



# CAPUCHIN SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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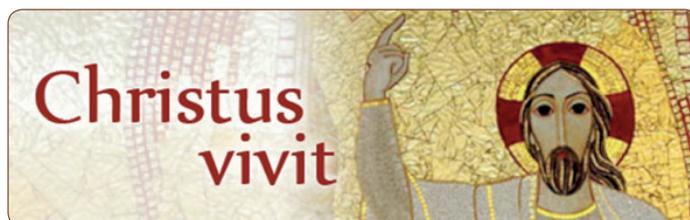
## Opening Prayer/Reflection

"If we journey together, young and old, we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future.

To revisit the past in order to learn from history and heal old wounds that at times, still trouble us. May we look to the future in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom.

Together, we can learn from one another, warm hearts, inspire minds with the light of the Gospel and lend new strength to our hands".

**Pope Francis, *Christi Vivit*, Canon 199, (March 25th, 2019)**



## A Word of Welcome

**Dear Brothers and all our lay collaborators,**

I am pleased to launch the first edition of the Capuchin Safeguarding Newsletter albeit in such challenging and uncertain times. Our DLP, Ms Mary Tallon, and our Provincial Child Safeguarding Committee are endeavouring to create a team of child and vulnerable adult safeguarding agents in our Province consisting of friars and our faithful lay helpers. My sincere hope is that this well-trained team will act as a catalyst for safeguarding in the Province, energising all other friars and lay staff in our friaries and works in this fundamental ministry as far as our Province is concerned. I see this Newsletter as a channel of information and animation for all who read it and to ensure, where child abuse is concerned, we must never become complacent. Let the Irish phrase, *Bí ullamh* - Be Alert, be our watch-word; freedom from abuse and all its life-long consequences for its victims is the goal we set ourselves. Keep abreast of new developments by means of this newsletter, learn from each other how best to develop good practice and know that what you do is living out the very core of the Gospel in the Ireland of today.

**Br Sean Kelly, Provincial**



## Capuchin Safeguarding Committee



Committee members pictured in a screen grab from a recent Zoom meeting.

Back row, left to right: Niall Moore, Bryan Shortall and Mary Tallon.

Middle row, left to right: Niamh Dooley, Kieran Shorten, Julie McCullough,

Front row: Seán Ó hUallacháin.

## Safeguarding Committee Members

### *Chairperson*

Ms. Niamh Dooley

### *Committee Members*

- Ms. Julie McCullough
- Mr. Seán Ó hUallacháin
- Br Bryan Shorthall, P.P., Priorswood
- Br Kieran Shorten, Deputy DLP, Ard Mhuire Friary, Co. Donegal
- Ms. Mary Tallon, Safeguarding Coordinator/Designated Liaison Person.



## Role of Safeguarding Committee

The Capuchin Safeguarding Committee was established in 2012.

The role of the Safeguarding Committee is primarily focused on creating, maintaining and monitoring a safe environment for all aspects of life and activity for children across all Capuchin communities, churches and centres. It advises communities in implementing best child safeguarding practices. The Committee also promotes, develops and supports child safeguarding as follows;

- ❖ In conjunction with the Provincial, ensuring that appropriate safeguarding personnel are in place.
- ❖ Developing a three-year child safeguarding plan which includes a training and communication strategy and the establishment of national and local child safeguarding policy and procedures.
- ❖ Ensuring the completion of an annual safeguarding audit of each Capuchin community.
- ❖ Coordinating activities related to child safeguarding, e.g., training, safe recruitment of friars, staff and volunteers working with the Irish Capuchin Province.
- ❖ Ensuring the completion of training needs assessments across the various safeguarding roles.



**Safeguarding Training is a good way to keep us up-to-date and informed about current child safeguarding guidelines, procedures and best practice.**

## **Training Options:**

### **A. Full day Child Safeguarding Training**

All religious (ordained or not), sacristans, local safeguarding representatives, staff and volunteers who work directly or indirectly with children are required to attend a full day child safeguarding training and a refresher training event every three years thereafter.

### **B. Refresher Training**

This training is for Church personnel who have previously attended the full one-day safeguarding training.

### **C. Safeguarding Information Session**

Staff and volunteers working in and/or involved in a Capuchin community and who have no contact with children are required to attend a Safeguarding Information training session.

### **D. Mandated Person Training**

This training is specifically for all mandated persons and/or maybe included as part of the refresher training event.

Most of the Friars are now due to attend Refresher training event and some staff and volunteers are also due to attend an information training event.

It is intended that training will take place in each Friary at a suitable time and date, to ensure the maximum attendance. It will be organised by the Safeguarding Office in conjunction with the local Guardian.

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If you would like to request specific child safeguarding training, please contact the Safeguarding Committee via Mary Tallon, Safeguarding Co ordinator/DLP at the following:

**Mobile No: (089) 6149313**

**Email: [dlp@capuchinsirl.com](mailto:dlp@capuchinsirl.com)**

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We fully appreciate that the area of safeguarding can, at times be daunting.

