

Parish Partnerships, Initial Phase: Process and Timeline

Holy Week:
Begins
April 10

- Chairs of parish pastoral councils and parish finance committees (or their representatives) attend the Chrism Mass.
- Launch of the Initial Phase of the *Building Hope* dialogue and discernment towards parish renewal.

First week of
Easter: Begins
April 17

- Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop, *Living the Hope of Easter*, read and made widely available in parish.

Second and
third week
of Easter:
April 24
to May 7

- Parish prays the *Building Hope* Prayer as we begin this first phase of *Building Hope* towards parish renewal.
- Parish team, parish pastoral council and parish finance committee gathers to form together the **Parish Building Hope Leadership Group**. The Chair of the PPC or another person chosen in their place for this role, should chair the Parish *Building Hope* Leadership Group.
- The group reflects prayerfully together on the Archdiocese of Dublin Statement of Mission and the [Building Hope Task Force Report](#).
- Then the group reviews the parish profile data and resources provided and, in synodal manner, reaches a broad understanding of the direction of its response. Before coming to a final partnership determination, the parish profile material is shared widely and at a parish gathering. This is a very important part of the process intended to encourage as many parishioners as would wish to join in the dialogue and discernment.
- The Parish *Building Hope* Leadership Group invites local animators and asks them to register on buildinghope@dublindiocese.ie.
- Together they agree an appropriate date, suggested in the fifth and sixth week of Easter (May 15 to May 28), for a **Building Hope Parish Gathering**.

**Fourth Week
Of Easter:
Begins May 8**

- Parish continues to pray the *Building Hope* Prayer.
- The parish profile data is circulated widely within the parish with an Invitation to the *Building Hope* Parish Gathering.
- Members of the PPC and the PFC are encouraged to participate as group members or leaders at the parish gathering.
- Animators and small group leaders' training and preparation takes place.

**Fifth and
sixth week
of Easter:
May 15 to
May 28**

- Parish continues to pray the *Building Hope* Prayer.
- The *Building Hope* Parish Gathering is led by the Chair of the Parish *Building Hope* Leadership Group along with the animator(s).
- A PowerPoint will be provided to guide the process, the dialogue and the discernment.
- Each small group leader records the response of their group in paper format (provided).
- The responses are collected for further review by the parish *Building Hope* Leadership Group.

**Seventh week
of Easter:
Begins May 29**

- During the period between Ascension through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, a week of prayer to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in Dublin will take place in every parish in the Archdiocese.
- In that same week, parish responses are reviewed by the parish *Building Hope* Leadership Group.
- Parish Team leaders, along with the chairs of the parish pastoral councils and parish finance committees, are encouraged to meet with other local parish leaders to discuss possible parish partnership.

**Pentecost
to Corpus
Christi:
June 5 to
June 19**

- Parish continues to pray the *Building Hope* Prayer
- One parish submission via digital response is made by the Chair of either the PPC or the Parish *Building Hope* Leadership Group.
- The submission will form the basis of a report to Archbishop Farrell and will also be shared with the wider parish community with further discussions taking place in the autumn and beyond.