

St Teresa's Parish Community
Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting held on the 7th February 2012

Present: Father Jim, Deacon Willie, P Marshall, J Smith, T Thorley, J Smith, M Callander, E Blount, P Dickson, E Robertson, K M^cMillan, M M^cEwen and C Lavell.

Welcome and opening Prayer said by all.

1. Remarks by Father Jim.

Sincere thank to all that helped over the Advent and Christmas period.

2. Minutes.

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting held on 22nd November 2012 were read and approved.

3. Matters arising from the 22nd November minutes not on the Agenda:

There were no matters arising.

4. Dumfries Learning Town

Elizabeth Blount and Catherine Lavell (member of the parent council) spoke about Dumfries & Galloway Councils proposals for the Dumfries Learning Town. They explained the various options. There were concerns that Catholic Education would end at the S3 level and there would be no provision in place in the "Super School". It was also pointed out that there could be career problems for the secondary school teachers. Much discussion took place regarding the various options put forward. It was suggested that the form prepared by the three parent councils of St Andrew's, St Teresa's and St Joseph's would be given out to all parishioners at all Sunday Masses and urged to give their comments. There was a possible option four discussed that St Joseph's College stays as it is at present. There will be a pre consultation period in June. All parishioners are urged to let their local councillors know their views on the future of Catholic Education in Dumfries in view of what Dumfries and Galloway Council is proposing. The Diocese has not yet been consulted as we are not yet in the consultation period.

5. Growing in Faith Course.

The group is going well working through the Catechism and sharing our faith together.

6. RCIC.

- a. Confirmation/First Communion 10.30am Mass on Sunday 2nd June 2013.
- b. Enrolment Ceremony 10.30am Mass Sunday 17th February 2013.

7. TEACH Programme

Card have been handed out along with the children's photographs. The Parish sends £1080 each month to help educate the children. Derek, Rebecca and Beatrice are going out to the clinic in August this year.

8. Parish children/youth work.

The children's music ministry is going well.

9. Justice and Peace issues.

There is lots of information at the back of the Church on this subject.

10. Fair Trade

We hope to become a Fair Trade Parish in the near future with a Fair Trade Stall once a month.

14 Dates for you Dairy.

- Jumble Sale 16th February
- Bingo night at St Teresa's School 22nd February
- Ababa Project Race Night 15th March 2013
- St Teresa's School 50th Anniversary Jubilee Mass 11am 22nd April
- St Teresa's School reunion Dance 27th April 7pm

The meeting closed with prayer, hymn and blessing

Date and time of next meeting.

Thursday 16th May 2013 7-9pm.