



These guidelines are for Parishioners and other guests in relation to the use of photography to capture Parish events involving children.

ADVICE FOR PARISHIONERS: PHOTOGRAPHY OF CHILDREN

Information for Parishioners and Guests

Our parish recognises that parishioners enjoy photographing and recording the progress and activities of their child within parish life and at Church. It is recognised that many like to share these personal memories online and on social media.

To this end your cooperation and care is sought concerning the use and distribution of photographs of other children of our parish. Some families have very real legal and safety issues which could put a child at risk if an image is made public online. More generally, it is respectful of the privacy of other members of the Church community to ask permission before posting an image online. Even if your social media settings are private, it is easy for images to become public, particularly if they are tagged or shared by others.

Best Practice Guidelines

The following best practice guidelines have been adopted by our parish to keep our children and community safe, and to ensure respectful practices concerning the use of social media.

When taking photographs or recordings at Church or at parish events (having received permission to do so from the Parish Priest) and your images include other identifiable persons please follow these guidelines:

- Crop out other children or seek the permission of the child's parent or carer before posting online.
- Do not tag or name the person without permission.
- If a parent or carer requests that you do not circulate an image of their child to others, please comply with the request.
- Please seek the permission of parish workers to photograph or record their activities within the parish.

Mandatory Policies

The parish may from time to time determine that photography or recording at a parish event or on parish grounds is restricted. Where restriction is notified, failure to comply may result in your exclusion from parish premises or activities.