

**St. Mary Magdalene Parish
Monaleen
Child Protection Policy Statement**

The parish values and encourages the participation of children and young people in all parish activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development.

The parish recognises the dignity and rights of all children and young people and is committed to ensuring their safety and well being. Above all, the parish recognises the need to protect children and young people in a way that promotes their human dignity, integrity and irreducible worth as children of God.

The parish recognises that all involved in working with children and young people have a special duty of care towards them and commits itself to having and implementing procedures through which this care is put into effect, and through which instances or suspicions of abuse can be reported.

The procedures and practices developed in support of this policy will be maintained consistent with the civil law and Church guidelines.

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