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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

MARCH 2023 REPORT

The PPC met on 27 March 2023.

Following a period of prayer at the start of the meeting, some of the key issues discussed and decisions taken at the meeting were the following:

As outlined in recent reports, the parishes of Donnybrook, Booterstown, Milltown and Merrion Road are now working together in partnership and, as recommended by the Archdiocese, an inter-parish Partnership Council has been established. It is made up of representatives from each of the four parish PPCs and will meet approximately 5 times a year. Each meeting will be hosted by a different parish in rotation.

On 20 March 2023, the new Partnership Council met for the first time. Our PPC was represented on the new Partnership Council by the Chair Kenneth Carroll, the Deputy Chair Paul Brady and PPC Member Marion Mulhall. Mgr Ciarán O'Carroll and our Faith Development Worker Maeve Davidson are also members of the new Partnership Council. This inaugural meeting was hosted in the Donnybrook Parish Pastoral Centre.

One of the key actions was the establishment of a sub-committee to begin work on a draft proposal for a revised schedule of Mass times across the Parish Partnership, to take due account of the projected reduced availability of priests within the four parishes over the coming 6 to 12 month period. (See the PPC February 2023 Report in this regard). The sub-committee were scheduled to meet on 27 March 2023 and to report back to the Partnership Council for its next meeting on Monday 3 April 2023, which is to be hosted at the Milltown Parish Pastoral Centre.

In separate but not unrelated news, PPC member John Costello reported on his attendance on behalf of the PPC at a meeting in Foxrock Church on 20 March 2023 organised by the "Pastoral Strategy Implementation Group" which was attended by about 100 representatives from different parishes and diocesan offices. One of the purposes of the gathering was to provide information on the various supports and resources that are being provided centrally by the Archdiocese to assist parishes and partnerships with their development.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the PPC is on **Monday 17 April 2023**.

Report by: Paul Brady, Deputy Chair, Donnybrook PPC

Date: 27 March 2023

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

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