is the role and responsibility of this group to ensure best practice in Ministry with Children and Young People in our Parish Community.

A question for all of us in Ministry and Leadership roles is to reflect on how together we ensure best practice, in the right spirit and in true service of our children and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding children is a sensitive subject. It impacts and affects us all differently depending on our experience and differing values. The committee are endeavouring through education and consultation to

- Reflect on what we share together as God's family, asking us to bring this to bear in our local setting and practices.
- Through dialogue find shared values and ways of working.
- Develop an understanding of the guiding principles and context for child protection based on Gospel teachings of Truth, Justice and Love.
- To create an awareness of all types of abuse – Emotional, Physical, Sexual and Neglect.
- To develop an understanding of the relevance the Safeguarding Children Policy to particular ministries and parish activities that you may be involved in.
- To continue to review the practical implications for leaders involved in parish activities with children and vulnerable adults.

KENMARE PARISH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN REPRESENTATIVES:

Three lay people from the Parish have been specially trained and commissioned by the Diocese. These Safeguarding Children Representatives continue to develop and monitor current good practice in ministry in the Parish and are the link between Diocesan Safeguarding Children Personnel and the Parish. They are also available to facilitate anyone who requires pastoral care and/or needs to make a complaint.