

A safeguarding message from Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool about the vital importance of safeguarding within our archdiocese, and our ongoing commitment to supporting survivors and victims of abuse.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is firmly committed to creating safe and welcoming environments- places where people can worship, grow in faith, and love one another in freedom and hope.

Safeguarding is not only about preventing abuse; it is about protecting the dignity and safety of every individual in our parish communities. At the heart of this is safer recruitment, which underpins everything we do to ensure the wellbeing of all.

I want to assure you that all safeguarding concerns raised with our safeguarding team are handled with the utmost urgency, professionalism, confidentiality, and empathy. We communicate regularly with victims throughout the process, so they have full confidence and understanding at every stage.

We recognise the difficult journey that survivors take to share their experiences with us. Yet we deeply value and welcome their voices and their input enables us to move forward and strive towards justice, healing, and change.

Our goal is to embed safeguarding into every aspect of life in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and to deepen our collective understanding of what safeguarding truly means. It should be the foundation of everything we do as a Church community, ensuring that all feel safe, respected, and protected.

If you are a survivor, or if you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of someone in our Church community, I urge you to contact our safeguarding team. If they are not able to assist directly, they will guide you to the most appropriate support services. Together, let us build a safer Archdiocese.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your local social services or our safeguarding team direct here:

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