

Paróiste Naomh Oilibhéar Pluincéid

Safeguarding Report for Parishioners – November 2015

Over the last year St. Oliver Plunkett Parish Safeguarding Committee - whose members are Mildred Phillips (Chair), Fr Aidan Brankin (Parish Priest), Gerry Early and Sally Brennan - has continued to work to maintain a safe and caring Parish environment where our young people and vulnerable adults are respected and valued and the volunteers who work with them are supported. The success of our work depends on consistently applying the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Diocese of Down & Connor and by keeping alert for any signs of unsafe practice.

We acknowledge, with deepest gratitude, the dedicated service of the 49 volunteers currently working in Regulated roles whose assistance in keeping our Parish a “safe space” is essential. While a number of long - serving and valued volunteers have retired this year, only three volunteers have come forward to offer their services. If you would be willing to help out in any way in the Parish please speak to any member of the Safeguarding Committee.

The Committee met three times this year and the work undertaken included: discussing new advice from the Safeguarding Office; up-dating the Parish Safeguarding Register; processing volunteers application forms; identifying volunteers for invitation to Information Sessions; maintaining Safeguarding noticeboards; supplying consent forms for video and completing the Annual Safeguarding Report for the Safeguarding Office. The Parish also hosted a Vicariate Safeguarding Support meeting and a Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Information Session.

The generous commitment by our Parish volunteers of their time and talents in helping to make our Parish a safe place is greatly appreciated and valued. However, Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility so if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the relevant authorities whose contact details are displayed in the church porches.

St. Oliver Plunkett Parish