

# DIOCESE OF GALLOWAY SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN



## *Welcome to the Bulletin*

Welcome to the most recent edition of the Diocese of Galloway's Safeguarding Bulletin.

While the summer period has been relatively quiet, work has been ongoing behind the scenes to prepare for the publication of *In God's Image v2*, the national Safeguarding webinar, and more. Some details are provided in this edition, with further updates to follow as plans are finalised.

In addition to the events and news contained in this edition, we are looking ahead to the Feast of the Guardian Angels in October when we provide our parishes with a safeguarding update, and to various events next spring, including a rescheduled date for the IRG Outreach Event which was postponed due to the pandemic.

Please read this month's news, and contact a member of the Operations Core Team with any feedback.

## *Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency*

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland have convened a working group to provide proposals for the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA). This group is considering the best way to structure and operate a new national Safeguarding agency that will best reflect and develop the Church's commitment to safeguarding. The working group's proposals will be considered by the Bishops' Conference, and a process and timescale for recruiting to the new agency will be established once proposals have been agreed and accepted.

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## *DEANERY MEETINGS*

Dates for deanery meetings with PSCs were circulated. In response to clergy feedback, parish priests will be invited to attend, and/or submit agenda items, if they wish to do so. The meetings will focus on the challenges being faced by PSCs as our parishes begin to re-open more fully, and on the changes in practice which IGIv2 will require.

## *IN GOD'S IMAGE v2*

The revised edition of *In God's Image* is currently being proof-read ahead of publication, and is expected to be available online by the middle of this month. Each Bishop will issue a decree on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to bring IGIv2 into force. The revision reflects feedback from survivors of abuse, clergy and safeguarding personnel, as well as changes in legislation such as the Disclosure Scotland Act 2020 and the Management of Offenders Act 2019. IGIv2 will be published as a pdf which can be downloaded directly from the Bishops' Conference website (bcos.org.uk). Parishes will be supplied with advertising posters containing a QR code for quick download to devices. If you require a paper copy of IGIv2, please contact Helena who will arrange for the document to be printed and sent to you. IGIv2 replaces the original edition, which should no longer be used following the publication of v2.

### **NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING WEBINAR**

Planning for the national webinar 'Growing Our Culture of Care' is underway, and bookings are coming in fast from bishops, priests, religious, PSCs, volunteers and staff. If you have not already registered, you can do so [here](#) for the event which will take place on:

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021, 11:00 – 13:00**

The webinar will contain information about what the revised edition of *In God's Image* means for parishes, religious and volunteers, as well as an introduction to the new safe recruitment procedures, so please sign up in plenty of time. Further details will be provided in the next issue.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA SHARING**

[This link](#) can be used to share this document on Facebook while retaining the hyperlinks.

### **SAFE RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES**

Due to changes in the Disclosure Scotland Act 2020 and the Management of Offenders Act 2019, the Bishops' Conference of Scotland are reviewing our safe recruitment procedures to ensure compliance with the requirements of Disclosure Scotland. This will lead to changes in the way we recruit volunteers in our parishes. The exact nature and extent of the changes are currently being determined, and more information will be given at the national webinar in the first instance. There will be a tiered approach to recruitment, with individual ministries being assigned to one of three tiers. In practice, it is likely to mean that some ministries will no longer require a PVG, while others will now require Safeguarding training for the first time. The Operations Core Team will work closely with parishes to ensure a clear understanding of changes once they come into effect.

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