*If anyone wishes to discuss any concern regarding child safeguarding and protection within our Church please contact:*

**Local Parish Safeguarding Representatives**

Mary-Liz Donaghue, Nicola Gregan

Colette Burke

Can be contacted on 01 840 1188

**Child Safeguarding and Protection Office**

**Archdiocese of Dublin**

Designated Person: Andrew Fagan 01 8360314 / 087 685 3180

 andrew.fagan@dublindiocese.ie

**Garda Síochána Swords**

01 666 4700

**Tusla**

01 870 8000

**Other Helpful Contacts:**

Samaritans Helpline 1850 609090

ISPCC 01 6767960

One in Four 016624070

Dublin Rape Crisis Centre

1800 778 888

Child Line 1850 666 666

Towards Healing Helpline 1800 303 416

Children At Risk in Ireland (CARI) 1890 924 567

Barnados 1850 222 300

**Brackenstown Parish**

**Church of St. Cronan**



**A Summary of the Church Safeguarding**

**& Protection Policy**

**2019**

**Church Safeguarding**

**& Protection Statement**

 *We the Parish of Brackenstown value and encourage the participation of children and young people in Parish liturgies and activities in order to enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.*

*We recognise the dignity and rights of all children and young people and are committed to ensuring their protection from all forms of abuse and exploitation.*

 *In keeping with this we will do all in our power to create safe environments for children and young people in order to secure their protection and enable their full participation in the life of the Parish.*

 *This is a commitment binding on all Priests and on all those who work and volunteer in this Parish.*

GDPR Policy

The Parish of Brackenstown holds information for Sacraments in accordance with GDPR Policy. Under this policy we are obliged to inform you that our Church has 24hr recording CCTV for the security and safety of all Church users. We also broadcast Mass and other services via webcam which cover the Altar and Baptismal Font Areas as well as the first two rows. Under this policy it is no longer possible to record webcam broadcasts. It is also policy that photographs are not permitted during ceremonies and parents/guardians can withdraw their children from group photographs. Full Policy details are on the Parish Website.

A full copy of the Parish and Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy is available in the Sacristy and Parish Office.

It is also avalable on the Parish Website

www.brackenstown-parish.com

and on the Archdiocese of Dublin Website

www.dublindiocese.ie

under Child Safeguarding Service.

**Child Protection**

**Code of Conduct**

*Within the Parish of St. Cronan’s, Brackenstown:*

* *Children and young people will be treated with courtesy, respect and dignity*
* *Children and young people (under eighteen years of age) will not be permitted to consume alcohol or smoke while participating in activities organised by or under the control of the Parish*
* *There will be an adequate ratio of leaders to children and young people at all times*
* *Care will be taken to ensure that when working with mixed gender groups, staff and adult volunteers of appropriate gender will work in pairs*
* *Leaders (over the age of eighteen) will not consume alcohol or smoke while in the presence of children or young people*
* *Inappropriate language or sexually suggestive comments will not be permitted by children or young people*
* *Physical contact between children or young people and leaders will be appropriate at all times. Leaders will not engage in rough play or undertake any task of a personal nature with / for children or young people, except in cases of medical necessity when the welfare of the child or young person depends on it*
* *Leaders will always engage with children or young people in an open manner and care will be taken not to show favouritism*
* *There will be clearly designated leaders within each group with whom children and young people can speak about their experiences and raise any concerns should they arise*