



Malahide Parish

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TITLE: Vulnerable Children and Adults

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1. **PURPOSE**

To ensure that Vulnerable Children and Adults are dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Parish Pastoral Council

2. **Scope**

This procedure applies to all groups operating in a church setting - , including visiting groups and or people renting accommodation owned or leased by the Parish.

3. **RESPONSIBILITY**

Implementation: Parish priest

Authority to Change: Parish Pastoral Council

4. **PROCEDURE**

- 4.1 Since especially vulnerable children may depend on adults more than other children for their care and safety, sensitivity and clear communication are of utmost importance.
- 4.2 Workers should be aware that vulnerable children may be more likely than other children to be bullied or subjected to other forms of abuse, and may also be less clear about physical and emotional boundaries.
- 4.3 It is particularly important that vulnerable children should be carefully listened to, in recognition of the fact that they may have difficulty in expressing their concerns and in order that the importance of what they say is not underestimated.



5. REVISION

Rev	Date	Comment
0	01/05/2007	New
1	12/12/08	Procedural review
2	07.12.09	Procedural Review