

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

JUNE 2022 REPORT*

*[*The PPC intends to provide a brief report for parishioners after each meeting. This is the first such report.]*

The PPC met on 20 June 2022.

Some of the key issues discussed and decisions taken at our meeting were the following:

1. Building Hope Parish Gathering on 31 May 2022

We discussed the responses received at the Building Hope Parish Gathering on 31 May 2022. The responses recorded by the Group Leaders (and any other responses submitted by parishioners after the Gathering) have been assembled and sorted under the five topics of discussion and sharing at the Gathering, i.e. (a) Faith, (b) Servant Leadership, (c) Welcome, (d) Social Justice and (e) Parish Partnerships. Members of the PPC are now reviewing these responses to inform their preparation of a single, consolidated response on behalf of the parish. This must be submitted to the Diocesan Building Hope team as soon as practicable.

2. Appointment by Archbishop Farrell of Mgr Ciarán O'Carroll as PP of Booterstown Parish (in addition to Donnybrook)

The practical consequences of Mgr Ciarán's appointment were discussed. His appointment as Parish Priest to our neighbouring parish of Booterstown (in addition to our parish) formally commences in early July.

It was agreed that efforts will be made to avoid any immediate changes to Mass times in both Donnybrook and Booterstown Parish in the short term to allow an initial process of settling in; but that a process of reviewing current arrangements will commence at the end of the summer with a view to seeing what changes may need to be introduced later in the year to take account of the practical realities of the new situation. As part of the planned review process the PPC will liaise with their counterparts in Booterstown Parish. The PPC will also look at what training and supports should be offered to parishioners so that the already very positive experience of lay-led prayer gatherings on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in our church can be successfully built upon and expanded. This is consistent with the Synodal and Building Hope programmes of developing a greater practice and spirit of co-responsibility between priests and people for all aspects of the life of the parish. The

PPC will also make arrangements for a consultation process with parishioners regarding any proposed changes.

3. Preparation of a 12-month Pastoral Plan for our Parish

It is the intention of the PPC to prepare a Pastoral Plan for the Parish that will identify priorities, objectives and goals for a 12 month period. This will be done in line with the guidance and training which the new PPC has received from the Diocese in respect of effective parish pastoral planning and having regard to the Mission Statement published by the Diocese earlier this year.

The responses and insights which emerged from the Parish Synodal Gatherings in March and the Building Hope Parish Gathering in May will also be drawn upon by the PPC in preparing its Pastoral Plan.

In light of the dual appointment of Mgr Ciarán with Booterstown, it is also the hope of the PPC that our pastoral planning will be enriched and informed by conferring also with our colleagues on the PPC of Booterstown Parish.

4. Other items & date of next meeting

Some other items discussed at our meeting:

World Youth Day in Lisbon (1-6 August 2023) – There will be further communication from the PPC with parishioners about this later in the year with a view to sponsoring one or two young adults (18-29) from our community to attend the 2023 World Youth Day (and the programme of preparation for this which is run by the Diocese in the preceding months).

Children and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding – There is an upcoming routine audit of the parish's safeguarding policies and practices that will soon be completed to ensure compliance with best practice. The PPC welcomes the opportunity to ensure best practices are maintained in this vitally important area and to have this independently audited.

The next meeting of the PPC is on **Monday 11 July 2022.**

Report by: Paul Brady, Deputy Chair, Donnybrook PPC

Date: 21 June 2022, Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga

If you have any comments or feedback on the above report or wish to make contact with the PPC please write to Ms Rita Kinsella, Honorary Secretary, Donnybrook PPC at the Parish Office or via secretary@donnybrookparish.ie