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Love Safeguards

Safeguarding Sunday

14–15 November 2026

“Love protects.” 1 Corinthians 13:7



The Safeguarding Sunday Hymn

Play the hymn

May this place be one of nurture
where we all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us
as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom
full of truth and light and grace,
living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.

From our negligence and failures
you have called us to repent,
drawing energy for ac on
from the voices of lament.
As the secret hurts long hidden
may at last be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom
that is every person's right.

For you hold the broken hearted
till they learn to live again,
and your justice stands like mountains,
while your mercy falls like rain
when the smallest child is valued,
and the strong empower the weak,
when each human life is hallowed
and the unheard voices speak:

So with humble thanks we praise you
and we lift to you in prayer
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom, grace and courage,
holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another
we will love and serve our Lord.

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What is safeguarding?

Keeping everyone safe from harm, and caring well for anyone who has been hurt.



Children and young people



Adults who may be at risk



Everyone who comes to our chapel and retreats

Every person is God's treasure



"The human person is of such magnificent beauty and marvellous capacity."
St Teresa of Ávila

"In the heart of the Church, I will be love."
St Thérèse of Lisieux

To keep people safe, we first learn to truly see them.

We begin with honesty

The Church has not always kept people safe. Some were harmed, and some were not believed.



We say sorry



We listen



We change

Every child should know



I am God's treasure



I know my trusted grown-ups

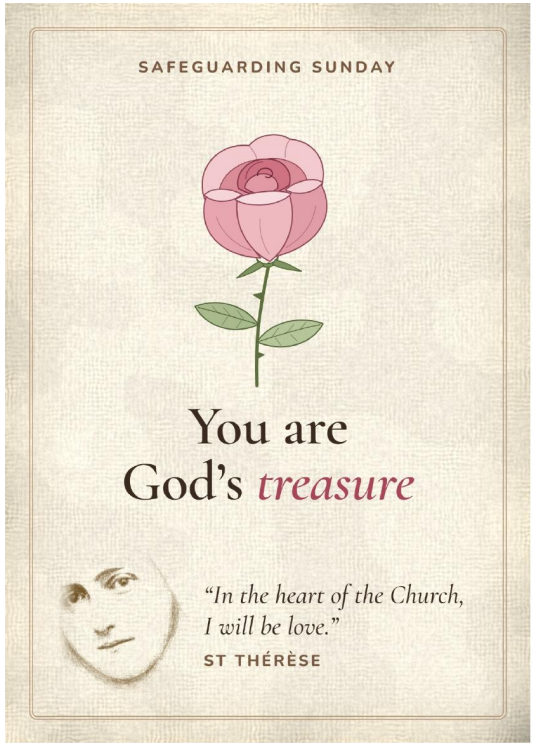


It is always OK to tell



Childline: **0800 1111** free, any time

Parents and guardians: fill in the card together





1. Read the front together: "You are God's treasure"
2. Ask "Who are the grown-ups you trust?" and help write three names
3. Read the back: it is always OK to tell, and Childline is free
4. Keep the card where your child can see it

How was the task? Scan the card's code together and tell us. It is anonymous.

Harm can take many forms

Physical

Hurting someone’s body

Emotional

Bullying, frightening, belittling

Neglect

Not meeting basic needs

Financial

Taking money or belongings

Online

Grooming or harm through screens

Spiritual

Using faith to control someone

Worried about someone? Three steps

1

Danger now?

Call 999

2

Tell us today

07300 319055

safe@cacs.org.uk

or online, even anonymously

3

About one of us?

Province Lead

+44 7438 916700

Safe Spaces

0300 303 1056

Report a concern online: five steps

1. **Check for danger**
   In danger now? Call 999 first
2. **Open the form**
   carmelite.uk.net/safeguarding, or scan the code
3. **Choose how**
   “With my details” or “Anonymously”
4. **Tell us what happened**
   The only part you must fill in
5. **Send, and keep your code**
   You get a reference code to follow up later

Scan to report

Prefer to talk?
07300 319055

You can stay anonymous



You choose

Report anonymously and you will not be asked who you are



Your code

You get a reference code. Quote it to safe@cacs.org.uk, from any email, to follow up



Kept confidential

Shared only with those who need to know. If we must involve the authorities, we tell you first wherever possible

A safeguarding lead reviews every report. If you report anonymously, we may be able to do less, so share as much as you feel able.

If someone tells you about abuse



Listen calmly · Take them seriously



Don’t investigate · Don’t ask lots of questions



Don’t promise secrecy · Say you will get help



Write it down · Use their own words



Tell us today · 07300 319055

Our safeguarding team at Boars Hill



Kate Keefe



Fr Liam Finnerty OCD



Fr Clement Obiorah OCD

07300 319055
safe@cacs.org.uk

Line open 9am–5pm, every day
Or report online, even anonymously, at
carmelite.uk.net/safeguarding

If you have been harmed, you will be heard

- You do not need proof.
- We go at your pace.
- You can talk to someone outside the Church.

Other free helplines
Samaritans (24 hours): 116 123
NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
Rape Crisis: 0808 500 2222

Safe Spaces

0300 303 1056

Free, independent and confidential, for adults harmed by someone in the Church

Love, commitment and accountability

Love

Seeing each person as God sees them

Commitment

Trained, checked volunteers. Two adults with every children's group

Accountability

No one works alone. We answer to one another, the Province, the Diocese and the CSSA

"What cannot be done in the light cannot be done in the name of Carmel."

We are not alone in this

Safeguarding Sunday is a Thirtyone:eight initiative. We join churches across the UK, and we follow the Church's national safeguarding standards.

Thirtyone:eight
Leads Safeguarding Sunday

CSSA
National standards and audit

RLSS
Support for religious communities

Your voice helps us keep everyone safe

Scan with your phone camera

- Less than 2 minutes
- Completely anonymous
- Children: ask a grown-up to help

Or visit **forms.gle/ai6zYvHV5gLtZsDn9**

Thank you

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