Mary Tallon, in the Safeguarding Office, is happy to answer any questions you may have. The following are some of the more frequent questions she receives.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<p><b>I have had an enquiry from a local man who wants to help out with the altar servers.</b></p> <p><b>As the Guardian, what do I need to do?</b></p>	<p>Welcome and introduce him to the Capuchin child safeguarding measures in place in your Church.</p> <p>Advise him re the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete volunteer application form which includes the declaration form and code of behaviour.</li> <li>• Complete Garda Vetting process.</li> <li>• The requirement to attend a safeguarding training event (contact local Guardian and/or Child Safeguarding Office).</li> <li>• To be inducted into the Capuchin Safeguarding Child Safeguarding Statement and Capuchin Policy and Procedures Document, 2019.</li> <li>• To sign the induction agreement.</li> </ul> <p><i>(See Procedures of the Irish Capuchin Province for the implementation of the Child Safeguarding Policy of the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2019 for related Forms)</i></p>
<p><b>Can a Capuchin/ Parish Church live-stream its activities/ ministries?</b></p>	<p>Live streaming is allowed in all parishes/churches once the correct data protection requirements and safeguarding practices are applied at all times. For example, Section 2 (1c (111) of the Data Protection Act (2018) requires that any data is “adequate, relevant and not excessive” and fit for the purpose for which it is collected.</p> <p>Signs re the use of web cameras must be clearly displayed in the Church.</p> <p>Camera shots (images) of the congregation should be wide shots – minimising the possibility of easily identifying individuals with close-up images.</p> <p>Consent for recording/filming must be obtained from altar servers and their parents/carers and for any others taking part in liturgies, <i>(See procedures of the Irish Capuchin Province for the implementation of the Child Safeguarding Policy of the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2019.)</i>.</p>



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<p><b>A local youth club wants to rent the Capuchin Friary Hall.</b></p> <p><b>What do I need to do?</b></p>	<p>Welcome the youth club leader, advise re the procedures for use of Capuchin property and provide a copy of the “Use of Capuchin Property by External Groups Form”.</p> <p><i>(See Procedures of the Irish Capuchin Province for the implementation of the Child Safeguarding Policy of the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2019)</i></p> <p>This requires all external groups to confirm they have a Child Safeguarding Statement, Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures in place and have the appropriate insurance (public liability and/or employers’ liability and professional indemnity, if appropriate), cover for the activity.</p> <p>The Guardian must receive the completed Form and it is to be reviewed annually.</p>
<p><b>Who must be vetted?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All members of the Order in public ministry</li> <li>• All visiting priests</li> <li>• All staff and volunteers conducting ‘relevant work’ as defined in the Vetting Act.</li> </ul> <p>Re-vetting takes place every 3 years.</p>
<p><b>Who should I contact about Garda vetting?</b></p>	<p>Contact Mary Tallon, Safeguarding Coordinator in the Safeguarding Office and/or via email as follows:</p> <p><b><a href="mailto:dlp@capuchinsirl.com">dlp@capuchinsirl.com</a></b></p>

## News Board Items

- ❖ The NBSCCCI National Conference, 2021. **“Theology of Safeguarding”**.

In preparation for the National Conference postponed since October 2020 the NBSCCCI has invited a number of theologians from across the world to prepare and present a short (10 minute) video addressing particular questions which will assist in developing conversations around **“A Theology of Safeguarding”**.

The videos are placed on the NBSCCCI’s website which commenced in January 2021, with a new video being uploaded every month thereafter until September 2021.

Presenters include Fr Hans Zollner, Dr Ethna Regan, Dr Marcia Bunge, Sr Nuala Kenny, Fr Paddy Boyle, Dr Jesse Rogers and Mr. Alan Kearns.

- ❖ The March and June Edition of the NBSCCCI Newsletter are available at [www.Safeguarding.ie](http://www.Safeguarding.ie) (news section)
- ❖ IICSA Report (survey of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in England and Wales, just completed) is available at: [www.iicsa.org.uk/publications](http://www.iicsa.org.uk/publications)
- ❖ **Book reference**

*The Burden of Betrayal: Non-offending Priests and the Clergy, Child Sexual Abuse Scandals.* Barry O’Sullivan (Gracewing)

### If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact:

**Mary Tallon,  
Safeguarding Coordinator/DLP**

OR

**Br Kieran Shorten, Deputy DLP**

Email:

[dlp@capuchinsirl.com](mailto:dlp@capuchinsirl.com)

Mobile Number:

**(089) 6149313**

### Or you can report your concern directly to:

**An Garda Síochána Helpline  
1800 555 222**

OR

**Tusla Child & Family Agency  
[www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie)**



An Garda Síochána  
Ireland’s National  
Police Service

**TUSLA**

An Ghníomhaireacht um  
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach  
Child and Family Agency



# Prayer of a Child

For all life's blessings that are free,  
For good things that we hear and see,  
And most of all for loving me,  
Thanks a bundle, Lord.

For Mums and Dads who've put us right,  
For sisters to play and brothers to fight,  
For homes where we live, for beds at night,  
Thanks a bundle, Lord

For all the different things we do,  
For lovely people, friendships true,  
Because I'm me and you are you,  
Thanks a bundle, Lord.

For life's long road that we all tread,  
For giving us our daily bread,  
For days gone by, and years ahead,  
Thanks a bundle, Lord.

For health and strength each day to face,  
For giving us a little place  
within the world, our own small space,  
Thanks a bundle, Lord.

For being there to help us through  
those days when we are feeling blue,  
Times when we don't know what to do,  
Thanks a bundle, Lord.

For those we love who've gone before,  
We long to see them all once more.  
But just before 'AMEN' we say  
Thanks a bundle Lord.

*Thanks a Bundle, Lord by Daphne Askew  
[Banner Cross Methodist Church, UK]*