



Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church

Statement from Bishop Philip Egan, Bishop of Portsmouth

Wednesday 09th April 2025

Today, Fr Piotr (Peter) Glas, a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth was convicted of three counts of gross indecency against a child following a trial at the Royal Court of Jersey.

As the Bishop and shepherd of the Diocese, I wish to express my deep sorrow for the crimes committed by Fr Glas and to express my profound apologies to the survivor for the abuse they have suffered and the pain they have carried over the course of their life as a consequence of such grave offences. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their family.

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is committed to ensuring the safety and protection of all those within our parishes and church communities. We strive to do this in imitation of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, who took special care of the vulnerable and those in need.

There are robust safeguarding standards, policies and procedures in operation within the Diocese – and indeed throughout the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

We report all allegations of abuse to the relevant statutory authorities, and we will continue our commitment to provide safe places for everyone; this is a primary focus for all our clergy and people, one that is mandated by the Lord Himself.

We encourage anyone seeking support in relation to abuse or harm they have suffered to contact the Safeguarding team either by email (safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or by telephone on 02394 216488.

You can also contact Safe Spaces (<https://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>) by email (safespaces@firstlight.co.uk) or telephone 0300 303 1056.

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal and safe space. The service operates Monday-Friday (0900-2100 hours), Saturday (0900-1300 hours) and Sunday (1300-1700 hours). An Answerphone is available outside these times.

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