



# **DONNYBROOK PARISH**

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## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)**

### **OCTOBER 2023 REPORT**

The PPC met on 16 October 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 Des Hayden who has been assigned as Parish Curate to both Donnybrook and Booterstown Parishes.

The PPC discussed proposal from the Parish Liturgy Group for (a) the Christmas schedule of Masses and (b) draft guidance and information document in relation to funeral Masses and services taking place in the parish Church.

The PPC considered briefly a new pastoral resource document from the Diocese Building Hope programme encouraging pastoral reflection on how our Parish and Parish Partnership engages with the work of social justice. This will be considered in more detail at the next meeting.

The PPC was also updated by the Faith Development Worker Maeve Davidson in relation to faith development planning and programmes in the Parish, including

- Meetings with parents in relation to sacramental preparation for Holy Communion. Following consultation with Family Mass Team, it has been decided to keep the Do This in Memory structure of regular parish Mass but use the Grow in Love parish materials. There will be a special enrolment Sunday in October.
- Meetings will also be taking place with the parents of Confirmation candidates.
- The model for both sacraments is one of accompanying families in their parish. This means parents register directly with the parish (not via their school) to sign up for First Holy Communion or Confirmation and there is engagement and some catechesis with the parents in the parish.
- Two new catechists have been appointed in Booterstown to assist with sacramental preparation in the parish itself.
- Training for approximately 16-18 secondary school students (Teresian, Sion Hill and Gonzaga) as Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion is taking place and they

will be commissioned at a special mas in November and then will receive certificates and second special mass in January (which will be followed by refreshments).

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the PPC is on **Monday 6 November 2023**.

**Report by:** Paul Brady, Deputy Chair, Donnybrook PPC

**Date:** 5 November 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](mailto:secretary@donnybrookparish.ie)*

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