



**St Mary's  
Parish  
Haddington  
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14-15 May 2022

This weekend we are re-publishing a recent letter from Archbishop Dermot Farrell regarding the challenges facing the diocese, the strong basis for hope that exists and the importance of collaboration among the faith community to participate in the analysis of the challenges and the identification of possible pathways to sustainable catholic faith communities.

We also outline the principles which will inform the Dublin Diocesan Pastoral Strategy and then the key areas/ domains on which we in St Mary's Haddington Road (and our sister parishes in the diocese) will focus in helping to determine the diocesan strategy for pastoral development.

**Letter from Archbishop Farrell originally published in the parish newsletter on 23-24 April 2022**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our celebration of Easter reminds us that our encounter with the risen Lord emboldens us to proclaim the good news of the Gospel to the people of our time.

The challenges facing the Archdiocese of Dublin include:

- The changing culture in which we proclaim the good news
- The ageing profile of priests: more than 40% of priests currently holding parish appointments are over 70 years of age
- The impact of COVID-19 on active participation

Yet our Christian hope is strong. There are signs of hope all around us:

- Where our parish communities are strong and resilient
- In the commitment of priests, deacons, religious and parish pastoral workers
- In the many thousands of lay women and men who serve the community of faith in a great variety of ministries
- Where there is openness to faith and the life of the Spirit in our families and young people.

Now is the time to look to the future, to discern and make decisions together as to how we in the Archdiocese of Dublin can shape our future in the light of the Gospel. All the baptised have a role to play and a voice to be heard. That is why I am asking the whole diocesan family, in the period between now and Pentecost, to engage together, using the resources and the supports available from the diocese, to prepare a new response to the pastoral situation in which we find ourselves.

May Mary, Mother of the Church, inspire us to open our hearts to the Spirit of Him who is love made flesh.

+Dermot Farrell  
Archbishop of Dublin

**Emerging from the initial consultation which the diocese initiated in July 2021, the principles which will inform the Dublin Diocesan Pastoral Strategy are:**

1. Jesus Christ is the foundation and centre of our mission and ministry.
2. Baptism gives us our vocation as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ respecting the different yet complementary roles of lay, consecrated and ordained people.
3. Consultation, collaboration, listening and discernment lead to a culture of dialogue, solidarity and openness.
4. Active participation of the People of God— clergy, religious and lay people, must be facilitated. It is essential to the life, leadership and decision-making of the Archdiocese and parishes.
5. Inclusiveness inspires the mission of the parish so that all may know the embrace of God's love.
6. Women's role in the life of the Church, and the sense of marginalisation expressed by many women, must be recognised and addressed to ensure their full participation at both central and local levels.
7. The engagement of Young People in the life of the Church begins with recognising their needs and appreciating their contribution. A commitment to developing and supporting peer ministry is necessary for this engagement.
8. Shaping change on a 'bottom up' not 'top down' basis respects the differences of context, history and capacity across the diocese. The 'nothing about us, without discerning with us' is the core approach of this strategy.
9. Training, support and care for all who are involved in ministry and volunteering across the diocese must be a priority.
10. People on the margins and disaffected are included, accompanied and have their voices heard.
11. Care of the earth and the cry of the poor call us to an appropriate response shown by our words and actions.
12. Diocesan resource allocation supports those parishes in greatest need.

**Source: Building Hope — Task Force Report, p10.**

(<https://dublindiocese.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Building-Hope-Task-Force-Report.pdf>)

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If you would like to help us develop a submission for the pastoral strategy in accordance with the principles outlined on page 1, then we would be delighted if you would participate in an upcoming workshop/ meeting with this objective in mind. **We hope to inform parishioners of workshop details in the newsletter next week.**

You will probably find it helpful to read the **Building Hope** Task Force Report (*also available on the parish website at <https://dublindiocese.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Building-Hope-Task-Force-Report.pdf>*) prior to this meeting.

The four key domains of focus for the Pastoral Renewal Strategy, which have been informed by submissions to the Building Hope Task Force (see newsletter <https://www.stmaryshaddingtonroad.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/28thA.-15th-Sunday-Ord-Time.pdf>) are Faith, Servant Leadership, Social Justice and Welcome are illustrated below. (*The following graphic is an excerpt from the **Building Hope report**, p15*). The four key domains are centred on the person of Jesus Christ and each have a number of sub-domains for exploration. As we contemplate pastoral renewal in the Archdiocese of Dublin and try to develop a strategy to help ensure the Good News is understood, lived and communicated to future generations in Dublin, please consider becoming involved in the process of contemplation and opinion sharing regarding the pastoral strategy development in the coming weeks.



Archdiocese of Dublin



## LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

SATURDAY SUNDAY  
**14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Very grateful for your support

Working alongside each other to effect renewal.

Including and accompanying all, especially those on the margins.

Supporting and resourcing faith development.

## St. Mary's Parish Events Summer/ Autumn 2022

16 May 5:45p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting
21 May 11a.m.	First Communion: St. Christopher's School
21 May 7:30p.m.	Dublin Symphony Orchestra: Evening Concert
29 May 3:00p.m.	Dublin Orchestral Players: Afternoon Concert
01 June 7:30p.m.	Child Safeguarding Meeting: Community Hall
12 June 11a.m.	Trinity Sunday: Mass of Thanksgiving
18 June 7:30p.m.	Croatian National Day Concert: Varazdin's Baroque
25 June 11:00a.m.	St John's Day Mass: Order of Malta
12 August 6:30p.m.	Lion's Club: Summer Barbecue
03 September 3:00p.m.	Order of Malta Mass
19 September 5:45p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting
5 November 3:00p.m.	Requiem Mass: Order of Malta
6 November 11a.m.	Mass for the Dead of the Parish
14 November 5:45p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting

## Mass Times

### Sundays:

### Baptisms

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.  
Request forms available from Parish Office.

### Marriages

For the use of St. Mary's Church and Prenuptial enquiries please contact the Parish Office (open Monday — Thursday, 10.30a.m. - 3p.m.).

## IN MEMORIAM

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Saturday, 14 May, 6 p.m. Kathleen & Jim Egan, Anniversary  
Sunday, 15 May 11:00a.m. Dorothy Collins, Anniversary

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