## Diocese of Clogher Child Safeguarding

## **Altar Servers**

- Every altar server must fill in an application form and present a completed parental consent form.
- If altar servers are needed for liturgies during school hours schools must have received written parental/guardian consent in order to release children to serve during school time. As schools can only release a child to the care of a parent or someone who has been nominated by a parent to collect them, it is essential that the written permission outlines who will collect the child in question and escort them to and from the church. A parent may also give permission for a child to make his/her way to and from the church.
- All sacristies should have a sign in book which should be signed by everyone present.
- All adults should maintain appropriate boundaries when dealing with children/young people.
- Adults should avoid being alone with a child/young person.
- Incident report forms should be filled out in the event of any accidents that occur.
- A basic first aid kit should be kept in all sacristies.

## Diocese of Clogher Children's Code of Behaviour

- 1. Respect everybody because we are all God's children.
  - 2. Be fair; don't cheat or lie.
  - 3. Be nice to others; don't be a bully.
  - 4. Speech is a gift from God; don't use bad language.
    - 5. Obey the rules of your group.
- 6. Talk to the person in charge or another adult if you have a problem; don't keep it to yourself.
  - 7. Respect God's house.
  - 8. Be careful of the property of others.
- 9. Don't bring anything that might cause harm to yourself or others.
  - 10. Remember to turn you mobile off in church.

