



## The Time Has Come: Advent Pastoral Letter, 2022

In his Advent Pastoral Letter, Archbishop Dermot Farrell recalls that the first phase of *Building Hope* was an invitation to dialogue within parishes, reflecting on the four dimensions of the 'Framework for Pastoral Renewal': Faith, Welcome, Servant Leadership and Social Justice. He says that parishes responded generously with the fruits of that initial conversation, including their proposals for partnership with neighbouring parishes.

Following on from his initial feedback in September, and after careful analysis and further dialogue, Archbishop Farrell is now announcing the partnership arrangements through which he is asking us to realign our efforts and energies to suit the times in which we live. For Churchtown, this means entering into partnership with the neighbouring parishes of Rathfarnham, Ballyroan, Marley Grange, Ballyboden, and Knocklyon.

Within each partnership of parishes, Parish Pastoral Councils, all active parishioners, priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and voluntary parish leaders, including catechists into the future, are encouraged to renew the missionary aspect of parish life and contribute energetically towards the partnership of local parishes. In this way we can reach out beyond what any one parish might be able to facilitate or imagine.

[The Advent Pastoral Letter can be viewed or downloaded at <https://dublindiocese.ie/the-time-has-come-advent-2022/> or from our parish website]