



# Archdiocese of Tuam



**Information and Guidance for  
Parents/Guardians & Children**

# THANK YOU

**We are happy and thankful to you for choosing to become involved in your Parish.**

**To help you do your job as well as you can, you should:**

- Respect God's house and all church property
- Be nice to others and treat everyone with kindness because we are all God's children
- Agree not to hurt anybody by what you say or do.
- Agree to follow the rules of your group.
- Arrive at the agreed time.
- Talk to the person in charge if you have a problem; don't keep it to yourself.
- Please don't use your phone while in church or during church activities.
- Make your own arrangements with your Parents/Guardians to get to and from the Church safely.
- Let someone know if you can't attend.
- Sign the register each time you attend.

**If you have any worries about your role, please speak to your Parents/Guardians who will contact the Priest/Leader of your group to discuss the matter. God bless you in your new role.**



## **PRAYERS**

**Angel of God,  
my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love,  
Commits me here,  
Ever this day be at my side,  
To light and guard,  
To rule and guide. Amen.**

## **GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

**Glory be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen.**

# POLICY STATEMENT

As a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

**If you have any concerns regarding the safety and well-being of your child while he/she is involved in church activities contact one of the Diocesan Designated Liaison persons:**

Mgr. John O'Boyle ☎ 087 220 4741

Mrs. Mary Trench ☎ 087 931 5823

## **OR TUSLA SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

Galway/Roscommon ☎ 091-546366

Mayo ☎ 094-9042030

**Gardai Freephone Confidential Helpline ☎ 1800 555222**

## **For further information on Safeguarding contact:**

Maureen Walsh ☎ 093-70434 / 0868345585  
safeguarding@tuamarchdiocese.org

**National Board for Safeguarding Children  
in the Catholic Church in Ireland:**

**[www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)**

**Tuam Archdiocese Website**

**[www.tuamarchdiocese.org](http://www.tuamarchdiocese.org)**