



General Statement of Safeguarding Policy

**St Joseph's Church, Chalfont St Peter
The Most Holy Name, Denham**

The parish of St Joseph's works to the following Safeguarding Policy:

The Catholic Church in England and Wales, the Bishops and Congregational Leaders are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. We affirm the One Church approach to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk through the promotion of a sustained and sustainable culture of constant vigilance.

The Church recognises the personal dignity and rights of all Vulnerable People towards whom it has a special responsibility. The Church and individual members of it undertake to take all appropriate steps to maintain a safe environment for all and to practice fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults at risk and to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to keep them safe from harm.

The Church authorities will liaise closely with statutory agencies to ensure that any allegations of abuse are promptly and properly responded to and where appropriate survivors supported and perpetrators held to account.

The Church wishes to ensure that its parishes and Religious Congregations have confidence to enable vulnerable people to have peace of mind, knowing that they will be cared for and loved by their Christian community.

The Parish Priest and Parish Safety Officer will review the Safeguarding Procedures at least annually.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name (Print): Fr Martin McDonald ODC

Position: Parish Priest

**For help and advice please contact our local Parish Safety Representatives
Simon Hardcastle or Gillian Sugrue on safeguarding@stjosephs.org.uk
or Fr Martin McDonald at the parish office on 01753 886581
or the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Danielle Dixon on 01604 723514.**