



DONNYBROOK PARISH

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

SEPTEMBER 2023 REPORT

The PPC met on 11 September 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:

The PPC welcomed Fr Tom Tusuubira, a Ugandan priest who has come to do doctoral studies in Maynooth, and has been assigned as a Parish Chaplain to both Donnybrook and Booterstown Parishes. In the light of Fr Tom's assignment to these parishes, it was considered that a revision to the mass time schedules in Donnybrook and Booterstown could be deferred for a period and the position reviewed further at the end of the year.

The most recent meeting of the Partnership Council took place on 4 September 2023 and the PPC members who were in attendance gave a short report of the meeting to the PPC. It was the first Partnership Council meeting to be attended by the new Administrator for Milltown Parish, Fr Paul Kenny, and a prayer was said for the repose of the soul of his predecessor, the late Mgr Peter Briscoe who passed away on 9 August 2023.

A member of the Partnership Council had prepared over the summer a draft list of all the groups and ministries in each parish as an aid to encouraging these groups to meet and share information and ideas and to consider opportunities for working together and supporting each other. This draft list was discussed by the PPC and a number of proposed corrections/edits will be sent back to the Partnership Council.

The PPC discussed the wide range of pastoral activities which are either being organised by the new Parish Partnership or which are being promoted across the four parishes in the Partnership. These include: the series of Laudato Si talks for the Season of Creation; a recent meeting between the liturgy groups from each parish; and the advertising in the other parishes of the Catechism Course and Alpha Course commencing in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Further ideas for shared projects between the four parishes were discussed, particularly in relation to music and these will be progressed in coming weeks.

The PPC received an update from the Faith Development Worker, Maeve Davidson, relating to a number of pastoral initiatives, including the very positive news that seven members of our parish had been accepted onto a new course being run by the Archdiocese to train catechists.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the PPC is on **Monday 9 October 2023**.

Report by: Paul Brady, Deputy Chair, Donnybrook PPC

Date: 11 September 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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