



# **DONNYBROOK PARISH**

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

### **JANUARY 2024 REPORT**

[Please note that there were no reports prepared in respect of the November and December 2023 meetings of the PPC due to absence of the Deputy Chair]

The PPC met on 15 January 2024.

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 discussed plans for a proposed talk on the theme of bereavement and how communication by the parish might be improved in various ways.

It was noted that the parish is required to complete a self-audit in respect of safeguarding by 30 April 2024.

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

- There were 7 parent volunteers this year to assist with the First Holy Communion preparation in the Parish (using the Grow in Love materials combined with the Do This in Memory monthly mass framework)
- The Alpha Parenting Course starts in January
- Preparations were in place to celebrate for Catholic Schools Week
- The approximately 16-18 secondary school students (Teresian, Sion Hill and Gonzaga) who were commissioned at a special mass in November as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will receive certificates at a special Mass which will be followed by refreshments.
- Funeral team leaders training is on-going
- Four adults are receiving baptism preparation in the parish.
- A special mass for all the 86 children baptised in 2023 was held on the feast of the Lord's baptism at the 10.30am Family Mass. All families were invited to return and there was a very large turn out.
- Plans for Lenten talks in the partnership parishes.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the PPC is on **Monday 19 February 2024**.

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

**Date:** 11 February 2024

*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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