

30th November, 2022

Dear Priests, Deacons, Parish Pastoral Workers, Chairs of PPCs, Chairs of PFCs,

Parish Partnerships *Building Hope*

I am writing to confirm your parish partnership arrangement. This is part of the work to enable our parishes to continue the mission of the Church in our time. The Framework for Pastoral Renewal (*Building Hope* Task Force Report, p. 15) adopted for our diocese, is an exciting vision of how the Church in the Archdiocese can respond to the call we each received in Baptism. In particular, it envisages a close and creative engagement between the Archdiocese and parish communities in partnership.

To this end, your parish will now be in the following partnership of parishes in the **Donnybrook** deanery;

Foxrock, Newtownpark, Blackrock, Monkstown, Kill O' The Grange

While each parish will retain its identity, its particular sense of community and its financial independence, it will be enabled within the partnership structure, and with respectful synodal engagement, to draw strength for our shared mission. The current pastoral appointments to your parish remain. Future appointments will be considered in the context of the pastoral resources of the partnership. Pastoral aids to assist your initial partnership conversations and actions will be offered shortly by the *Building Hope* Pastoral Strategy Implementation Group.

We have much to do together: supporting people to deepen their faith and relationship with God; creating the structures that support vibrant communities of faith; advocating for those who are on the margins (see Statement of Mission, February 2022).

I ask for your renewed commitment and prayerful openness to the challenges and opportunities brought about by change, as we act with resolve and become more fully a place of welcome and compassion, which embodies the power, hope and joy of the Gospel.

With every blessing



+ Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin