

## **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

The Catholic Church in England and Wales is striving towards a culture of safeguarding where all are safe from harm and where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through the prayerful, caring, nurturing, supportive and protective endeavours of the Catholic community, both individually and collectively.

The Church recognises the personal dignity and rights of the children and vulnerable adults towards whom it has a special responsibility. The Church and individual members of it undertake to do all in their power to create a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults.

At St Augustine's we currently have two Safeguarding Representatives whose role is to ensure that members of groups involved with ministries working with children and vulnerable adults are aware of national policies and receive appropriate training. All who serve in these ministries are required to have a DBS check (Disclosure Barring Check) by the Criminal Records Bureau. The Safeguarding Representatives are responsible for the administration and paperwork, references and completion of the DBS process. It is their role to guide volunteers through the various stages of the DBS process, advising on the documentation needed for the check and offering advice concerning filling up the necessary forms. They are also the link between the parish and the diocesan Safeguarding Office.

We are all responsible for the protection of children and vulnerable adults and to respond appropriately. If anyone has a concern about the well being of a child or vulnerable adult this should be communicated directly to one of the representatives. Should you have any concerns around safeguarding or wish to access free training in safeguarding issues please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. If a matter requires an immediate response call the police on 999

### **Parish Safeguarding Representatives:**

***Fran Evans:***

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***Pat Whitehouse***

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### **Diocesan Safeguarding Office:**

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