

## **“Annual Safeguarding Report Sunday 12 January 2020”:**

**The annual diocesan safeguarding report will be read out by parish safeguarding co-ordinators in all parishes at Masses on Sunday 12 January 2020. Paisley Diocese and our parish welcome the special responsibility we have for all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community.**

**In our Church there are two posters. The first reaches out to survivors of abuse in the Church and invites them to contact our safeguarding team confidentially if they feel able. The Church has confidential and independent professional counselling services available to survivors of abuse within the Church. We are also organising a presentation on Saturday 9 May 2020 by Fr Dominic Allain about the ‘Grief to Grace’ retreat. ‘Grief to Grace’ has helped many abuse survivors to find help and healing, as the testimonies on their website report. <https://www.griegtograceuk.org/>**

**The second poster highlights our Safeguarding Manual with the contact details of your Parish Co-ordinator and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Please contact your parish safeguarding co-ordinator or the Parish Priest if you have any concerns regarding the abuse or harm of any child, young person or vulnerable adult.**

***In 2019 the Scottish Bishops published a new and improved safeguarding manual called ‘In God’s Image’ which includes developments in best practice and implements the recommendations of the McLellan Commission. Our Diocesan trainers deliver ongoing training to volunteers, parish safeguarding co-ordinators (PSCs) and clergy. Since October 2016 they have trained 1,314 volunteers, as well as PSCs and clergy. Training promotes vigilance and ensures those working with children and vulnerable adults know the Church’s system for reporting disclosures or concerns they may receive.***

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