

## Garda Vetting Matrix for the Archdiocese of Dublin

Role	Rationale
Priest	Priests care for and minister to children and vulnerable adults in their parishes through preparing children for sacraments, carrying out visits to schools, supervising altar servers and children taking part in Mass and other services, (baptism, weddings and funerals)
Permanent Deacon	Deacons care for and minister to children and vulnerable adults in their parishes through preparing children for sacraments, carrying out visits to schools, supervising altar servers and children taking part in Mass and other services, (baptism, weddings and funerals)
Parish Religious Sisters	Religious Nuns who care for and minister to children and vulnerable adults through preparing children for sacraments, carrying out visits to schools and bringing bringing Holy Communion to the sick in their homes.
Parish Pastoral Workers	Parish Pastoral workers are paid diocesan/parish employees who minister to children through preparing them for the sacraments, carrying out school visits and running activities for children such as prayer meetings and Bible classes.
Children's Catechist	Child Catechist's prepare children for the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation and other church events such as Easter and Christmas. In some parishes, they conduct Sunday school.
Parish Safeguarding Representatives	The Parish Safeguarding Representative is responsible for ensuring all activities involving children operate within the the Diocesan safeguarding policies and procedures. This requires them to attend these activities throughout the year.
Sacristans (including supervisory function)	Sacristans who as part of their role supervise altar servers before and after mass
Altar Server Leader	The Altar Server Leader is responsible for training of altar server for Sunday Mass and

	other church services.
Children & Youth Choir Leaders	Children & Youth Choir leaders run our choirs for under 18's. A major part of their roles is teaching children and young people.
Children Liturgy and Prayer Group Leaders	Children Liturgy/ Prayer group leaders run events for children both on parish property and off site. Such events would include prayer meetings, bible classes and religious drama.
Sacramental Preparation Leaders	Sacramental Preparation Leaders prepare children for Communion & Confirmation
Visitation Team Members	Visitation Team members visit those in the parish who are sick or confined to their home due to disability.
Lay Preachers	Lay preachers deliver retreats in parishes usually lasting one to two weeks. As part of their retreats they deliver religious activities for children. They also visit sick or disabled parishioners in their homes.
Parish Pilgrimage Leaders	Parish Pilgrimage leaders organise pilgrimages to holy sites such as Lourdes and Knock. They look after the physical needs of vulnerable adults and children.
Parish Centre Staff & Volunteers	Parish centre staff and volunteers are responsible for supervising children. This occurs when children arrive for activities before their leaders arrive. The same principal applies to vulnerable adults
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to vulnerable people in their homes / nursing homes as they are unable to attend Mass.