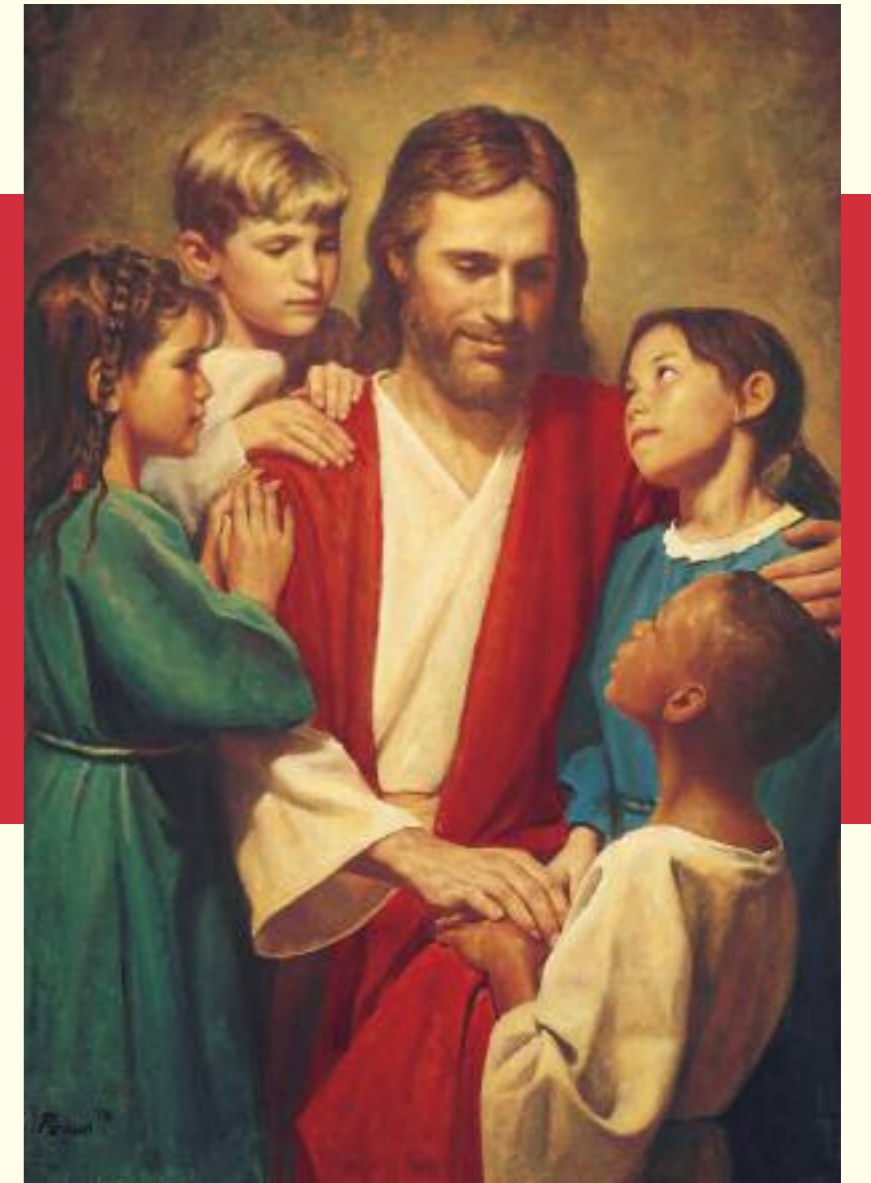


PARISH OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

DONNYCARNEY



Parish Child Safeguarding Policy



For any information or advice please contact
Marie Carthy (Child Safeguarding Representative)
Telephone 087 6686131

The Parish CGP is available for viewing on the parish website
www.donnycarneyparish.ie

POLICY STATEMENT

The Archdiocese of Dublin and the parish of Our Lady of Consolation Donnycarney values and encourages the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and in Diocesan activities in order to enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. We recognise the dignity and rights of all children and are committed to ensuring their protection from all forms of abuse.

This is a commitment binding on all priests and on those who work in our Diocesan offices and agencies, and in our parishes. It extends to all the many and varied ways that children share in the life of the Church in our Diocese.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Child Safeguarding Service.....01 8360314	Health Service Executive
Archdiocese of Dublin.....01 8842590	Information.....1850 241850
Training & Development Coordinator	An Garda Síochána.....999
Fr. Paddy Boyle.....086 1011415	

DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE

A child is defined as a person under the age of eighteen years, excluding a person who is or has been married. There are four primary types of child abuse - neglect, emotional abuse, physical abuse and sexual abuse. A child may be subjected to one or more forms of abuse at any given time.

RESPONDING TO CHILD ABUSE

If you have grounds for concern about the welfare of a child/children you must act immediately and refer the matter to the Statutory Authorities and/or parish designated persons as soon as possible. The designated persons will liaise appropriately with the Statutory Authorities i.e. the Gardai, the HSE and the National Board for Safeguarding Children.

ADVISE WITH RESPECT TO DEALING WITH CONCERNS OR DISCLOSURES

- DO** • Stay calm • Listen • Reassure • Record in writing • Report your concerns
- DO NOT** • Panic • Promise to keep secrets • Ask leading questions • Delay or start to investigate
- Make the child repeat the story unnecessarily